

## Australia Hits 50th DC Site Milestone

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- Installations at Pokolbin validate commitment to an EV future from both local governments across Australia and the private sector
- Milestone achieved as Select Committee for Electric Vehicles begins examination of the use and manufacture of EVs in Australia

**Brisbane, Australia – October 10, 2018** – Australia has hit an important milestone in the drive towards an electric vehicle future with the installation and operation of the nation's 50th publicly-available 50kW DC Fast Charging location in the Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin.

Tritium's Veefil-RT 50kW DC Fast Chargers were installed by the NRMA at Pokolbin as part of its \$10m electric vehicle fast charging network rollout.

"It's been proven time and time again across the globe that when the charging infrastructure is in place for electric vehicles, you'll see an uptick in the number of EVs on the road and in showrooms," said Chris Hewitt, head of sales for Australia, Tritium. "We now have a significant number of publicly-available chargers across the country with more to come."

Tritium, founded in Brisbane, is a world leader in fast-charging station technology with deployments in 26 countries. In Australia alone, Tritium has more than 70 per cent market share.

The milestone installation comes during a Senate inquiry into the use and manufacture of electric vehicles in Australia, with a report expected in December this year.

"Tritium's success is a timely reminder that we have the smarts and skilled labour force here in Australia to be an advanced manufacturing powerhouse," said Senator Tim Storer, chair of the Select Committee on Electric Vehicles. "Imagine what they could achieve if we had a national strategy to support the development of the EV industry here in Australia. I hope my inquiry will prompt the Federal Government to be more proactive, so that companies like Tritium can more fully realise the benefits on the electric vehicle transition."

"While hitting this milestone is a great achievement, the country still has a long way to go with the need for hundreds of new DC charging locations," said Hewitt. "Federal Government support and incentives would certainly help further drive electric vehicle penetration into the Australian market, but industry and local governments across Australia aren't prepared to wait for it."

"They see the tangible benefits electric vehicles bring to the environment and to trade, and they've been overwhelming in their enthusiasm to roll out the necessary infrastructure."

The NRMA's electric vehicle network rollout is expected to be completed in 2019 and aims to install approximately 40 DC Fast Chargers across New South Wales and the ACT. The charger at the Hunter Valley Gardens is the fourth in the proposed rollout.

Among the 50 charging locations are the 18 deployed for the Queensland Electric Super Highway, the world's longest electric super highway in a single state which allows tourists to travel from Coolangatta to Cairns and from Brisbane to Toowoomba in a low or zero emissions vehicle.

The continued development of infrastructure has also attracted the interest and support of electric vehicle manufacturers, including Australia's number three brand, Hyundai:

"The more infrastructure we see being put into place, the more we're encouraged to introduce new electric vehicles into the Australian market," said

Scott Grant, Chief Operating Officer, Hyundai Motor Company Australia.

“Australia’s 50th DC recharging location is an important milestone for the industry and for the country – it gives us renewed confidence in the lead-up to the launch of our new IONIQ EV in November.”

Tritium’s Veefil-RTs ensure drivers can fully charge their vehicle to 80 per cent within 30 minutes on average for any EV with a CHAdeMO or CCS2 socket. Chargers will accommodate most makes and models of EVs available in Australia.

#### **ABOUT TRITIUM**

Brisbane-based Tritium is a technology company specialising in the design and manufacture of DC fast-charging solutions for electric vehicles (EV). Established in 2001, to provide power-electronic systems and battery energy-storage applications, it has, since the launch of its first DC fast charger in 2014, become one of Australia’s fastest-growing companies. In just four years Tritium has developed into a leading global DC fast charging supplier, with installations in 26 countries, and it currently holds around 50% of the Norwegian market and around 15% of the wider European market for 50kW fast chargers. In 2016, the Queensland Government invested AU\$2.5m in Tritium – the first company to receive investment under a Business Development Fund scheme established to encourage innovative business – and it invested a further AU\$2.5m in 2018.

Customers include Charge.net.nz, EDF Lumins, Fortum, Grønn Kontakt, IONITY, Proterra and Stromnetz.

Tritium’s HQ and main manufacturing plant is in Brisbane, with additional sales and manufacturing facilities in its two key markets of Europe and the US.

#### **LOCATION OF VEEFIL CHARGERS: AUSTRALIA**

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