

Item 12.15**Notices of Motion****Stop the EV Public Charging Bay Hack**

By Councillor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent rollout of public electric vehicle (EV) charging bays across the City of Sydney, providing essential infrastructure to support the transition to zero emissions transport;
- (ii) that the conversion of public parking spaces into dedicated EV charging bays represents a significant investment that contributes to the City's and the nation's emissions reduction goals;
- (iii) that under current policy, only EVs that are actively charging may lawfully occupy these bays without incurring a penalty;
- (iv) that it appears possible for some EV drivers to plug their vehicle into a charging unit without initiating a charging session, allowing them to avoid both parking and charging fees while occupying a bay and preventing its use by others; and
- (v) that improving compliance is necessary to ensure fair and efficient use of the City's limited public charging infrastructure; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) work with EV charging providers to explore developing solutions to address non-initiated charging behaviour, including clearer activation indicators, stronger app-based authentication and automated alerts when a vehicle is connected but not drawing power; and the introduction of an idle fee or similar mechanism;
- (ii) improve signage and user information to make clear that bays are for active charging only; and
- (iii) report back to Council via the CEO Update on practical measures to strengthen compliance and improve access to public EV charging infrastructure.

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