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Your name:

Tracey Simond

Your address:

[REDACTED]

Your email address:

Your submission:

As a mother, I would like to see more opportunities for entertainment and culture for young people. If my children are able to grow older and stay in Wagga whilst still being afforded the same opportunities and exposure to culture, performance and entertainment; I will be a happy mum.

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Your name:

Carissa Campbell

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Your telephone number:

Your submission:

This document makes a lot of statements about Wagga being a contemporary city which sound great. I want them to be backed up with real action, new ideas and new infrastructure. Wagga Council provides so much support to sport and recreation and builds ovals, sports grounds and stadiums. As someone who loves Arts and Culture and works in the field I would love to see the same commitment to Arts and Culture. It used to be such a big part of life here and it is nothing like it used to be. As the parent of young adults I would like to see more entertainment options that didn't centre around alcohol or gambling.

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Your name:

Malcolm Gregory, Strategic Futurist

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

The existing strategies and plans provide an excellent foundation for Wagga to become a Smart City.... in a Smart Riverina.... with Smart Villages and Rural Communities. Alternative Futures (based on Global Trends) that are available for choice include: Smart Energy Smart Transport, Smart Water Smart Grid, including renewables Smart Education, including retraining for both new job opportunities e.g robotics, space support industries, virtual reality, drones ...as well as job losses from automation Smart Health Smart Manufacturing, including Industry 4.0 Smart

Agriculture Community Development Plans for all Villages and Rural Communities A Science and Innovation Precinct

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Your name:

Gabrielle Mazzei

Your address:

Your email address:

Your submission:

-FIX THE ROADS. -PUT SOME GOD DAMN STREET LIGHTS ON OLD NARRANDERA RD AND PINE GULLY RD SO NO ONE HAS A FATAL ACCIDENT. -MORE NIGHTLIFE AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. -FIX THE LAKE.

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Your name:

Phoebe Pinnock

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

Wagga is a regional city lagging behind other centre in live music and this impacts: Tourism - when people come to Wagga what do they experience? Cultural Development - Who are the people of Wagga Wagga and what are they renowned for? As we are situated as far from capital cities the community here has a unique and isolated experience to develop something ICONIC! Community Development - live music entices people out of their homes and gets them to connect in person, building potential families, relationships, networks, connections and more Talent development - this not only brings attention to amazing people but also brings hope to

disadvantaged youth, refugees, indigenous - so many people are spurred on by music opportunities as it enhances the artist lives as well as the communities. Hospitality - Wagga venues DESPERATELY need development and support to create a unique cultural platform to entice established and emerging venues to continue to offer musical opportunities Infrastructure - Wagga needs to create opportunities for emerging promoters to advertise (poster displays in the main street are sorely lacking for all citizens enjoyment and to promote tourism) and for a decent music venue to be established as we are stated perfectly between Sydney and Melbourne, however there is no venue to host music opportunities. Dedicated Roles - the development of a live music / professional development role specifically with the interests of Wagga creatives in mind would be astronomically beneficial to get the bedroom creatives into a professional marketplace and attract further cultural opportunities within the city. This entices people to move from the city to Wagga Wagga as it is a great place to live and be part of a creative community who have the skills to present quality events / entertainment to the community.

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Your name:

James Mills

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

I'd like to see Wagga on the national map for touring National events / artists / acts / comedians / sportspeople & competitors etc. The Wagga Music Bowl is disgustingly under-utilised, the Equex stadium is also extremely under-utilised, the Victory Memorial Garden stage is terribly under-utilised, the amphitheatre at the Murrumbidya Wetlands is grossly under-utilised, I can only assume that the new "stage" area at the beach, soon to be PCYC complex, and the new "multisport" complex at Pomigalarna will be sadly under-utilised. All of these venues should have at least the bare bones to be able to plug and play a PA system in and go, however most of

these don't even have accessible power or toilets within reasonable proximity!! Wagga Wagga is in a prime location, situated between Melbourne and Sydney for a wide, if not infinite array of National & international class touring acts. We NEED to have world class venues of various sizes and capacities to accommodate for touring acts. I'm sure you've heard the phrase "location, location, location" before. It's something that can't be bought, manipulated or modified, however it's something which Wagga Wagga is fortunate enough to have. We're in arguably the best location for touring acts IN THE COUNTRY however we're not even a blip on the touring map. For example - later this year, I'm going to Sydney to see international act, Kings of Leon. They're also playing two shows in Melbourne and one show in MILDURA! I don't see how a city the size of Wagga, in the geographical location that Wagga is in, right between the two major cities, could be overlooked by Mildura however obviously there's something we're not doing right. It's not just the music, look at the amazing work Dane Simpson has done/is doing to get national comedy acts to Wagga regularly. I think the civic is a great venue but it doesn't fit every scenario - if the other venues mentioned earlier (and countless others) were planned a little better to accommodate touring acts, one could only imagine the good it would do for our city!!!! Don't get me wrong - I LOVE this city! I LOVE the surrounding towns! I LOVE the accessibility! But - this stuff needs to be done better and thought about. Think of not just the economical, but also the social, mental, physiological and a myriad of other benefits that these suggestions could, should and would have for our city, towns and greater region. Wagga Wagga is a regional centre and NEEDS to start being treated as a regional centre for NATIONAL entertainment, not just somewhere that townfolk do their shopping.

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Your name:

Pierce Campbell-Casey

Your address:

Your email address:

Your submission:

I would like more entertainment options for Wagga, along the lines of more theatre shows. I've found that if you want entertainment in Wagga, it's difficult to enjoy it without interest in alcohol or gambling, which really limits what I can spend my time doing. Also, free wifi in the CBD would be greatly appreciated. So many other towns have this and I'm disappointed Wagga still doesn't.

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Your name:

Peter Casey

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

Wagga's night-time culture, especially for young people, is overwhelmingly about alcohol and spending money. It would be great to see cultural and community events (dance, comedy, educational) that are appropriate for under-18s, free, and serviced by public transport.

