



PRESS RELEASE

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Australia: Keolis to roll out the largest fleet of electric buses in Queensland

- **On 24 August 2021, Keolis Downer – Keolis' subsidiary in Australia – secured an agreement with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – through TransLink, the division of TMR with statewide responsibility for public transport in Queensland – to operate electric buses in its current contract based in northern Brisbane.**
- **By 2023, Keolis will roll out 16 electric vehicles – the largest fleet of electric vehicles in Queensland – while creating the first fully electric depot powered using renewable energies. This initiative is in line with Queensland's commitment to renew its fleet of vehicles by replacing them with buses powered by alternative energies from 2025.**
- **The implementation of electric buses to this contract continues Keolis' dynamic development in Australia where the Group was recently awarded a contract in the Sydney region to operate more than 400 buses, a quarter of which will be converted to e-buses by 2030.**

Introducing an electric bus fleet and depot

On 24 August 2021, Queensland's Transport and Main Roads (TransLink Division) announced a partnership with Keolis Downer to roll out the state's first 100 per cent electric bus depot, using renewable energy.

Structured around nine routes with 16 Zero Emission Buses, this bus network will serve some 60,000 residents, covering the area surrounding Brisbane's Upper Bayside and the North Lakes suburbs, as well as other areas. Currently, diesel-powered buses operate on the network.

Under the terms of this contract, Keolis will roll out a fleet of 16 electric buses purchased from Australian bus manufacturer BusTech, making it the largest fleet of electric buses in the whole of Queensland.

Introducing these 16 vehicles as replacements for the 16 existing diesel-powered ones is expected to avoid nearly 14,000 tons of carbon emissions by the end of the contract. This will help enhance quality-of-life for people living locally, reducing both noise and atmospheric pollution.

In a first for the region, the North Lakes bus depot will be entirely converted to an electric charging facility where the future bus fleet will be maintained and charged.

Including purchase of the 16 vehicles and the work needed to adapt the depot, the project will cost a total of €9.7 million (Aus\$15.6 million) and will be jointly funded by the Queensland State Government and Keolis Downer.

The project reflects Queensland's commitment to promoting the energy transition across the state, and its target of producing 50% of its energy using renewables sources by 2030.

More than ten years operating in Australia

This extension comes a few weeks after Keolis Downer was awarded a [contract](#) to operate more than 400 buses in the Sydney region. This will take effect on 31 October 2021 and includes the introduction of 125 electric vehicles by 2030.

Keolis Downer has been operating (or preparing the launch of) six bus networks in Australia since 2009. These are in Adelaide, Brisbane, Geraldton, Newcastle, Perth and Sydney. It also operates a commuter rail network in Adelaide, three tram networks in Gold Coast, Newcastle and Melbourne (the oldest and most extensive in the world), and runs three on-demand transport services in Adelaide, Newcastle and Sydney and ferries in Newcastle. Keolis Downer is also conducting (or has conducted tests) of autonomous electric shuttles in Adelaide, Newcastle and Sydney.

Keolis Downer employs some 5,000 people and carries more than 250 million passengers per year across five of the country's states.¹

Key figures for the contract

- **16** routes, of which **9** routes will be conducted by **Zero Emission Buses**
- **64** vehicles, including **16 electric ones**
- **115** employees
- **2,000,000** passengers per year
- **3,690,000 km** per year, of which **915,000 km** will be conducted by **Zero Emission Buses**

About Keolis

Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Kisio, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, shared car solutions, river and sea shuttle services, bike share services, car sharing, fully electric driverless shuttles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is the second largest provider of parking management solutions through its subsidiary EFFIA, and the country's leader in medical transport since the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund) and employs 68,500 people in 15 countries. In 2020, it posted revenue of €6.1 billion. In 2019, 3.4 billion passengers used one of Keolis' shared mobility services. www.keolis.com

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