

# Community Benefit Sharing and Large Scale Renewables

community power  
agency



# Community Power Agency



Capacity building

Innovation

Advocacy

Research

## **Working with:**

Community

Government

Industry

# Understanding Benefit Sharing



Having planned strategies

The project being valued by community

Community willingness for change

Recognising the shared value of sunshine and wind

# Types of benefit sharing initiatives

Grant Funds	Neighbourhood Benefit Programs	Employee Volunteerism
Co-investment & Co-ownership	Legacy initiatives	Innovative products

# Example: Meeting a community need

Woolnorth Renewables  
Mobile Dental Program



# Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm



# Coonooer Bridge Outcomes

Unanimous approval at local council with no appeal

Minimal objection

5-month assessment

No negative press

Letters of Support from all stakeholders

Successful in the ACT RE tender





# Haystacks Solar Garden



- 1.5MW Solar array located at Grong Grong, NSW
- Australia's first large scale solar garden
- Construction complete & commencing commissioning
- Solar gardens purchase solar garden plots and receive credit directly to their electricity bill



# Community Energy Collaboration Potential

PV and SHW on Community Assets

Revolving Energy Funds

Solar Gardens

Bulk Buys

Community Owned Mid Scale Solar

Neighbourhood Batteries

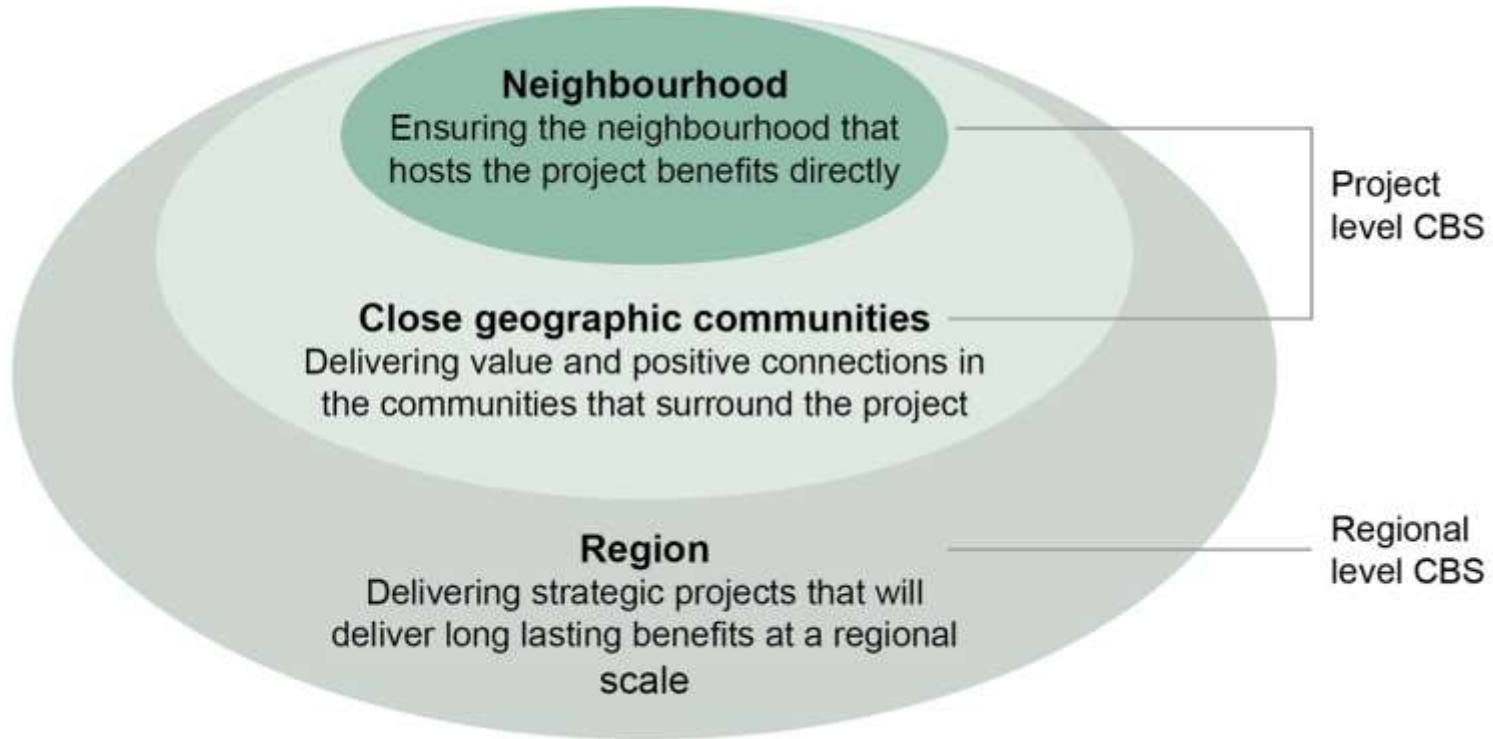
Community Electric Bus

Solar Park Lighting

Co-Investment /Co-Ownership



# Unpacking different levels of benefit sharing



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Regional Benefit Sharing –  
Creating strategic impacts for regions  
that host multiple renewable energy  
projects