



11 July 2023

Ms. Kiersten Fishburn  
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Department of Planning and Environment  
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Hon. Jo Haylen, Minister for Transport  
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Dear Ms Fishburn

The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is an association of twelve local and municipal councils in the area south of Sydney harbour. SSROC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between our member councils, and an interface between governments, other councils and key bodies on issues of common interest. The SSROC area covers central, inner west, eastern and southern Sydney, an area with a population of over 1.9 million and contributes much of Sydney's gross domestic product.

I write to express strong support for the letter from the City of Ryde (see **Attachment**), co-signed by Chief Executive Officers and General Managers of several councils in metropolitan Sydney on the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) Amendment (Electric Vehicles) 2023*.

Early in July 2023, the CEOs and GMs of SSROC member councils endorsed SSROC's EV Charging Infrastructure report that recommended engaging with the Department of Planning and Environment on issues regarding the *SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) Amendment (Electric Vehicles) 2023*. SSROC has had the opportunity to review the City of Ryde letter, which covers our key issues and concerns. We therefore express firm support for the letter.

SSROC is committed to engaging with the State Government and agencies for good outcomes for the state, councils and the community as take up of electric vehicles increases and the demand for charging infrastructure rises in coming years.

It is important for the Department and other relevant State agencies to meet with representatives of councils in open-minded manner, and to discuss amendments to the SEPP to avoid unintended, unmitigated consequences for councils and the community.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or Vincent Ogu, SSROC Program Manager on 8396 3800.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Sloan'.

Helen Sloan  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils**