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Each station can charge two CCS vehicles at up to 300kW and one CHAdeMO vehicle at up to 62kW, allowing charging for up to six EVs at the Bombay Service Centre simultaneously. The Hyperchargers at Bombay were pushed live earlier this month and are online and operational. EV drivers can use the chargers through their ChargeNet account, via the website or app.

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Most EVs in New Zealand aren't yet able to charge at this level of power. The Porsche Taycan is the first production vehicle with a system voltage of 800 volts instead of the usual 400 volts. Due in New Zealand later this year it can charge to 80 percent in 20 minutes.

"Despite the fact, there's no Electric Vehicle (EV) on the New Zealand market capable of charging at 300kW, ChargeNet is preparing for a future when more vehicles can handle higher levels of power", said Steve West, CEO & Founder, ChargeNet.

Today Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) have announced the 24 recipients of co-funding for projects approved under the latest round of the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund (LEVCF), which will share \$3.2 million of government co-funding. With the assistance of round 8 of the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, ChargeNet will install seven additional dual 300kW Hyperchargers across four locations – Kaiwaka, Bulls, Christchurch and North Shore, Auckland.



The next planned installation and second location for ChargeNet's 300kW Hyperchargers is Taupo CBD. Supported by EECA through round 7 of the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, ChargeNet will install two 300kW Hyperchargers allowing charging for up to six EVs simultaneously.

“One of the most often cited pain points for EV owners is the length of time it takes to charge. By installing more Hyperchargers across the country, we are removing an extra barrier of uptake and accelerating EV adoption. Ultimately this will help New Zealanders reduce their carbon emissions and work towards the goal of New Zealand becoming carbon neutral by 2050”, said West.

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Notes to the editor

The ChargeNet NZ story began in 2015 as a few enterprising Kiwis with a dream of encouraging people to turn on to electric vehicles. Through a mix of imagination, determination, and some pretty clever software, they're now the largest privately owned, EV charging network in the Southern Hemisphere, with a network of 196 fast charging stations available.

It takes between 10 to 30 minutes on average to recharge an EV, many EV owners will still plug in and recharge their vehicles overnight at home. Cost is approx. 30c a 'litre' compared to \$2.16 for petrol, with used EVs available at dealerships from around \$10,000.

ChargeNet NZ is committed to providing and maintaining a world-class EV charging network to keep New Zealand charging into the future. Visit www.charge.net.nz/map to find a fast-charging station near you.

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