



# Project Name : Business Use of Road - RAA EV Charge Program - Rapid Charge Site Consultation Report

Submission Summary  
*18 January 2024 - 09 February 2024*

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## Project Overview

Pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Council's Public Consultation and Community Engagement Policy 2.63.1, the City of Port Lincoln sought public comment on the proposal to permit the use of an approximately 50m<sup>2</sup> section of road reserve by the RAA, being three (3) car parking bays located within the existing car park at the corner of Eyre Street and King Street, commonly referred to as Whirly's car park, for the establishment of an electric vehicle charging site as part of the statewide Electric Vehicle (EV) Network Program for a maximum term of five (5) years.

A concept plan of the 'Rapid' DC Charge Site is provided in the Key Documents.

It is proposed that three (3) existing car parking bays are required in order to establish the charging site. The three (3) parking bays would be converted to two (2) bays to achieve compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act and relevant Australian Standards. As the land is road reserve, the use of the land for business purposes will be provided by permit under Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The installation of the 150kW 'Rapid' charger requires direct power supply from the adjacent electrical transformer. SA Power Networks has notified the RAA that this transformer will need to be upgraded to facilitate the installation of the charger. The upgrade will be at the cost of the RAA.

The keys terms being requested by RAA are:

- A maximum length permit period of five (5) years.
- The electricity will be sourced directly from the adjacent electrical transformer with an independent NMI meter.
- All installation, maintenance and other ongoing costs are to be borne by RAA.

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

**RAA Website** -[www.raa.com.au/motor/motoring-services/ev-charging-network](http://www.raa.com.au/motor/motoring-services/ev-charging-network)

**Department for Energy and Mining Website** -[www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/modern-energy/electric-vehicles/statewide-EV-charging-network](http://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/modern-energy/electric-vehicles/statewide-EV-charging-network)

A link provided by the RAA in respect to **EV Fire Safety** can be found here -[www.evfiresafe.com](http://www.evfiresafe.com)

Council has resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 January 2024 as per resolution CO 24/005, refer Minutes in the Key Documents section, to release this matter for public consultation.

Council invited feedback on the proposal from Thursday 18 January to 9am on Friday 9 February 2024.

The information on the proposed site was also available in an information sheet at the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library during the consultation period.

*Above image provided by RAA, Statewide EV Charging Network, Nurioopta Rapid Charge Site*

## Submissions Form Tool Activity

Number of Submissions : 8

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Car Charger Station	I don't agree with the King St location. A much better location would be next to the cinema where the old car wash was. This area would be ideal as it's in the heart of the CBD.	-
2	EV Charging Stations	I support the proposal by RAA to establish an EV charging station at Whirly's carpark.	-
3	Support for Council Resolution CO 24/005 - Business Use of Land - RAA EV Charge Program - Rapid Charge Site (King Street)	As an EV driver, I would not consider travelling to Pt Lincoln without viable rapid charging options in the town	-
4	Ev charge program	I have some concerns about this: 1 what will be done to replace those car parks for others not wanting to charge 2 is the power subsidised by council, government or power provider? If so that's just passing the expense onto people that don't use it	-

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		3 fire risk and runoff from any fire fighting operation of an ev. Much more water is used to attempt to extinguish ev fires and the runoff contains many toxic chemicals so some kind of catchment would be required.	
5	Business Use of Road - RAA EV Charge Program - Rapid Charge Site	Hi, I do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons: - A loss of carparking for the general public in a very central and accessible location for everyone. - Electric vehicles are owned by a small % of the population and therefore this proposal benefits only a few, whilst at the same time reducing carparks from 3 to 2 - and for people with no electric vehicle it results in a loss of 3 carparks. - As an RAA member I'm fairly certain that these costs will be passed on to members of which I am one. Given that the taxpayer already subsidises these vehicles for their owners, I don't want to contribute any more. - The council should find an alternative location away from prime community use carparking land. I suggest the carpark between Napoleon and Edinburgh Streets opposite Kmart - or the rear of the Kmart carpark towards the Life Club gym. Why is the Council assisting the RAA by giving over ratepayers community carparks? Should the RAA not purchase their own land? Thanks	-
6	Eyre street ev chargers	Hello, Hopefully council actually consider public comment this time before making a decision - not like the rushed botch job at the leisure centre. Great location for the ev chargers. My only concern is that there is enough electricity to run the storm water pumps at the same time as the ev chargers!	-

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7	Ra ev charging station	No, I think 12 million can be spent helping a larger amount of people then the very few who have an electric car, there is already a place in port lincoln to charge cars, at the beer garden	-
8	Charging Station	To whom this may concern, We use the carpark at Eyre St to cross the road to access the beach when we walk each day. It is very unlevel and difficult to use at present. I noticed on the plan for the proposed Rapid chargers, there is a yellow stencil being painted between the parks which we will be able to use as access. Will this continue through the garden bed to allow level safe access to continue for people with disabilities, children and the aged to access the road safely? My thoughts are that it would make sense to provide safe access across the garden while the works are being done. Also, while the Rapid charge is being installed, will there be an alternative path for us to use safely to access. the foreshore from [REDACTED]? Since the bakery has opened in King St, this area is increasingly busy and any alterations that can be made to help all people use this area safely would be an advantage to everyone.	-