

Narrabri Shire Council
ATTN: Mr Rob Williams, General Manager
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DUE: 5pm June 26th 2024

**RE: Submission in response to the Renewable Energy Implementation Plan for
Narrabri Shire Council**

Dear Mr Williams,

Talking points (about you):

- I am a stakeholder because I am a ratepayer/renter/business owner/worker resident/farmer/student/resident in the Narrabri Shire or surrounds
- I am interested in renewable energy as a way to reduce costs for council and community / as a way to create new economic development opportunities for the shire / as a way to reduce emissions from the shire / as a way to create new community opportunities
- I believe council could save rate payers funds through renewable energy on their own facilities / on community facilities / using PPAs / with innovative new community projects
- I have already installed solar / batteries on my business/house / live off grid / implemented energy savings strategies / have an EV / attended events held by Geni.Energy / participated in projects with Geni.Energy

About the Renewable Energy Implementation Plan:

- There has not been an opportunity to participate till now and it is a short window for written responses that doesn't allow for genuine engagement
- Believe the REIP lacks enough detail to provide constructive feedback on/ doesn't provide any actual actions or solutions that are being proposed
- Believe the REIP doesn't provide concrete actions that we can assess the feasibility or timing on
- Believe the REIP lacks any local context including respecting the initiatives already undertaken in the community/the opportunities and weaknesses unique to this shire
- Seems to be lacking the actual background information which we could use to actually assess the options and references another document that the community does not have access to which appears to provide the actual actions being proposed
- The paper says the "outcomes of the consultation process will help Council to determine the most feasible and beneficial actions to pursue and will inform decisions around the optimal timing of each action". We don't believe this consultation process is sufficient to help Council make these decisions.

Next steps:

- Request genuine consultation and engagement on the Action Plan and Implementation Plan, not on the Consultation Paper that is without detail
- Offer to be involved in next steps

Regards