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ACT public fast charging gets an "A-minus"

On Friday April 11, the ACT branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) conducted an audit of every public DC fast charger in the ACT ahead of the Easter long weekend. Each station was checked for physical condition, whether it was in service, and whether the charging apps were giving correct information.

A total of 102 plugs (86 common CCS2 connectors and 16 older CHAdeMO connectors) across 26 sites were checked. Five plugs were found to be out of service but, importantly, no site was completely out of service, as other plugs were available. "AEVA considers this to be a satisfactory result ahead of the busy Easter period", said Dr Peter Campbell, AEVA spokesperson.

Other findings from the audit included a display on a charger which was difficult to read in daylight and was in need of repair, several instances of poor directional signage to guide drivers, and a handful of minor errors in the charging apps which assist drivers. AEVA has reported these problems to the relevant operators.

AEVA plans to repeat these audits periodically to ensure that charging stations are kept in good operational order. "While many local EV drivers only use public charging on trips away from Canberra, those without home charging rely on it heavily, as do visitors to Canberra", said Dr Campbell.

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About AEVA

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) LTD is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of switching Australia's transport networks to electric drive as quickly as possible. Formed after the oil price shocks of 1973, the AEVA is the longest continuously running EV society in the world. We represent all EV users and enthusiasts, current and prospective.

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