

20 March 2023



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Thank you for raising your concerns received on 15 March 2023. You advised:

- You have discovered multiple council vehicles are undertaking this activity. NYJ324 and NYJ328 have both been photographed blocking charging stations at the Waitohi Hub in Johnsonville.
- Request the Council issue clear guidance to all staff that parking any vehicle at an EV charging station.
- Discipline staff who fail to abide by this rule.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The photos provided show the Council's vehicles in the parking bays, however we cannot determine from these photos if the vehicles were charging or not.

However, with the additional information that you provided, we were able to determine which business units were using these vehicles. The managers of those business units are having conversations with the teams to remind them of the rules with our EV Fleet.

The Council has also run an educational piece via all our managers to remind all staff on the rules of using our EV Fleet. See appendix below for a copy of the message.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Kind regards

Asha Harry

Official Information

Appendix A

Email sent to all managers on 16 March 2023

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Please can I remind everyone that when you are using an EV car, you cannot use the public EV charging parks to park in, unless you need to charge the cars.

There have been complaints sent through to Council in the past couple of days (including photos) of WCC cars (including PSR pool cars) that have been parking in an EV charging car park and not charging. This means people who need to charge can't.

These parks are for charging only – they are not a free carpark to use if there are no other parks available.

So please keep this in mind when you are out and about, our cars are visible and branded, and we need to ensure we are parking our vehicles appropriately.

Ngā mihi nui