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Your name:

Rebecca Horseman

Your address:

Your email address:

Your submission:

Please provide Wagga with a dedicated venue for touring musicians so that Wagga can enjoy more live original music. Please also continue to ensure there are professional development and mentorship opportunities for local musicians.

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Your name:

Remy Chadwick

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Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

'Connected, Inclusive, Thriving, Innovative' There are at least two areas the City of Wagga can invest in to deliver substantial returns according to the four principles above: 1. Invest in live music and live music infrastructure I have just performed as part of the Fitz Festival. What an incredible opportunity and incredible turnout. 50ish acts, 6 venues, all original local music, made possible by the City of Wagga. I attended 4 venues that were packed with audiences - overflowing in some cases - across the whole day, from 10.30am to midnight. This event was possible through the incredible work of Phoebe Pinnock who acts in a professional development

role for musicians in our region, but also from people like Vicky Burkinshaw from Curious Rabbit (who cultivates young artists weekly and insists they perform new work in her small venue) and other venue owners who take risks on local acts. There is a sense that once local artists get good enough, they will leave town in search of bigger pastures (see for example Sweet Citrus). Why not reverse this equation, and reward artists for returning and for performing here? What can we do to encourage established and upcoming artists to make Wagga Wagga a compulsory stop on an eastern seaboard tour, to inspire local acts, bring out the crowds, share new music, and partake in the stories of our community? Things that would incentivise musicians: -A multi-room, dedicated music venue in Wagga Wagga that intersects with local culture. Pub gigs are great but where is the go to venue for new music, for new connections? Where might touring acts like Gang of Youths or Middle Kids play? Where is the hub for young musicians to hone their work in the eyes of the music industry? -Support for venues who want live music. Make live music an attractive and rewarding proposition for businesses - not just pubs, but cafes, wineries, sports events, markets. Perhaps dedicating more lendable equipment for live music in venues, or offering lots of micro-grants/sponsorships to businesses to encourage them to regularly host live musicians (and pay them). -Growing our busking culture, by providing basic infrastructure and oversight of busking on Fitzmaurice St (see Melb CBD initiatives as an example) and encouraging busking in other parts of Wagga and Riverina towns - Continued professional support and encouragement of musicians. Supporting more people like Phoebe Pinnock or Tim Kurylowitz from Eastern Riverina Arts to develop artists and send opportunities their way. Songwriting competitions, grants, workshops, recording sessions - these are all part of the infrastructure of a thriving music scene There are other initiatives that can connect non-musicians to the thriving, inclusive and innovative activities of the music scene. For example, sponsoring musicians to go into schools and share their stories/empowering the stories of kids. Bringing classical, hip-hop or other 'city-dominated' music acts to smaller towns that wouldn't ordinarily have access to them. Participatory music workshops designed to include those who are musically enthusiastic. The essential building blocks for a thriving music scene are: 1) lots of small but regular music interactions at the grassroots 2) consistently high-quality 'headline' events modelling what is possible to the grassroots 3) generous invitations for non-musicians to profit from and share in a piece of the activity 4) a safe environment for creative people to take risks and make new work.

2. Cease discriminating against unvaccinated members of the community The COVID pandemic has produced great social divisions, and for a minority these divisions continue through no choice of their own. Workplaces are particular sites of discrimination, but so are schools, Charles Sturt University, and discrimination has occurred in many other events including council events. Given that scientific evidence for excluding unvaccinated members of the public from 'vaccinated' spaces is absent, and that mandates have not been recommended by Australia's Chief Health Medical officers, it is time that we all do our part to include all members of the community. This means that wherever possible Wagga City Council should advocate inclusion regardless of medical status or personal beliefs, in line with the most recent scientific evidence on COVID19 transmission. Doing this is an important part of keeping our community safe by not unnecessarily ostracising people who act in good conscience and by not leading others into a false sense of security (thinking that they will not catch COVID-19 since everyone has received 2,3,4 etc shots). Including those who have been discriminated against is a tangible measure of whether our community is Connected, Inclusive and ultimately Thriving. It is not possible to create such a community if we take it as law that some people deserve to be outcasts for being 'misinformed', or if we keep believing that the problem of

COVID-19 infections will go away provided we exclude some people. The Wagga City Council has a responsibility to model this inclusion for our communities rather than validate our worst tribal instincts which are serving no one. Welcoming all people regardless of vaccine status would be a potent symbol of the values which the City Council advances. Thanks.

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Your name:

Riley McPherson

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Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

I am a local professional touring Musician, I play locally as well as Nationally. The first thing I notice when travelling and playing shows in city's similar to Wagga is the amount of Performing Arts venues those towns have available to there community. Wagga is in desperate need of new Performing Arts venues. Whether it's the Riverina Conservatorium needing a space for Classical Piano Concerts, Contemporary Touring bands, Local bands or Local theater groups we need spaces that are useable for all types of performance. We are losing so many creatives to other regions due to the lack of opportunity to perform in our City.

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Your name:

Dave Wall

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

Wagga Wagga's current Civic Theatre was built in the sixties and is not large enough or flexible enough to cater for the area's cultural requirements into the 21st century. Wagga's Civic Theatre capacity is smaller than neighbouring regional cities. Albury Civic Centre has a capacity of 818 seats, Leeton - 700, Dubbo- 1250 and Bathurst - 1100. Wagga's cultural and theatrical side has been of immense importance to me and my family. I have performed in and been to productions in the Wagga Civic Theatre since 1969. The economic and cultural benefits that theatre brings to Wagga are immeasurable. We have sporting facilities that have seen massive upgrades and

development, but in Wagga the Civic Theatre has changed very little since it was first constructed. To attract the quality of performers, including local, national and international acts, Wagga needs a performance space that is flexible and large enough to cater for changing scenarios - from small theatre in the round, to a large - up to 1000 seat theatre, with indoor / outdoor options. An upgrade will also attract a much wider diversity of local productions and touring shows to the theatre. Being midway between Sydney and Melbourne, Wagga could bring international acts from classical, jazz, musical theatre and many other types of performances. As it is, its current under 500 seat capacity limits the number and variety of shows that can be performed in a year. Modern technologies could be employed that allow for creative use of space, such as retractable seating, multiple stage depths, automated lighting systems. With an upgrade, the theatre would not only be available to seated performances, as it is now, but for conferences, meetings, product launches, trade shows, award dinners and such.

