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Ms Helen Burnet MP
Independent Member for Clark
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Burnet

Thank you for raising your question in Parliament on 24 March 2026 on behalf of your constituent John regarding electric vehicle (EV) specific tariffs.

As we continue to progress through the electricity transition, the way that customers engage with the network is changing. Increasingly, households are taking control of their own electricity production, installing rooftop solar, home batteries, and purchasing electric vehicles. This is reflected in the rise of time-of-use tariffs, which are now the default tariff for new electricity connections in Tasmania.

Electric vehicle owners are already able to take advantage of time-of-use tariffs, which offer cheaper rates outside of peak times and reduce demand on the network. Time of use tariffs provide EV owners with the ability to charge overnight or during the middle of the day using cheaper electricity.

It is essential that consumers have choice in retail tariffs and through our government owned retailer, Aurora Energy, customers have the option of both flat-rate and time-of-use tariffs. However, Tasmania has full retail competition for electricity supply, meaning that customers can take advantage of a range of retail offerings outside of Aurora Energy's regulated tariffs. It is a matter for retailers as to whether they wish to offer specific tariffs tailored to electric vehicles.

Regarding your constituent's question regarding a virtual power plant model for EVs, I am advised that TasNetworks has taken foundational steps to enable vehicle-to-grid technology. This includes updating its Network Connection Framework to allow bi-directional EV chargers. However, the regulatory framework for virtual power plants and vehicle-to-grid technology is progressing at the national level and there remains work to do before consumers can fully benefit. I am advised that TasNetworks is well-positioned to build on this work as that national framework matures and demand in Tasmania rises.

I trust this information is useful to both yourself and your constituent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Duigan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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