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Dear Mr Wood

Thank you for your Constituent Question in Parliament on Thursday, 13 June 2024 asked as follows:

Travellers using electric vehicles between Launceston and Hobart have raised concerns with the number of charging ports along the way. Can the Minister for Environment please provide information on what is being done to ensure trip security along this route and whether there are plans to increase the number of charging ports across the state?

The Government is firmly committed to supporting the uptake of electric vehicles and building on its associated infrastructure through the ChargeSmart Grants Program.

The first ChargeSmart program funded grants totalling \$600,000 to deliver 14 fast chargers, and 23 destination and workplace charging stations around the state. The second ChargeSmart program allocated \$773,000 to support the installation of 20 fast charging stations and 23 destination chargers across regional areas and tourism hotspots.

Improving our charging infrastructure is a key priority within the Draft Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan, which is soon to be finalised and published in coming weeks. Through this Plan, the Government has committed to a grant program to support the expansion of key electric vehicle charging locations across main arterial routes across the state, including between Hobart and Launceston, to increase Tasmania's charging capacity.

We want to encourage even more Tasmanians and visitors to get out and explore our beautiful state as we secure Tasmania's future, and building up our network of charging ports will boost our state's reputation as a preferred tourism destination for electric vehicle owners.

To see where all charges are located around the state, visit www.PlugShare.com This site also provides information on chargers that are in use or temporarily unavailable to assist you with planning your journey.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Energy and Renewables