# ELECTRIC VEHICLES UNLOCKING LOWER ENERGY PRICES



### IMAGINE A WORLD IN 2050 WHERE 60% OF AUSTRALIAN VEHICLES ARE ELECTRIC

#### **FUEL SAVINGS**

Electric vehicles (EVs) cost about a third to fill up compared to petrol. With the price of EVs dropping, this could mean significant savings for Australian car owners.



#### REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT

Electric vehicles fuelled by renewable electricity will materially lower carbon emissions.





### BUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES CAN ALSO LOWER ENERGY BILLS IF WE CHARGE OVERNIGHT AND IN THE DAY

Our app looks at 2 charging scenarios to see the impact on electricity network charges in Australia. •Scenario 1 reflects today's charging patterns where most charging occurs in the evening period. •Scenario 2 is where most charging occurs overnight and in the day.

You can also choose whatever scenario you want to test and download the sources in Excel!



Our app showsthat charging during peak hours (Scenario 1) could increase average network electricity prices in Australia by 32% by 2050 compared to today. But charging more in the day and overnight (Scenario 2) could save 17% off network prices.

This is a difference of \$400 in a typical household bill by 2050, or about an \$8 billion difference in electricity costs per year by 2050.



# UNPACKING THE DYNAMICS AT PLAY

Our app looks at how much more you will pay for each unit of electricity you consume (\$/MWh) when electric vehicles start to gain momentum. This is the best way to ask if you are getting better value for your electricity service.



**?** So how to measure price impact?

In Scenario 1, we have evening charging, with little charging being delivered from household solar and batteries. This maximises sales from the grid.

In Scenario 2, we have day and night time charging, with more customers using their own solar and batteries to charge. Also charging during the day gives more opportunities to use solar. So this reduces energy sales from the grid.



In Scenario 1, charging most occurs in the evening without support of solar and batteries. This is when the network is most stressed. To meet the extra congestion, networks upgrade infrastructure, increasing the asset base, leading to higher returns on capital.

In Scenario 2, customers are charging more in the day and overnight, when the network has spare capacity. Charging in the day allows for more charging from solar, and some of the additional peak can be met through batteries. While sales are higher, upgrades are minimised.





# **BENEFITS VARY ACROSS NETWORKS**

NETWORKS WITH LOW ASSET BASE VALUE, PEAKY DEMAND AND HIGH EV TAKE UP MOST AT RISK OF PRICE SHOCKS UNDER EVENING CHARGING





#### LEGEND

🚔 = Electric Vehicles by 2050





= Network price today (\$/MWh)

- = Network price in 2050 under evening (peak) charging
- = Network price in 2050 under day and overnight charging



Time of Day

# MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF EVs

ELECTRIC VEHICLES PROVIDE A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO LOWER ELECTRICITY PRICES, AND CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT.

### MAXIMISE EV TAKE UP





## IMPROVE EV TECHNOLOGY

- REDUCE MANUFACTURING COSTS
- IMPROVE DRIVING RANGE
- FUEL EFFICIENCY



## PROMOTE EVS

- GOVERNMENT R&D
- PUBLIC FLEET ELECTRIFICATION
- REDUCE TAXES ON EVS

### PRICING INCENTIVES

- CHEAP TARIFFS IN THE DAY AND OVERNIGHT
- EV SPECIFIC TARIFFS WITH TIME OF DAY PRICING



- PUBLIC CONNECTION POINTS
- ACCESS TO SUPER FAST CHARGING

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### RENEWABLE INTEGRATION

- COMMUNITY BATTERIES TO MEET PEAK DEMAND
- SMART SYSTEMS TO MAXIMISE SOLAR EXPORTS

# CALCULATION STEPS FOR THE EV APP

