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How can we reduce emissions & build resilience: Tasman is a major tourism destination (Port Arthur, 3 Capes, Tasman National Park, Coal Mines, Lime Bay) but has very limited BEV charging infrastructure (the nearest public charging station is in Dunalley). This makes it difficult for tourists / visitors with BEVs to plan their journeys and stays.

What future opportunities will have most impact: Public transport options to/from Tasman are limited (one bus in the morning and one bus in the evening). Increasing this service would provide an alternative to using private cars for trips to Sorell / Hobart. Rural councils such as Tasman have developed without good connection between townships along both council and state growth roads for walking and cycling (and e-bikes etc.). This is a disincentive for locals and tourists to walk or cycle for short journeys or for leisure.

Priorities or opportunities missing from draft Plan: Adoption of BEVs in rural councils is likely lower than in cities due to the greater use of Utes and large 4WDs which have limited BEV alternatives. With fewer BEVs being used locally they are also less likely to be adopted by others. BEVs could be made more visible eg. by supporting CTST to have an electric vehicle that would be widely seen and used locally. Are ATVs / quad bikes considered as transport or covered under the agricultural sector? Whilst the adoption of electric tractors is likely some years in the future, the transition of light farm vehicles to electric is more practical as a first step.

Any other ways we can collaborate: Council is looking to gradually change its light vehicle fleet to EVs. Any support for this change may speed up the process and would make EVs more visible in the community, encourage further adoption and add charging infrastructure options.

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