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Your name:

David Smith

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Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

Wagga is in desperate need for a multi function center that can be used Local and Touring Musical and Performance Acts. We are missing on so Many Opportunities simply because we have dropped the ball in this area . We have spent so much money in the past 10 years on sporting fields and nothing on the performing Arts . National acts drive through out great town to preform at much better facilities at smaller regional towns.

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Your name:

Antonella

Your address:

Your email address:

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Your submission:

Hi, I'm interested in Wagga taking a more artistically cultural direction. Our community well-being is not only reliant on sports, but on the arts as well. We have a rich, yet often neglected history of the arts in our city. Wagga School of Arts, for example, established over 160 years ago, has contributed a substantial financial amount to the establishment of the Civic Theatre. It, since then, has operated from the basement of the theatre and is in need of a larger, permanent performance space to continue its provision of varied and entertaining productions for the community. We have a talented plethora of musicians, writers, artists and thespians amongst us

and a supportive community that enjoys participating, both actively and as an audience. I trust our Council will acknowledge this by providing decent funding and supporting artistic proposal, solely for growing the Arts in Wagga.

From: "margaret Ness" >
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Points for the Community Strategic Plan

The revised Community Strategic Plan (CSP) has commendably included the two Community and Corporate net zero targets and Council's commitment to support and empower the community to reach the community net zero target. But the early part of the document hasn't been revised to reflect the recognition of how important climate change is, the importance we place on lowering emissions, and the need to make Wagga resilient in terms of climate change.

Please -

Incorporate in the 16 page preface/intro the importance of climate change and of action to lessen, and adapt to, climate change.

- A paragraph or two can be included, akin to p. 8 in the section "Context for action to reduce emissions" in the draft Corporate Net Zero Strategy
- The 4 Guiding Principles (on p. 5) should be increased to 5 to include the principle "Sustainable" or "Towards Net Zero"
- Other changes are needed to make Wagga's emission reduction commitment and the importance of climate change more prominent

In the 16 page preface/intro, include a prominent **definition of the word 'sustainable'** that makes explicit that being sustainable means achieving net zero emissions. As recent IPCC reports have shown, any unabated emissions contribute to the negative effects of climate change, including the fires, floods, drought, heat stress and poverty to which our community would be subject. These negative effects are not consistent with the Brundtland definition of sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Develop a roadmap for the community's journey to net zero, not just for the Council's role in that journey. The roadmap will **prioritise** the most valuable actions that the community can take. The roadmap will guide residents and businesses, as well as guiding the Council on its role in community emission reduction. It will be a valuable tool for the sustainability education that Council provides. And, the process of consultation with the community to form the roadmap will be an educational exercise in itself.

Developing a net zero roadmap with and for the community will be a demonstration of Council's admirable resolution to "position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability" (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23).

Some important things that we ask Council to do, and which should be **inclusions in the community net zero roadmap**, are Council facilitating and advocating:

- for the uptake of renewable electricity Power Purchase Agreements by big electricity users,
- for the development of community batteries to allow more rooftop solar and residential cost-saving,
 - with the surging uptake of electric vehicles (EVs), larger rooftop solar systems will better enable residents and business to power their EVs, saving transport costs and keeping dollars in the local economy,
- to encourage residents and developers to understand the cost-savings from all-electric homes.

Make sure the spending is there (in the Council's subsidiary documents) for the development of the community's net zero roadmap, for coordinating the 6 monthly community net zero forums that Council recently resolved to commence, and for Council to enact its role in the roadmap. Many times more than the needed funds are available in the Net Zero Reserve, so this will not stress the Council budget.

Include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate zero emission plan. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target.

Also,

- In the section "**Safe and healthy community**", on p. 20 include the strategy "Prepare for the effects of climate change". A measure could be "Community satisfaction with preparedness for extreme heat events and access to safe, cool places."
- In the section "**Growing Economy**", p. 22 include the strategy "Recognise the future opportunities for Wagga Wagga, including cost savings and business viability, to be gained by continued investment in smaller-scale renewable energy projects and innovative storage technologies" [drawing from Direction 11 and Action 11.3 of the NSW Riverina-Murray Regional Plan, and from the 'Emerging Engine Industries' (p. 18) of the NSW Vision for Regional NSW]. A measure for this strategy could be "Business rooftop solar capacity".
- In the section "**Growing Economy**", under the Objective "Wagga is an attractive tourist destination" (p. 24), **add the measure "number of conveniently located electric vehicle charging stations"** for the strategy "Facilitate planning and development of visitor-related facilities and services.

Please assure that the Delivery Program and the Operational and Financial Plans enact these points.

Thank you
Yours Faithfully,
Margaret Ness

From: "Claire Osborne" >
Sent: Fri, 27 May 2022 17:31:47 +1000
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Wagga Wagga City Council's draft 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan. Please find attached a submission from Cancer Council NSW

Kind regards,

Claire

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We're here for you. For cancer information and support call 13 11 20



The banner features the Cancer Council logo on the left, with the text "BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022". The central text reads "Our Reconciliation Action Plan" and "See how we are working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples." Below this is a "FIND OUT MORE" button. On the right is a graphic titled "INNOVATE Reconciliation Action Plan" with a colorful Indigenous pattern. At the bottom are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

Cancer Council acknowledges Traditional Custodians of Country throughout NSW and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council
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Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Dear Wagga Wagga City Council,

Re: Response to the draft 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft CSP.

Cancer Council NSW is committed to reducing the impact of cancer on individuals and the community. We are community funded and community focused. We believe health is central to urban planning that can create environments that promote cancer-smart behaviours and reduce exposure to known cancer risks such as solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

This submission outlines the importance of the role of built and natural shade in helping to protect the community from over-exposure to UV radiation, and makes specific suggestions for inclusion of shade and UV radiation issues in Council's draft CSP.

