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Community Benefit Sharing and Large Scale Renewables

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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

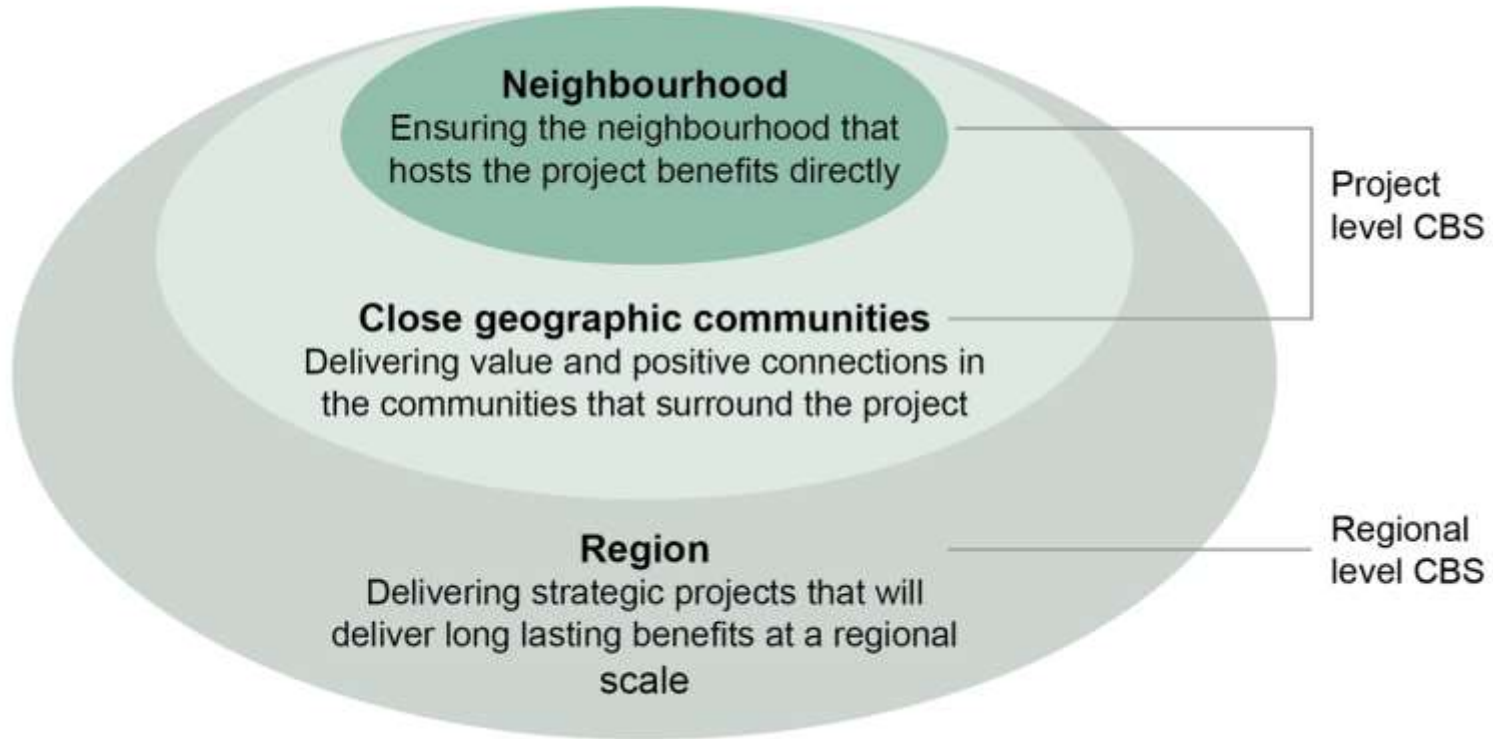
Community Electric Bus

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



Benefit Sharing and Co-ownership

ANDREW BRAY, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, RE-ALLIANCE



Who is the Renewable Energy Alliance?



Independent and
not-for-profit



Advocate for an
Energy transition that provides
prosperity for regional Australia



Policy work to influence
government
E.g. landholder payments



Understanding community
experiences, needs and aspirations



Collaborating to raise
the bar on best practice for
over 10 years



Building knowledge and
understanding about
Renewable Energy for councils
and communities

Who we are



“Big Renewables” - Benefit Sharing and Co-ownership



Sapphire wind farm



MON 4 SEPT

INVERELL

INVERELL RSM
10AM - 11:30AM
5:15PM - 6:30PM

WELLINGROVE

WELLINGROVE HALL
2:00PM - 3:30PM

TUES 5 SEPT

MOREE

TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB
9:15AM - 10:30AM

GLEN INNES

GLEN INNES SERVICES CLUB
2:00PM - 3:30PM
5:15PM - 6:30PM

WED 6 SEPT

TAMWORTH

TAMWORTH TOWN HALL
PASSCHENDALE ROOM
12:30PM - 1:30PM

ARMIDALE

ARMIDALE CITY BOWLING CLUB
5:15PM - 6:30PM

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SAPPHIRE WIND FARM

Sapphire Wind Farm is located in the New England region of northern NSW. The site is 38km east of Inverell and 18km west of Glen Innes to the north of the Great Dividing Range.



Sapphire
WIND FARM

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
DISCOVERY SESSION**



Goulburn community solar

300 Goulburn residents have bought into a nearly **\$5 million solar farm** being built by a community organisation called **Community Energy 4 Goulburn**, on the town's outskirts to feed power into the grid.

Goulburn community solar farm sees local investors take action against climate change and power bills

Landline / By Justin Huntsdale and Tim Fernandez

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“

I think people are just **excited that the community is owning it** and it's not some big foreign company.

We actually get to be owning this project and driving this project from our community and **being the change we want to see happen.**”

– *Dimity Taylor, sheep farmer and investor in Goulburn community solar farm*

How does it work?

- Investors can buy into the project for a flexible amount, purchasing one solar panel for just \$400
- All the energy produced will be sold into the grid (the site is conveniently located next to power lines)
- Investors estimated to receive a return on their investment of about 5% a year
- Project will operate as a cooperative where each investor receives one vote on matters concerning the project, no matter the size of their investment

Hay Shire Council – Providing regional coordination





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