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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act Request: Questions regarding EV Charger projects**

Thank you for your email on Wednesday 14 February in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested information on the progress of five projects, EECA's oversight of funding, and if we publish any monitoring reports.

EECA's responses to your questions can be found in **Appendix One**, attached to this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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## Appendix One: EECA's response

- 1. The LETF in Round 6 allocated \$500,000 funding to ChargeNet to replace the existing chargers in 5 locations in time for the holiday period 2023 - with 2 x 75kW chargers - one site being Cromwell. There is no evidence that this Cromwell project has been completed. What progress is being made with this project, if any?**

ChargeNet has received a quote from Aurora Energy for the power supply for 2x 150kW chargers. The site plan has been completed and ChargeNet is awaiting the easement from the landowner.

- 2. The LETF in Round 9 allocated \$838,150 funding to "EV Infrastructure Partners" for the installation of a 150kW charger in 4 sites - one of the sites being Roxburgh for which \$165,000 was specifically earmarked. There is no evidence that this Roxburgh project has been completed. What progress is being made with this project, if any?**

EV Infrastructure Partners (EVIP) are negotiating the land agreement with the site operator. The site operator needs to undertake civil works including drainage, new subbase, and hot mix surfacing prior to installation of chargers. In addition, EVIP are in negotiations with Aurora Energy for a new power connection and costings for ongoing lines fees.

- 3. The LETF in Round 10 allocated \$1,843,000 to BP for the establishment of 3 x "Hub" sites - one of those sites being Wanaka - for which \$377,000 was earmarked. This presumably means that an average of \$733,000 was available for each of the other 2 sites - more than double the allocation for the Wanaka site. There is no evidence that the Wanaka project has been completed. What progress is being made with this project, if any?**

Significant progress has been made by BP, including lodging of resource consent, ordering and delivery of chargers into New Zealand and signing of the agreement with Aurora Energy for upgrading of power to the site for the new chargers. We estimate that the Wanaka Hub will be "live" in the second half of 2024 depending on third party interactions and project timeframes being met.

- 4. The LEVCF in Round 9 allocated \$134,438 to ChargeNet to install 2 public 300kW charging ports and 1 x 50kW charging port in Dunedin's central business district enabling the newest generation of EV's to add 400km of charge in only 20 minutes. There is no evidence that this project has been completed. What progress is being made with this project, if any?**

ChargeNet are installing a 1x 300kW charger with 2x 175kW CCS2 charging ports and 1x 50kW CHADEMO DC charging port. The quote for the power connection has been received by ChargeNet from Aurora Energy. The Charger will be placed on a site owned by Foodstuffs, and the easement has been signed by them, giving ChargeNet permission to install the charger on their site. The Site plan is currently being finalised with the Supermarket owner. The charger cannot be installed until a transformer is fitted to the site, timing for this process can vary.

- 5. The LEVCF in Round 7 allocated \$265,858 to the Warehouse Group to install 1 x 50kW Rapid Charge DC. EV charging station in 8 locations - one of those locations being South Dunedin. There is no evidence that this South Dunedin project has been completed. What progress is being made with this project, if any?**

This project ended up installing 25kW chargers instead of 50kW chargers at each of the eight sites. The committed funding for this project was subsequently reduced from \$265,858 to \$157,489.57 from EECA. The chargers were installed in 2021.

- 6. What oversight does EECA maintain over the allocation of what are presumably public funds to the organisations who have applied and been granted/allocated such funds?**

Each project has detailed project milestones from commencement to completion. Funding is made available, as the terms of each milestone are completed, upon provision of appropriate evidence of completion.

EECA allocates a Relationship Manager to each funding agreement. The Relationship Manager maintains regular contact with the funding recipient and receives regular progress reporting for each project.

- 7. Finally, does the EECA publish any monitoring reports regarding the progress of projects allocated funds in the LEVCF and the LETF?**

No, EECA does not publish any monitoring reports regarding progress of projects allocated funds under LEVCF and LETF.

However, our website has published:

- Summary of approved LETF and LEVCF projects: [Co-funded transport projects | EECA](#)
- Articles/case studies about some projects supported through the LETF: [About the Low Emission Transport Fund | EECA](#)

It is also an EECA requirement that public charger projects funded through the LETF record their chargers in EV Roam. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's EV Roam public EV charging database collects real-time information from all safe and monitored public charge points around New Zealand, and freely distributes it through various apps and websites. EV Roam can be accessed via <https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/ev-chargers>.