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Having bought into the EV world, it turns out to be an exciting and a frustrating move. I don't understand the language of electricity nor the bureaucratic government speak in all these proposals and frankly overwhelming meaning and plethora of acronyms. Only someone who spends a lot of time reading reports understands it .

However the design and layout of Charging stations needs a complete overhaul. They are appalling. It's just very confusing and they are all different and every one we have used causes stress and wastes a lot of time. They should all be standard in design, be easier for everyone to use, and that includes people who find lifting weighty plugs and charging cable extremely difficult and awkward to use. If the car buying public are going to take up purchasing an EV then they need incentives, including financial ones, and less confusion and unnecessary difficulties in order to be encouraged rather than being put off the experience.

While accepting that it is early days for EV uptake in this State (WA means Wait Awhile), it has a long way to go and as usual we are not prepared for it, and while we are the biggest users of solar panels and house batteries in Australia, our infrastructure needs to improve, and fast. Otherwise we will be put off going electric, and still suffer from the disincentive of range anxiety. When talking about an EV to others, that is the one thing they are put off by.

So my proposal is for the government departments is continue to listen to people who are dissatisfied and frustrated by the current shabby set up of charging stations, and act to make them as easy and comfortable to use as filling a tank of petrol. Everywhere. WA has the dollars and the distances and incentives to be able to cover the State with sufficient infrastructure to do this. Right now.

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