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Inquiry announcement: infrastructure for electric and alternative energy source vehicles in NSW

The Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure is inquiring into existing and future infrastructure needed to support electric and alternative energy source vehicles across New South Wales.

The Committee will investigate the feasibility of alternative energy sources for freight, heavy vehicles and other licenced vehicles in regional communities, including the challenges faced by long-haul freight transport and the potential for sustainable solutions.

The Committee will also look at the funding of electric vehicle chargers and infrastructure to support other potential energy fuel sources. A key focus will be exploring the location of charging stations to ensure accessibility across the state.

"This inquiry is an important step in future-proofing our transport infrastructure and ensuring that New South Wales is ready for the shift to electric and alternative energy vehicles," said Committee Chair, Lynda Voltz MP.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee will also consider how existing infrastructure and measures can be effectively used to ensure a competitive market and fair access for stakeholders. This includes examining relevant 'ring fencing' policies.

The Committee will explore what assistance is needed for workers transitioning from industries affected by the shift to electric and alternative energy vehicles, and whether relevant employment standards of those industries will be maintained.

"It's essential that we build the right infrastructure, boost regional economies, support affected workers, and create a fair and competitive market in New South Wales."

The Committee is currently inviting agencies, businesses, industry groups, community organisations and the public to make a submission. For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and information on making a submission, see the Committee's <u>webpage</u>.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 2 May 2025.

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