Cancer Council NSW works closely with key stakeholders to reduce the incidence of skin cancer by improving access to adequate shade in NSW. Cancer Council NSW is a key partner in the implementation of the [NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy](#) (2017) which defines a comprehensive approach to reducing overexposure to UV radiation and ultimately the incidence of skin cancer in NSW. The Strategy is a multidisciplinary initiative lead by the Cancer Institute NSW which is an agency of NSW Health.

Skin cancer in Australia and in your local government area

Australia has the highest levels of UV radiation and the highest incidence rates of skin cancer worldwide, where two out of every three people are likely to be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. UV radiation from the sun causes 95% of melanomas and 99% of non-melanoma skin cancers in Australia. This means skin cancer is highly preventable. In the Wagga Wagga LGA, the age-standardised incidence rate of melanoma between 2013 and 2017 was 55.2 per 100,000 population, which is higher than the NSW average rate.¹

The importance of shade in reducing the risk of skin cancer

Quality shade, which is defined as a well-designed and correctly positioned combination of natural and built shade, can reduce solar UV radiation exposure by up to 75%. This makes shade a critical component to reducing overall skin cancer risk. Shade availability and accessibility are key to shade use; it needs to be readily

¹ Cancer Institute NSW Statistics Portal <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/cancer-data-and-statistics/cancer-statistics-nsw//analysis/incidence/>

available across a range of outdoor spaces where children and adults live, work and play.

Councils have a responsibility for a range of health promoting activities intended to benefit their communities. Facilitating sun protection through thoughtful planning and designing of effective shade forms part of these responsibilities.

Prioritising natural shade for UV protection will also assist Council in achieving NSW Government urban heat management and healthy built environment priorities including:

- Achieving proposed tree canopy targets outlined in the draft NSW Urban Design Guide

Further information on shade is available via Cancer Council NSW's website such as:

- [The co-benefits of shade](#)
- [Cancer Council NSW Guidelines to Shade](#)
- [Cancer Institute NSW case studies of well-designed shade.](#)

Response to your Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

Council's CSP also plays a key role in ensuring the practical planning and delivery of shade.

Cancer Council NSW urges Council to add the following to your CSP:

- Ensure the value of shade for UV radiation protection and other co-benefits are fully recognised and acknowledge that there is currently a lack of quality shade in public spaces. This may have already been raised in the community engagement you undertook to develop the plan.
- Recognise that quality shade is an asset that is critical to ensuring the health, comfort and well-being of your community.
- The commitment to plan and budget properly in advance for built and natural shade in public spaces including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, active travel networks and town centres.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on your draft CSP. If you would like any further support or information, please feel free to contact me via Elizabeth.king@nswcc.org.au or ph: (02) 9334 1760.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth King
Chair, NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy Shade Working Group
Skin Cancer Prevention Manager
Cancer Council NSW

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Your name:

Don Hillam

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

I have been a performer, director, writer and producer of entertainment shows in Wagga and other parts of Australia since 1974. These include many shows at the Civic Theatre including concerts, school productions and musical theatre for more than 40 years. As well I have produced countless cabaret shows throughout venues in Wagga including The Garden Court, The Wagga Country Club, Choices, Randys, The Saloon Bar The Aussie Rules Club just to name a few. Musicals include Tommy, The Rocky Horror Show, Grease, Les Miserables, Beauty and the Beast, Starbuck The Wiz and The Boy from Oz. Some of the cabaret shows include The Wild

One, Deano and Jerry, The Boys Show, Xmas shows , Pandemonium, Scallywags and About Face. I have played in very successful rock bands including Low Profile and Session quite often supporting major touring acts that have come to Wagga. I have lost count of the weddings and private functions I have played at. During this time I have hired and mentored countless young talented performers many who have gone on to have professional or semi professional careers. Lets be honest the Civic Theatre is old and has served the City well for the past 60 odd years. Wagga needs to build a new Entertainment precinct that is state of the art in technology and functionality. I believe with the right facility Wagga could become a mecca for , international, national and local artists to perform. It needs to be a structure that could seat at least a 1000 people for the larger shows. This would attract larger International and National acts. A cabaret room capable of dinner shows would be highly utilised because there are no purpose built venues in Wagga that cater for this audience. An indoor / outdoor performance space would also be great. Cafes , restaurants and bars should also be integrated into the precinct. Imagine opera , musical theatre, plays, concerts of all musical genres, ballet, comedy festivals, conventions ,school and amateur productions the list is endless I know people would travel from as far away as Canberra, Griffith, Albury and everywhere in between to attend these quality productions. Build a facility that no-one in Regional NSW can compare with. Show the vision and foresight of those people in the School of Arts when the Civic theatre was originally built. Do it once BUT do it right. Be the Council that people will say in 30 or 40 years time those people showed great foresight. The cost will seem cheap if the structure and inner technology is state of the art The amount of Entertainment tourism that a world class venue would generate will more than cover the initial cost over time Many thanks Don Hillam

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Your name:

Geoff Simpson

Your address:

Your email address:

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I think we should focus on performing arts and in particular music. Music is a binder for our communities. A multi purpose functional facility that creates opportunities for the arts to be developed, promoted and bring people together is what is required.

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Dale Allison

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

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I am writing as a Community Consultant to Carissa Campbell (Civic Theatre), a member of the band Groove Factorie, a business owner (Allison Music) and an individual musician who has been playing shows in the Civic Theatre since 1979. In recent years our band Groove Factorie has lost two venues (Home Hotel and Commercial Club) at which we presented regular shows in which we brought national and international artists Red Molly (NY) and the Alaskan String Band (Alaska) to Wagga. Since the closure of those venues we have not be able to find a suitable venue to continue. The current Civic Theatre is a 60 year old venue that has been refurbished a

