

BP now services electric vehicles

Electric vehicles (EV) can now 'fill up' at BP Connect Pakuranga.

Vector and BP have installed two brand new rapid chargers at BP Connect Pakuranga.

Vector Chief Executive Simon Mackenzie says this is the first fuel retailer to be added to Vector's rapidly expanding network of EV charger stations across Auckland.

"We are committed to providing accessible and convenient charger infrastructure to encourage more people to take up driving EVs," he says.

"People are comfortable and familiar with taking their vehicles to petrol stations when the tank is low.

"By showing EVs provide the same convenience and mobility as fossil fuelled vehicles, it will help build confidence for those new to the technology."

Mr Mackenzie says EVs offer long-term benefits to the environment and much lower running costs for motorists that switchover.

BP Managing Director Matt Elliott says BP is committed to supporting programmes designed to reduce emissions and meet customer demand wherever it can.

"We have been working closely with the team at Vector to understand their network growth plans, and we're pleased that our Pakuranga store was a perfect fit," he says.

"Our new EV customers will be able to re-charge in comfort, with barista-made Fairtrade coffee on offer, and free WIFI, while they wait."

Vector has now deployed 12 rapid chargers across Auckland along with eight standard chargers.

In addition to its efforts to enable a simple transition to EVs Vector has introduced an interactive map, soon to be followed with an App, making it easier for customers to find where they can recharge their vehicles. More installations at key locations are planned this year.

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