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Inquiry into emission free modes of public transport

An emission free public transport system is critical to building a sustainable, low-carbon future.

The Legislative Assembly's Committee on Transport and Infrastructure has released its report following an inquiry into the long-term feasibility of emission free modes of public transport in NSW.

Committee Chair, Mr Tim James MP, said the report makes recommendations to facilitate an easier transition to emission free buses, ferries and trains, and responds to a number of concerns raised by stakeholders who gave evidence in the inquiry.

"Minimising the environmental impacts of public transport is important to the people of NSW," Mr James said.

"We adopted this inquiry in order to understand and address specific challenges in the transition to zero emission modes of transport, as well as how we can promote growth and innovation locally.

"While the sector has already taken considerable strides – for example, in rolling-out new electric buses and offsetting rail emissions – stakeholders highlighted opportunities to make this transition smoother, to improve our readiness for new, zero emission technologies, and to increase the competitiveness of our local industry.

"Our report's 12 recommendations aim to achieve these goals by giving manufacturers certainty when it comes to procurement, building skills capacity, laying the groundwork for emerging technologies, and promoting public transport uptake.

"This has been a productive and valuable inquiry. I'm grateful to everyone who contributed their insights and expertise," Mr James said.

The report is available on the Committee's website.

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