Australia Post Welcomes Tasmanian Governmentâ€™s Support for more Sustainable Deliveries

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Australia Post has welcomed the Tasmanian Governmentâ€™s decision to amend licensing requirements to allow car licence holders to operate electric delivery vehicles (eDVs) while delivering for Australia Post.

The landmark change eliminates the need for Australia Post's Tasmanian team members to hold a motorcycle licence to operate an eDV, making these positions accessible to a more diverse pool of candidates throughout the state.1

Australia Post Managing Director and CEO Paul Graham commended the Tasmanian Government for showing leadership with this regulatory amendment, helping Australia Post improve services for Tasmania, and called on other State governments to review their licensing requirements.

"Our eDVs can carry up to 100 small parcels and 1,200 letters at a time, which is significantly more than a traditional motorcycle. We're responding to higher demand for parcel deliveries, with 83 per cent of Tasmanians making an online purchase in the past year 2, so this means we can deliver to customers' doors sooner," he said.

"The Government's amendment is a milestone for our business in Tasmania and an important step in helping us to make positions accessible to a more diverse pool of candidates. For every Tasmanian candidate who has a motorcycle licence, there are eight who have car licences, so we should be able to fill positions faster from a larger talent pool," Mr Graham said.

Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Michael Ferguson, said the move was another example of the Rockliff Liberal Government's work to enable businesses to flourish.

"We have listened to advice that, as eDVs can only be ridden at low speeds and have appropriate operating and handling characteristics as a three-wheeled vehicle, they can be ridden by Australia Post employees on a car licence," Mr Ferguson said.

Investment in eDVs is an integral part of Australia Post's target to reduce carbon emissions by 15 per cent by 2025 (against an

FY19 baseline), ahead of targeting net zero emissions by 2050.

Electric delivery vehicles and electric motorbikes already represent more than half of all postal rounds in Tasmania; they produce zero emissions, no air pollution and make no sound, which locals love.

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