



Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday 27 September 2022

6.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be held in Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass, on Tuesday 27 September 2022, commencing at **6.00pm**

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Committee Members: Cr A Cameron, J Connelly, P Davidson, S Ecker, N Elliott, A Elvin, L McAlary, C Nelson, A Tewes, A Wardle



Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

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Present

Cr Adrian Cameron (Chair), Alex Tewes, John Connelly, Peter Davidson, Ana Wardle, Alison Elvin, Nicole Elliott, Luke McAlary (via Teams), Caitlin Nelson (via Teams), Saan Ecker

Also Present

Chris Berry (General Manager), Shirree Garland (Corporate Planning & Executive Support Officer)

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 16 June 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Tewes/Davidson

4. Staff Reports

4.1 STRATEGIC PROJECTS & PRIORITIES

SUMMARY

To continue the discussion on the priorities for the Committee having regard to the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan and other key documents.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the draft Sustainability Framework be endorsed as a working document for focusing the activities of the Committee

Davidson/Elliott

For each of the elements in the Strategic Framework the following members have registered their interest:

Element	Member
Economic	Nicole Elliot
Social	Saan Eckers and Alison Elvin
Environmental 1	Ana Wardale and Peter Davidson
Cultural	John Connelly
Financial	Luke McAlary
Environment 2	Caitlin Nelson and Adrian Cameron
Governance (Social/Cultural)	Alex Tewes

Action: A members list with contact details be distributed

Action: Any further feedback on the framework be provided to Luke McAlary

4.2 ELECTRIC VEHICLES

SUMMARY

In June 2022 Council considered a report on the state of the Electric Vehicle market, NSW Government initiatives and comparison on the purchase and cost of ownership and environmental impacts between Electric Vehicles (EV) and conventional Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles (ICE). The report can inform part of a future transition to EV fleet strategy to assist Council reduce its carbon footprint and any future net-zero targets that may be adopted.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That:

- 1. The Council decision to closely monitor the domestic electric vehicle market, the range of vehicles offered, incentives, prices and infrastructure upgrades, to ensure that future decisions made consider fit-for-purpose and providing value-for-money be supported.***
- 2. Representations made to the Federal Government for the Fringe Benefit Tax on Electric Vehicles be removed as an incentive for Local Councils to move their light vehicle fleet away from petrol and diesel vehicles be supported.***

Wardale/Tewes

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 September 2022, at 6.00pm in Council Chambers, 209 Comur Street, Yass

The meeting closed at 7:18pm

4.1 ELECTRIC VEHICLES

SUMMARY

Providing an update to the previous report provided to the Committee on 19 July 2022 in relation to the state of the electric vehicle market and NSW Government initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION

That the update report on electric vehicles be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*

REPORT

Further to the previous report to this Committee, a response from the Hon Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer, concerning the fringe benefits tax (FBT) arrangements has been received (refer **Attachment A**). The Treasurer has advised that Legislation to implement the FBT exemption was introduced into Parliament on 27 July 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: A. FBT Arrangements for Electric Vehicles - correspondence The Hon Jim Chalmers MP
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THE HON JIM CHALMERS MP
TREASURER

05 SEP 2022

Ref: MC22-008822

Counsellor Allan McGrath
Mayor
Yass Valley Council
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence on 18 July 2022, concerning the fringe benefits tax (FBT) arrangements applying to electric vehicles.

The Government has announced the electric car discount which will help to make electric cars cheaper and more affordable for families and help to reduce Australia's transport emissions. The discount applies from 1 July 2022 and includes an exemption from FBT for the use of eligible electric cars made available by employers to employees and an exemption from import tariffs for eligible electric cars.

Legislation to implement the FBT exemption was introduced into Parliament on 27 July 2022. The bill and explanatory memoranda can be found at:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6876.

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'C' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

The Hon Jim Chalmers MP

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