

Tesla Model Y

Best-selling EV in Australia 2025 with mature Supercharger network advantage.

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Overall Rating

4.8 / 5

Based on 3 detailed reviewer perspectives. Methodology: CarReview AU — Vehicle Methodology v1.0.0.

Pros

- + Maximum 5-star ANCAP rating with a deep standard active-safety suite
- + The Supercharger network remains the most reliable fast-charging experience in Australia
- + Strong real-world efficiency keeps running cost well below an equivalent petrol SUV
- + Over-the-air updates extend feature value across the ownership period

Cons

- Early-build panel-gap and trim variance is a documented quality concern
- Ride can feel firm on coarse-chip regional roads
- Minimalist cabin removes physical controls some drivers strongly prefer

Key Takeaways

1. Charging network is the moat

The decisive ownership advantage is not the car alone but the Supercharger network. For long-distance and regional drivers, charging reliability outweighs a rival's spec-sheet range.

2. Running cost is genuinely lower

At typical Australian electricity tariffs, energy cost per 100km is a fraction of an equivalent petrol mid-size SUV, and scheduled servicing is minimal.

3. Check the build date

Quality variance is concentrated in early production. A pre-purchase inspection focused on panel gaps and trim is worthwhile, especially on used examples.

4. Resale has held up

Model Y resale has been comparatively resilient against the broader EV depreciation trend, supported by ongoing demand and network lock-in.

5. 5-star ANCAP, full driver-assist suite

The Model Y carries a maximum ANCAP rating with autonomous emergency braking, lane-keeping and a comprehensive airbag set as standard.

Detailed Reviews

1. Rebecca Sandhu —

We run a mixed EV fleet and the Model Y is the lowest-drama vehicle on the books. Charging uptime via the Supercharger network is the single biggest reason it beats rivals on total cost — downtime is money, and this car loses the least of it.

2. Tom Halloran —

Eighteen months and 41,000km in. The efficiency and the road-trip charging are everything I hoped for. I knocked off a star for the firm ride on country roads and a couple of trim rattles that took two service visits to resolve.

3. Priya Ramaswamy —

On the metrics that matter to a buyer — safety, efficiency, charging access and resale — the Model Y is still the EV to beat in Australia. The cabin minimalism divides opinion, but it is a deliberate trade, not an oversight.