

June 27, 2022

# ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO. 1**

**JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER**

# FURTHER BUSINESS

1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 7/22 - DATED JUNE 27, 2022 - MOTION TO THE 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE (D22/33128)..... 3

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SUBJECT: MOTION TO THE 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
THE 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE  
REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE D22/33128

**Summary**Objective

The Australian Government net zero emissions target by 2050 was an opportunity for our nation to set a new course for the future.

A strategic shift from coal and liquified natural gas production towards renewable energy alternatives has been identified as the only means to truly pivot towards a new way of reducing carbon emissions. This will involve the Australian government proposing new policies to deliver the objective of net zero emissions and the provision of a clear economic drive setting a price on carbon.

State government carbon neutral responses such as the NSW climate change policy framework coupled with decarbonisation projects and a push for electrical alternatives, are viable renewable energy measures that mitigates the impact of climate change.

Key Arguments

Australians emit 1.3% of global emissions annually, even though our population equates to 0.3% percent of the global population. We are one of the biggest global emitters per capita. In order to not over consume and stay within its carbon budget, drastic and immediate action is required.

The population of the Capital cities of Australia is 67% of the total population, yet they account for a very small percent of renewable energy production and are doing very little and risking nothing.

Regional Australia account for 67% of all exports and are the backbone of the Australian economy and provides many resources to the international market. Capital city areas need to do more and delivering their share of renewable energy would be a good start.

Regional Australia produces almost all the renewable energy production and is expected to sacrifice much to meet Australia's policy of zero emissions.

Broken Hill is a leading example of a renewable energy producer and are proud to help, but it is our city and other regional centres that have made the sacrifice and will expected to sacrifice more. It is Broken Hill that has had our beautiful Barrier rangers spoiled by wind generation. But for the good of the country, we have done this. It is time capital cities do the same.

It is regional Australia that will face the consequences of coal mine and power station closures. It is regional Australian communities that are paying the price for policy driven by inner-city electorates that have made it the number one policy to achieve zero net emissions at all costs, as long as it does not spoil or impact their suburbs. Inner-city suburbs ignore or show little interest in the impact zero emissions will have on regional areas and expect us to make all the sacrifices.

By passing this motion and the Australian government passing legislation we will all as a nation be doing our bit to combat climate change.

The coastline of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane etc. covered in wind turbines would be a fantastic site, a site teal independents and greens alike could be proud of. It would show us living in regional Australia that inner city suburbs are doing more than just virtue signaling.

Renewable energy produced in capital cities will reduce carbon production. Infrastructure will not be transported as far and there will be less need for the installation of transmission line, most of the power would be used where it is produced. Ocean winds are reliable and would deliver consistent power production.

It is time all Australians do their bit to reduce emissions not just us that live in regional Australia.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 7/22 dated June 27, 2022, be received.
2. That Broken Hill City Council sends the following motion to the Australian Local Government Association to be voted on at the 2023 National General Assembly and to Local Government NSW to be voted on at the LGNSW Annual Conference in October 2022.
3. That the motion be sent to our local Federal Member Mark Coulton and the Minister for Climate Change Chris Bowen.
4. That the motion is as follows: That this National General Assembly/Local Government NSW calls on the Australia Government to legislate that at least 50% of renewable energy is generated in the capital cities of Australia and at least 75% of that is produced in Sydney and Melbourne.

### **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

**T. KENNEDY**  
**MAYOR**