few times and as of writing this is fully booked for the rest of the year. The shows we presented were ticketed with the monthly events being free to the public which consisted of a very wide community demographic and presented young local artists (vocal and instrumental) on a regular basis in many cases giving these young people their first ever public performance. I consider it essential that the City of Wagga foster this ethos by providing suitable venues for all types of artistic pursuits, the result will be a steady rise in nationally acclaimed artists who can say they started in wagga Wagga. The plans shown to me by Carissa Campbell made my jaw drop, if undertaken this Civic Theatre Precinct would put Wagga on the same level as any capital city in Australia. The diverse range of performance opportunities it offers will not only cater for the needs of locals but will attract national and international performers. It also presents a once only chance to establish Wagga in fields like Jazz, Opera, Classical Performance, Cabaret and conference hosting not really catered for properly at present and in future bring a diverse range of culture and arts and visitor dollars to Wagga. There are many groups/organisations locally who need a facility like this and it is a no brainer that once established it would attract interest from around the country on the many many possibilities it presents. The Civic Theatre was built in the 60's with major monetary input from the School Of Arts, they have earned their right to access it when required especially their home in the basement, unfortunately when they use the basement the actual theatre can't be used because of the noise factor. This limits the already strained schedule for the theatre. Unfortunately in the past several fantastic venues have been lost in Wagga (Hoyts Theatre) being one, where other cities and towns have preserved their theatres and town halls Wagga has let them slip away. Now there is an opportunity to look forward and anticipate and cater for the needs of Wagga for the next 60 years.

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Gday

I have reviewed the Draft Community Strategic Plan and would like to thank those involved for an excellent document.

However, I would like to recommend some changes, identified below by page number.

Page 5 Introduction

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Page 15 Strategic direction

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Page 17 Community leadership and collaboration

Under "Our partners" for "Our leaders represent our community" can we add: Our diverse ethnic groups

All

disadvantaged peoples in Wagga Wagga

Page 22 Growing economy

Can we add a new Strategy: "Identify and pursue future opportunities to develop climate friendly industries and practices"

Many Thanks

John Smith

From: "Robert Rathbone"
Sent: Tue, 31 May 2022 15:16:03 +1000
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Subject: Points for the Community Strategic Plan

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Thank you
Yours sincerely
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 Thank you,
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Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

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Dear Sirs,
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Your faithfully,
James Grant Adams

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Begin forwarded message:

From: William Adlong >
Date: 27 May 2022 at 16:27:10 AEST
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
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Just be sure to include your name and address, so that Council knows you are a resident of (or worker or owner in) the Wagga local government area.

If you want to look over the draft Community Strategic Plan, it is linked at: <https://connect.wagga.nsw.gov.au/csp2040>

Regards,
William Adlong

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My name is Mark Grentell. I now reside in Sydney but previously lived in Wagga since birth and visit on a monthly basis. In my time in Wagga (and also since leaving for work opportunities) I have produced and directed numerous shows in Wagga Wagga and its surrounding areas, all of which had vast community involvement on all levels and many which provided both creative opportunities as well as commercial benefits for the city too. Over the years I have produced and directed large scale musicals such as Rent, High School Musical and the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. I have also produced and directed countless cabaret shows including

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personal/professional development perspective too. A venue like this will attract opportunities that simply would not exist otherwise and will give a space where producers like me (and many others) can consider Wagga a location of choice when it comes to selecting their touring venues. It is a revenue generating decision that will serve the community for the next 50+n years...just as Carriage Works has in Sydney, a space regionally like this has enormous potential. It is my recommendation that WWCC strongly consider this proposal and see the true potential of what a space like this can bring to a community like Wagga, across multiple levels. Thanks Mark Grentell

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Neil Harris

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Hi team, Please see my points below: 1) I'd like Council to spell out what their responsibilities are. Upon reading the draft plan, it seems Council just wants to do what the residents tell them. I'm not sure you'll ever win that battle. Local Council has a role to play that sits within National and State Govts, I'd like to see that role spelled out. I believe local government has an opportunity to help us live and work together within our local context. 2) I think you need to connect the past into your draft CSP a little better. Thousands of years of human connection in this place and only thing I can see is the acknowledgment of Country and town names in

Wiradyuri language. How about including something a bit more about Wiradyuri connection than just the acknowledgement. Perhaps a page or two of text from local elders? Would be good to also see how Council is trying to work with elders in areas other than natural resource management. How about sponsoring some staff to go and participate in the Grad Cert in Wiradyuri culture at CSU? I know your Aboriginal Liaison Officer is already involved, but how about some more of the top brass becoming involved in it? This is what could help boost reconciliation in this area. White people need to come to the table, I don't think our First Nations community need to be working harder for this to happen. Engaging black businesses to work with Council in their operations would also be a good way to boost reconciliation in our area. 3) In terms of the past, I also think we should be relating the actions over the next 10 years a little better to what has come before us. What is Wagga's current identity? What is there that we can already be proud of (sporting heritage, Wiradyuri heritage etc)? What parts of this identity is it important to keep? This will help inform the plan going forward. 4) I think we can do a little better in terms of our commitment to greenhouse gas emissions. It's great to see we are on the front foot in terms of setting targets. Some local Councils in NSW still don't even mention climate action. But our targets are not in line with The Climate Council or the Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration. The targets by the state government are not even in line. Wagga Council now has a group of Councillors that are current with this issue. We need to be asking ourselves why our targets are not in line with these organisations recommendations, rather than saying what's one step better than the last Council. I'm specifically referring to the 2030 emissions goal of a 50% reduction vs a 75% reduction. The Climate Council has a recommendation of a 75% reduction (<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9299866/video/678626295>) and Breakthrough has made this document for local government (https://www.breakthroughonline.org.au/_files/ugd/148cb0_4e9160c9b25a44d98e715ee38b29a823.pdf). I don't think we need to wait for state government to give us these directions. Really, what's holding us back from making these targets in line with current climate science? I don't think we have Councillors that are holding us back anymore. 5) I wonder what we can be doing to look at the overall ecological footprint of new suburbs/housing developments. I know a lot of this is controlled by state govt, but there must be some ways we can not only reduce the ecological footprint of new developments, but make people proud to live in them by accentuating the natural and native aspects of them, giving them a local character. It would be good to see information from the South West Slopes Revegetation guide (<http://wwwul.org.au/files/SWS%20Reveg%20GuideLR.pdf>) helping to inform the design of our urban places. Plantings in Lake Albert could be different to the along the river, on Willans Hill etc. Some information about why Council are planting these plantings would be ideal as it would help inform people what they can plant in their backyard. Could we design new suburbs with an emphasis on the character of the habitat of that local area? Could we have habitat corridors running through (a bit like Estella's pathway with the huge gum trees, or the salinity reduction corridors in Mt Austin through to Glenfield)? Could the parks in these areas have plants that are native to that area with information signs on them? 6) Playgrounds in our area are a big asset to support families. Not only are they places to escape home with young children, they are places where families can meet, share stories and support each other. Research by Dr Katrien Pickles showed that families in Wagga would love to have some ownership of their local playgrounds. Perhaps local families could play a role in maintaining them or designing them? 7) There seems to be a huge disparity in access to public assets in Wagga along socio-demographic lines. For a family of five to travel to Oasis in Summer there would be a large cost involved in public

