

Coles becomes first Aussie retailer to add electric truck for grocery delivery

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Coles has become the country's first retailer to welcome an electric prime mover truck to its transportation network. The heavy-duty vehicle now delivers groceries to hundreds of stores across Victoria.

In partnership with Linfox, the Electric Vehicle (EV) will save more than 65 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year compared to a regular diesel-powered prime mover, equivalent to removing 15 cars from the road.

Expected to make up to 25 deliveries from the Coles Distribution Centre in Victoria to stores across the state each week, the Volvo FH, awarded the International Truck of the Year 2024, can travel up to 300km on a single charge and will save approximately 25,000 litres of fuel every year.

In addition to fuel and emission reductions, the EV is quieter to run, reducing noise pollution during store deliveries for customers in residential areas, and requires no idling, eliminating further emissions and fuel consumption.

Coles Chief Operations and Sustainability Officer Matt Swindells said the EV is another step in the retailer's decarbonisation journey, as it continues to work with partners to reduce its Scope 3 emissions which occur in the retailer's supply chain and make up the majority of its overall emissions profile.