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### **NSW GOVERNMENT UNVEILS ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEET**

The NSW Government is plugging into an electric future - launching its first ever fleet of electric vehicles for use by regional government departments.

Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin today unveiled six Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) in Orange, alongside The Nationals Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Western NSW Rick Colless.

“The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV is the world’s first plug-in hybrid SUV and I’m thrilled we’re including these in the NSW Government fleet,” Mr Harwin said.

“This pilot is the first step towards increasing the number of low emission vehicles in our fleet, making sure our Government is leading by example on sustainability as we work towards our goal of being carbon neutral by 2050.

“We’re launching the electric vehicle fleet in regional NSW to show that driving long distances is not a barrier to using low emission vehicles. It’s vital that people in our rural centres have the chance to participate in the clean energy revolution.”

Minister for Trade and Industry Niall Blair said charging stations installed in Orange and at Government offices in Sydney allow electric vehicle drivers to confidently complete their return trip.

“In the years ahead, we hope to see more infrastructure supporting these types of vehicles across the state so that regional and metro communities have more choice,” Mr Blair said.

“These vehicles give drivers the option to use all-electric driving for zero fuel consumption, or a hybrid mode for travelling longer distances with lower emissions and incredible fuel efficiency.”

Mr Colless said the launch of the fleet aligns with several Government policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions.

“The NSW Government is committed to showing leadership in the move to cleaner technologies, and using low emission vehicles is one clear example of that,” Mr Colless said.

The pilot with Mitsubishi will run for the life of the three-year lease.