

Community Engagement Review

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Transitioning to renewable energy is necessary, and we must not allow difficulties with the transition to send us running back to destructive coal and gas, but rather make sure that renewables are established in a way that supports the communities hosting these projects.

First Nations consultation and rights are essential. Renewables are about safeguarding our future, and Country is an integral part of culture that is to be preserved for future generations.

On a similar note, local environmental concerns must be centred; reducing emissions but trashing the environment on a smaller scale in the process is unacceptable. The overall vision of care for our environment into the future cannot be sacrificed to "cost-cutting" contractors (who merely ensure the government will have to later take on the cost from the fallout of their activities, and in this case do irreversible damage to national heritage and environmental security in the process).

The energy transition in Australia is also a massive opportunity. Sustainable job creation in host communities is a must, as is co-benefits for farmers, the pursuit of lower power prices, and long-term improvements in community well-being as a result of the project.

Money is going to be spend building something; let's do it right, and benefit as many Australians as possible at once.

Yours sincerely,

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