

A Fair Energy Transition for Northern Victoria

Our Region is Powering Australia's Energy Future

The MRGC represents six local councils in northern Victoria. Our region is critical to the national energy transition, hosting new large-scale renewable energy generation and transmission projects. Our region will:

- Host vast wind and solar renewable energy projects
- Be traversed by major new transmission infrastructure like VNI-West
- Bear the impacts locally, while benefits flow to major cities

Our highly productive agricultural land, local industries, and housing markets are under pressure:

- Variable and inconsistent consultation has damaged community trust
- Agricultural land use conflicts are of growing concern to communities
- Rising energy costs are hurting food manufacturers and farm businesses
- Temporary workforces for energy projects will pressure housing capacity
- Regional grid reliability remains uncertain and costly to improve

We call on the Australian and Victorian Governments to:

- Ensure regional communities receive the **lower-cost, more reliable power** promised by the energy transition.
- **Fund local infrastructure and energy efficiency upgrades** to support critical industries and maintain regional job security and food production.
- **Ensure transparent, consistent, and respectful consultation** with landowners and communities.

MRGC recognises and supports positive initiatives like:

- Victorian Government's REZ Community Energy Funds
- The Commonwealth's Rewiring the Nation program; and
- The Commonwealth's Community Energy Upgrades Fund

These show a growing recognition of the challenges regional communities face. We urge stronger action and collaboration to deliver lasting benefits in communities such as ours in Northern Victoria where the impacts are felt most.

Let's ensure the energy transition powers a stronger future for ALL Australians - starting with the communities making it possible.

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- Northern Victoria is where the Energy Transition is happening; we are hosting wind and solar and major new transmission lines.
- Our farmers, businesses and towns shoulder the impacts while cities reap the rewards.
- We want **fair power prices for our communities, investment in energy efficiency and local infrastructure and genuine consultation.**

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