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awareness amongst builders and new homeowners. It seems to come last on the list if it is considered at all. It seems very easy to have a home approved that has little more than a bathroom window on the Northern side! Much energy can be saved without having to pay more for the floorplan. It is unfortunate that this aspect doesn't seem to be highlighted in the approvals process. There's more to it than just insulation. Solar requirements need more teeth!

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This submission is made in relation to ensuring Council and the Community Plan continue supporting local the local arts, culture and entertainment sectors of the City. I am a member of the Bidgee Blues Club that provides an avenue for musics and performers to collaborate on various musical events surrounding blues and roots music culture. The regular open mic afternoons and concerts involving both local and national performers provide an invaluable resource accessible to all the local community. Property fitted out venues, in relation to staging and sound production is always difficult to provide for, especially to meet the high standards of

many local, national and internationally artists. Future upgrades planned for the Civic Theatre should provide separate spaces for performances that don't require the venue size that exists with the current theatre. Council needs to included into the Strategic Plan a broad visions of upgraded facilities for all artists and performers in the City, including fit-outs and equipment levels worthy of national and international touring artists and entertainers.

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Your name:

Dr Gordon M. Murray

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft community strategic plan. It is an impressive document and I congratulate all those who have worked on it. I recommend that the plan begin by acknowledging that climate change will govern all the actions taken by Council and the local community over the next few decades. Regardless of whether we take immediate action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, our past actions have locked in at least a world average temperature rise of 1.5C°, while current data suggest that the rise will be at least 2C° by 2040. Thus, all planning now must consider the implications on human health and wellbeing, our

local environment, and our infrastructure. My specific comments on the plan follow. p. 5 change the vision to read: "In 2040 Wagga Wagga will be a thriving, innovative, connected and inclusive community on the Murrumbidgee. Rich in opportunity, choice, learning and environment, and resilient to the challenges imposed by climate change. Wagga Wagga is a place where paths cross and people meet." p. 5 add "resilient" to the list under "Innovative" p. 11 add to the third paragraph under About this plan, "Throughout, this plan is guided by the anticipated changes to climate to result in having a resilient community in 2040." p. 15 add "Emergency shelters" to the list under "Safe and healthy community" add "Adaptation to the changing weather" to "sustainability" under "The environment" p. 20 under the measures in "Objective: Our community feel safe", add "Community satisfaction with protection from increased heat waves, fire and storm damage due to climate change" p. 21 Under the measures in "Objective: Our community embraces healthier lifestyle choices and practices", add "Community satisfaction with our footpaths and walking tracks is increasing" p. 21 Under the measures in "Objective: Our community has access to health and support services that cater for all of our needs", add "Community satisfaction with systems to ameliorate heat emergencies, extreme storm damage, and bushfires" p. 23 For the strategy "Attract and support local businesses, industry, and employment opportunities" you need an objective for the types of businesses to attract. The RIFL and SAP, along with other industrial areas, offer opportunities for industries that value add to locally produced agricultural products. For example, the existing canola crushing plant value adds to locally grown canola and the RIFL will benefit transport. Recycling industries are another. Consider other bulk commodities and how they could be enhanced. p.30 "Ensuring sustainable urban development" requires that all new sub divisions must be designed so that the majority of new buildings have the optimum orientation for solar efficiency. Changes to state planning laws may be required for WWCC to be able to enforce this requirement. p. 30 In addition to tree planting, the planting of tree corridors (linear parks) with understory plants as well as trees will enhance biodiversity and provide cooling for neighbourhoods. Attention is required to provide shading and biodiversity in established parts of Wagga Wagga and villages that presently lack such areas. p. 32 There is little acknowledgment of the need to plan for emergency events except for flooding. The present levees were designed on historic data of flood heights. Has Council considered the likely heights of floods with increased intensity of rain, as has occurred in, for example, Lismore, this year? The Black Summer showed the need for emergency shelters for people displaced by fires. Heatwaves, which are likely to increase in frequency, duration and temperature, will require cool shelters for the residents who do not have adequate air conditioning. (Dr) Gordon M. Murray 2 June 2022

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Greetings

I have attached my comments on the above plans.

I was informed that submissions via email were acceptable.

Kind Regards

Patricia Murray

*"The Greatest Threat to Our Planet Is the Belief That Someone Else Will Save It" - Robert Swan 2012
(Antarctic and Arctic Explored)*

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2040 and the Draft Delivery Plan 2022/2026 & Operational Plan 2022/2026s. These are important plans that shape the future of Wagga Wagga.

I acknowledge that Wagga Wagga City council has achieved a lot and that there are constraints on what can be accomplished.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Murray

Comments on Wagga Wagga Draft Community Strategic Plan 2040

By Patricia Murray

P5 . Suggestion that *Sustainability becomes a 5th guiding principle*

Why: Certain resources are limited or finite, therefore it puts a cap or ceiling on those activities that use those resources. The availability of a resource may be further compromised by increasing temperature and prolonged drought due to climate change. One such resource is Water.

Targets for sustainability should include:

- Equity between generations
- Resilience to climate change
- Resilience to natural disasters
- Liveability
- Health and well being

P 10 Comment: Median weekly household income of \$1,353 is quite low if that includes super and tax. This has implications for the community's ability to make changes that incur a cost, especially if those households have one or more children.

