

12.7. RAA EV CHARGE PROGRAM – LICENCE AGREEMENT

REPORT INFORMATION	
Report Title	RAA EV Charge Program – Licence Agreement
Records Reference	9.24.1.2 REP23128
Organisational Unit	Corporate & Community
Responsible Officer	Manager Building & Property - Brad Tolley
Report Attachment/s	No
REPORT PURPOSE	
The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details on the proposed installation of electric-vehicle chargers in Port Lincoln by RAA under the 'Charge' program and to seek Council's endorsement of such installation on Council land.	
REPORT DECISION MAKING CONSIDERATIONS	
Council Role	Facilitate / Connect - Bringing together stakeholders, initiate or join with other parties to collectively pursue a shared interest or service or resolve an issue
Strategic Alignment	SDP GOAL: Goal 4: Sustainable Environment SDP ACTION: 4.4 Support and implement renewable energy, energy efficiency, emissions reduction and community sustainability initiatives
Annual Business Plan 2023/24	ABP INITIATIVE: Choose an item. ABP PROJECT: Choose an item.
Legislation	Local Government Act 1999
Policy	Public Consultation & Community Engagement 2.63.1
Budget Implications	Not Applicable
Risk Implications	Low Risk
Resource Implications	Minor Variation < 5 hours
Public Consultation	Not Applicable
IAP2 Commitment	Not Applicable

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Will pursue participation in the Statewide EV Network program, delivered by RAA, and grant a Licence Agreement for a portion of land situated at 2 Jubilee Drive, Port Lincoln, SA 5606 (contained in certificate of title volume 6105 folio 588) with a licence term of 5 years with optional 5-year renewal;
2. In accordance with section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Public Consultation and Community Engagement policy 2.63.1, will carry out a Public Consultation process regarding the proposed alienation of Community Land by Licence Agreement; and
3. Following the completion of the Public Consultation process, and if no objections necessitating further review are received, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Licence Agreement and any other necessary documentation with RAA.

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REPORT DETAIL

RAA are delivering a statewide EV charging network under a state government funded program administered by the Department for Energy and Mining. See below information as shown on the Department for Energy and Mining website.

“The South Australian government has awarded a grant of \$12.35 million to the RAA to construct and operate Australia's first statewide electric vehicle (EV) charging network. The grant is part of the government's investment in South Australia's electric vehicle transformation, securing private investment in the EV charging network.

The RAA is one of Australia's most trusted motoring organisations and, with over 120 years' experience, is ideally placed to deliver the statewide EV charging network.

The network will comprise over 530 chargers across 140 electric vehicle charging stations in over 50 rural, regional and metropolitan service locations.

The RAA will start the design and construction of the EV charging network in supermarkets, carparks, town centres, council owned sites, hotels and motels throughout South Australia.

The site locations are aligned with main roads and regional thoroughfares throughout South Australia, with regional towns hosting sites helping motorists to overcome range anxiety and encouraging visits within those regions.

Construction commenced in the latter part of 2022, with completion of the charging network to be finalised by early 2024.

The following map is indicative of the initial Statewide EV Charging Network design. Each site location will be confirmed as site host agreements are finalised.”

A copy of the map is provided at the end of this report. As shown on the map, Port Lincoln is highlighted as being part of the proposed network.

RAA, after originally approaching the YMCA Port Lincoln, have approached Council to identify two (2) suitable locations for 7kW charging stations, which are referred to as ‘Destination’ charging sites, with three charging stations at each site. All charging stations are used on a ‘user pays’ basis. RAA are suggesting the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre as a suitable site, hence RAA’s earlier communication to the YMCA Port Lincoln.

After a review of potential locations, and further collaboration with RAA, the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre remains RAA’s preferred location for a charging site on Council land. RAA are in separate negotiations with other parties regarding CBD locations, and the interactive mapping shown on RAA’s website shows an additional planned 150kW ‘Rapid’ charging site, currently described as being located at a Shopping Centre.

To enable the installation and operation of the charging stations at the site, Council are being requested to enter into an agreement over the land that forms three (3) car parking bays (nominally 45m²). RAA are drafting a standard Licence Agreement that will be utilised between all site hosts across the network locations.

The keys terms being requested by RAA are.

- A licence term of 5 years with an optional 5-year renewal.
- Council is to supply power to the charging stations. Usage to be separately metered and on charged to RAA at cost.
- All installation, maintenance and other ongoing costs are to be borne by RAA.

RAA are under tight delivery timeframes to have the network complete, with an intent for the 'Destination' chargers to be constructed by October 2023.

Upon assessment of the proposal, the key terms of the arrangement and the outcomes of the project for the community, and visitors to our community, it is being recommended that Council endorse the proposed terms over the use of the land be released for Public Consultation as required under s202 of the Local Government Act 1999 (proposed licence term is greater than 5 years). It is also recommended that, should the consultation see no objections to the Licence, that the CEO, as delegated authority, be authorised to negotiate the details and execute the Licence Agreement with RAA.

More information about the RAA Charge Network can be found by following the below links.

RAA Website - [EV charging network \(raa.com.au\)](https://raa.com.au)

Department for Energy and Mining Website - [Statewide EV charging network | Energy & Mining \(energymining.sa.gov.au\)](https://energymining.sa.gov.au)