

TEN AUSSIE MADE ELECTRIC BUSES FOR THE EASTERN SUBURBS

NSW is on track to transform the state's bus fleet to zero emission technology with 10 electric buses to be rolled out across the eastern suburbs from November.

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton announced that the order of NSW-built electric buses will be delivered to Waverley Depot between late 2021 and March 2022.

"It's exciting to know that in a matter of months my community will be catching brand new electric buses from Bondi and Vaucluse into the city," Ms Upton said.

"State Transit's order of 10 electric buses take us closer to an emissions free future while also supporting hundreds of local manufacturing jobs in Western Sydney.

"Once they hit the road these buses will start to deliver cleaner, quieter and greener journeys for my community and local bus customers.

"Our Government is getting closer to securing a healthier future for the people of NSW and electric buses will be a big part of reaching net zero emissions."

Ms Upton launched a trial of Custom Denning's '*The Element*' electric bus in March, alongside Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance at Waverley Depot.

Multiple operators have now placed orders for this model, which is fully designed, manufactured and assembled by Custom Denning in St Marys.

A Compressed Natural Gas station to power gas buses at Waverley Depot has been decommissioned to make room for a sub-station and charging infrastructure to power the electric fleet.

The Element e-bus can run for approximately 16 hours on a full charge or 450 kilometres.

Meanwhile, Transport for NSW is currently seeking feedback from industry on its strategy to transition over 8,000 diesel and gas buses across NSW to zero emission technology by the Minister's challenge of 2030.

The draft strategy can be viewed at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/zeroemissionbuses. Feedback can be provided via the survey link by 21 September 2021.

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