P15 Community leadership and collaboration

I think it should have: representative of cultural diversity, both indigenous and emigrant community

P17 Our leaders represent our community. If this includes the councillors, then the council doesn't presently give a good representation of the community because there is no Aboriginal or people from the diverse cultures on the council.

A goal must be to increase the representation of the diverse community on council

P20 Safe and healthy community – need to include the effects, especially heat, of climate change on the health of the population. Why? Heat causes the greatest number of death than any other natural disaster. Death is the most extreme case, but heat compromises the general health of the individual and unborn child. The heat affected individual is less efficient and more accident prone at work either because of workplace conditions or due to poor sleep conditions at home.

A goal: Ensure council provides an environment and facilities that mitigate the effects of extreme heat on their staff and the general community.

P 21 Our community embraces healthier lifestyle choices and practice

Too much emphasis on organised sport. Exercise works best if easily accessible and done on a regular basis. Not everyone enjoys team sports.

Measures: Greater number of people walking or cycling to work or for recreation.

P22 Growing economy

Recognise opportunities in renewable energy industry – the full cycle of renewables the installation, maintenance, disposal and recycling of valuable components.

Support rural communities to become a secure food source for the local community by promoting areas for market garden, well designed all weather area for a regular local market, identifying prime agricultural land and safe guarded against future development. Recent floods and fires have shown how vulnerable food supplies can be.

P 23 Push on continual growth.

Bigger is not always better if the infrastructure and facilities are not there.

P24 Wagga an attractive tourist destination

Need to provide year 'round attractive city venues. People won't want to come to hot places in the middle of summer. Wagga Wagga not attractive if it is a heat sink. This means having suitable activities and also a cool attractive appearance by promoting well shaded streetscapes and cool natural refuges within the city.

P28 Valuing our heritage –

This should include the natural heritage as well as the built environment. An acknowledgement of Wagga Wagga LGA's rural setting. People are escaping the large cities because of the congestion, heat, noise and lack of open space. Development needs to consider retaining the rural atmosphere in and around the urban areas, otherwise it will just become a mini-Sydney.

P30 The environment

Ensure sustainable urban development – more has to be done to ensure any new development minimizes the potential for heat islands by planting and retaining trees and tall shrubs. Developing neighbourhood power sources to minimize potential black outs from natural disasters locally or elsewhere.

Ensure that during periods of extreme drought there will be enough water to meet the basic needs of the community for now and in the future.

Ensure a diversity of housing.

Ensure that all new housing is energy efficient, well insulated and provides opportunities for cross ventilation. This type of housing must be available for all the community including in social and affordable housing.

Our natural areas are protected and enhanced

Areas of high natural value must be identified and protected in perpetuity from any housing, agricultural or business development. Their value to cool the landscape and provide valuable areas for passive recreation are well known and are especially valuable when linked to other natural areas.

Protection of natural vegetation is increasing – this hasn't been the case in new housing areas. Identification of key areas and developing linkages is essential and remains in perpetuity, not rezone later for development like in the new Lloyd development.

P 31 Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting.

Ensure there are heat refuges scattered throughout the community.

A lot could happen to improve the functionality of the city by reducing the dependence on cars, promote medium density housing opportunities for all types of people, especially those with

mobility issues. Investment in better urban planning is needed rather than the present ad hoc approach. The travel plan has been a good example of improving the passive recreational opportunities for part of the community. A similar approach needs to happen for the general urban development that includes medium density housing opportunities which incorporate sustainable housing principle and green space. A good example is at the link below.

<https://architectureau.com/articles/studio-apartments/>

Comments on Draft Delivery Plan 2022/2026 & Operational Plan 2022/2026

By Patricia Murray

Delivery Plan

P 14 *Our leaders represent our community –*

Programs need to be developed to assist woman, Wiradjuri and members of the various cultures present in the community to have a greater chance to be on council. With the increasing population in Wagga Wagga would it not be sensible to increase the number of councillors. Need to ensure that at least 2 or greater councillors are women.

Measure: Increased representation on local council by local Wiradjuri people and people from the multicultural community.

P 15 *Ensure our community feels heard and understood*

Liaising with community support agencies like Salvation Army, Red Cross, Women's Health Centre to develop programs to address the issues for homelessness, affordable housing and safe refuge from domestic violence.

P16 *Our community feels safe*

As with previous concern there isn't a targeted approach to homelessness and refuge from domestic violence. The present target is more about being attacked on the street or home invasion. There are other issues that make people feel unsafe.

P19 *Wagga Wagga is an attractive location for people to live, work and invest.*

Wagga Wagga continues to promote its rural setting and way of life, but the unplanned growth without recognition of conserving key natural areas is not in keeping with the rural setting or way of life.

To get more professional people here you need more than just sporting fields. There also needs to be an emphasis on the arts, cultural events and education opportunities at all levels as much or more than the sporting prowess of the community.

P24 *Our built environment....and health promoting*

Better control on the type and height of building needs to be considered. At present it seems very ad hoc without consideration of the surrounding heritage. New buildings can respect the surrounding built environment and still be functional. Emphasis needs to be on appropriate shading along streets, orientation of buildings to take advantage of cross ventilation and passive solar heating for winter, this reduces the energy costs and emissions from the development.

p. 25 Wagga Wagga is sustainable.....resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Water and food security need to be considered in a changing climate.

Better housing design and construction are needs.

Better housing development design is needs to promote new cool suburbs and minimise energy usage.

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I wish to endorse and put forward the below points as my input to this process of community consultation.

Points for the Community Strategic Plan

The revised Community Strategic Plan (CSP) has commendably included the two Community and Corporate net zero targets and Council's commitment to support and empower the community to reach the community net zero target. But the early part of the document hasn't been revised to reflect the recognition of how important climate change is, the importance we place on lowering emissions, and the need to make Wagga resilient in terms of climate change.

Please -

Incorporate in the 16 page preface/intro the importance of climate change and of action to lessen, and adapt to, climate change.

