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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Getting on board with electric buses**

Electric buses are being used in more and more cities around the world. Could they be rolled out across public transport networks in NSW?

The Legislative Assembly's Transport and Infrastructure Committee is looking at the benefits of electric buses and barriers to their wider use on city and country public transport fleets.

"Electric buses are positive for our environment and have lower running costs", said Committee Chair Robyn Preston MP. "They can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. The buses are also quieter which means a more pleasant journey for passengers".

The Committee will look at the opportunities and challenges of transitioning the whole metropolitan bus fleet to electric.

"We are looking at the benefits and challenges with incorporating electric buses into our public transport networks.

"We want to learn from how other countries have managed the introduction of electric buses so that we can make the most of this new technology".

The inquiry will consider what energy and infrastructure is needed to power electric bus fleets, and other emissions neutral energy sources. The Committee is also keen to hear about how to support local manufacture and assembly of electric buses.

"We look forward to hearing from the community and interested groups about the potential adoption of electric buses in our public transport fleets".

More information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, is on the Committee's [webpage](#).

The closing date for submissions is 20 December 2019.

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