

Issue

A desirable future for Wellington is to become a **carbon-free city, delivered from air and noise pollution**, peaceful, healthy, and not contributing to climate change anymore. This means a city free of combustion engines, where petrol cars are replaced with **electric cars**. Sadly, the environment & resilience priority area of the 10 year plan focuses too much on the impacts of climate change rather than the causes. By transitioning to electric mobility, we address the cause of climate change.

Initiatives

The 10 year plan should consider implementing the following initiatives:

1. Instigate a **diesel ban**: no more diesel vehicles in Wellington by 2025;
2. Acceleration of the transition of the **complete bus fleet to 100% electric** (completed by 2025);
3. **Mandatory charging points in every carparks** of the city (that extend to Wilson's carpark) by 2022;
4. **Priority lanes** given to EVs (or access to bus lanes), as soon as practical;
5. **25% discount on-street parking** for EVs, as soon as practical;
6. Deployment of a fleet of “pay as you go” electric bikes (like Mevo, but for bikes) called “Wellib”.

Outcomes

1. Send a clear message of the **strong commitment** our city has in reducing carbon emissions;
2. Enhance **Wellington reputation** and boosts tourism;
3. **Raise public awareness** on electric mobility as a viable and desirable option for transport;
4. Create an incentive, or even **enable commuters to travel electric**.
5. Reduce air pollution in the city, and make our **air healthier**;
6. Reduce noise pollution, which **reduces stress** and **enhance lifestyle** further;
7. Reduce human contribution to **climate change**;

To go further

Initiatives seeking same outcomes should be implemented for motor boats, jetskis, and air travel. Moreover, the push to electric should consider helping Wellington produce its own electricity. That is why an incentive for deploying solar panels or solar roofs should be considered.