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### **FUEL CELL TO POWER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

Adelaide's Central Market will break new ground with the launch of a global technological initiative by South Australian Premier Mike Rann and Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood.

The state government and the Adelaide City Council have joined forces to couple an Australian-made solid oxide fuel cell with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

The two EV charging bollards at the Central Market – operated by ChargePoint – will be free to users and are part of South Australia's push for a sustainable transport future.

The electricity-generating fuel cell and charging stations will operate in the multi-storey public car park, providing a solution to the energy demands of electric vehicles.

ChargePoint CEO James Brown says the installation of the networked charging stations marks a milestone for South Australians.

"This initiative builds upon Adelaide's leadership with "Tindo" – the world's first solar electric bus – and the city's fleet of electric cars and motorcycles.

"It is another step towards seeing electric vehicles as a common fixture on the state's roads.

"EV users will need convenient sites where they can re-fuel their cars and bikes, and the Central Market is one of them.

Operating the charging stations is straight forward and involves use of a network card, available from ChargePoint (either online from [www.chargepoint.com.au](http://www.chargepoint.com.au) or by phoning 1300 300 885).

As the stations are monitored around the clock, drivers are notified by SMS or email when their vehicles are fully charged or if there is an issue with the charging.

ChargePoint also has a free iPhone app that enables iPhone users to identify the locations of charging stations around Australia and helps them navigate to those stations.

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