- A paragraph or two can be included, akin to p. 8 in the section "Context for action to reduce emissions" in the draft Corporate Net Zero Strategy
- The 4 Guiding Principles (on p. 5) should be increased to 5 to include the principle "Sustainable" or "Towards Net Zero"
- Other changes are needed to make Wagga's emission reduction commitment and the importance of climate change more prominent

In the 16 page preface/intro, include a prominent **definition of the word 'sustainable'** that makes explicit that being sustainable means achieving net zero emissions. As recent IPCC reports have shown, any unabated emissions contribute to the negative effects of climate change, including the fires, floods, drought, heat stress and poverty to which our community would be subject. These negative effects are not consistent with the Brundtland definition of sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Develop a roadmap for the community's journey to net zero, not just for the Council's role in that journey. The roadmap will **prioritise** the most valuable actions that the community can take. The roadmap will guide residents and businesses, as well as guiding the Council on its role in community emission reduction. It will be a valuable tool for the sustainability education that

Council provides. And, the process of consultation with the community to form the roadmap will be an educational exercise in itself.

Developing a net zero roadmap with and for the community will be a demonstration of Council's admirable resolution to "position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability" (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23).

Some important things that we ask Council to do, and which should be **inclusions in the community net zero roadmap**, are Council facilitating and advocating:

- for the uptake of renewable electricity Power Purchase Agreements by big electricity users,
- for the development of community batteries to allow more rooftop solar and residential cost-saving,
 - with the surging uptake of electric vehicles (EVs), larger rooftop solar systems will better enable residents and business to power their EVs, saving transport costs and keeping dollars in the local economy,
- to encourage residents and developers to understand the cost-savings from all-electric homes.

Make sure the spending is there (in the Council's subsidiary documents) for the development of the community's net zero roadmap, for coordinating the 6 monthly community net zero forums that Council recently resolved to commence, and for Council to enact its role in the roadmap. Many times more than the needed funds are available in the Net Zero Reserve, so this will not stress the Council budget.

Include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate zero emission plan. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target.

Also,

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Please assure that the Delivery Program and the Operational and Financial Plans enact these points.

Thank you
Jan Roberts
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additionally to comment more specifically on 2 interrelated areas in the draft Plan ; environment and economy through the lens of electrified transport solutions . - An efficient Transport system is flagged throughout the report as essential for a thriving growing Wagga LGA - There are around 38,000 passenger cars and approx 12,000 commercial vehicles in the LGA - These Vehicles consume on average 250,000 litres of fuel /day Changing over to a much higher proportion of Electric Vehicles (EVs) would have positive environmental outcomes for - particulate pollution - CO2 Emissions - entry to the environment of oil and fuel by leakage A larger EV fleet would also have profound economic consequences - On the figures above Wagga motorists are paying out substantially more than 1/4 of Million dollars a day. Only a small portion stays here as either retail margin or comes back as redistributed excise The rest leaves our region forever. Now imagine what would happen if even a relatively small portion of that expenditure stayed here. – An EV costs about \$4.50/100km to charge – An ICE powered vehicle is around \$10-\$12/100km over twice the refuelling cost -An EV in Wagga could be regularly and reliably charged from rooftop Solar Panels -Figures from Melbourne transport companies using ETrucks show that Electric delivery vehicles up to 10 tonnes pay off their extra capital cost in 2 and ½ years substantially reducing that figure even further - Savings in fuel costs are most often used for other small spends typically local goods and services. – People often have concerns about what will happen to the batteries coming out of EVs. This is also a good news story. Batteries are removed when they have lost 20% of their charge capacity. However they are still quite serviceable for many years as storage capacity for houses and businesses with Solar PV and are used for this purpose in other countries. In Europe the larger Truck battery packs are readily snapped up for EV fast charging stations. What would it take to accelerate this process and make Wagga a regional leader Green Transport and Economic revitalisation post COVID? A few might be Facilitation of charging stations Encouragement of Fleet conversion to EV starting with WWCC Incentive packages that encourage charge points at or near workplaces Working with TAFE to provide training for EV maintenance and battery reuse In conclusion the EV revolution has the potential of huge economic and environmental benefits particularly for Regional Australia Wagga Wagga because of its size, geographical placement and abundant Solar access is better placed than most to take advantage of that potential

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Draft Community Strategic Plan Wagga Wagga Local Government Area 2040 GENERAL COMMENTS for consideration This Plan has many good elements and could be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of : CURRENT STATUS/LEVELS of various MEASURABLE PAREMETERS i.e %'s, Areas, Numbers, Rates, Figures etc. This would enable MEASUREMENT and ASSESSMENT of OUTCOMES for the Annual , 4 Year and 10 periods of Delivery, Operational and all Council Strategic Plans including the Community Strategic Plan 2040 E.g p 23 " Est resident pop'n has increased sustainably from 66,000 in 2020 to 88,000 in

2040". SPECIFIC COMMENTS There needs to be a definition, and inclusion of , what "sustainable " means throughout this document. E.g 1. p5 Vision "WW will be a sustainablecommunity along theand surrounding areas..... ". This emphasises we need to be a sustainable community before anything else. ref to " surrounding areas", will take away some of the inherent ambiguity and bias of the document being overly WW City/ Urban centered. Add 2 other Guiding Principles (a) (SUSTAINABLE) and added components eg stable agricultural production etc (b) PEACEFUL and JUST SOCIETY and add components eg Caring, Spiritual etc 2. p6 Our Community "WW is a vibrant and sustainable city..... 3. p12 Council's Role/Community's Role This section and the various Role's listed for Council is laudable. However roles of Community in particular and other Partners (State/Fed Govt, NGOs, First Nats etc listed in various sections Pp 17 -33) could be similarly spelt out in some detail. This is a Community Strategic Plan and Community has responsibility in part at least in for its implementation. 4. p20 Objective: Our Community is safe. 5. p21 Objectives: Our.....choices and practices". and "..health and support..." These sections have an emphasis on (organised?) Sporting activities (first objective) over other important life enriching/recreational/informal activities(eg Spiritual pursuits, art, creative activities) . Health Services could also include reference to Self Care/ Responsibility, Prevention in relation to Health/Well Being (second objective). 6.p30 Environment Objective : Future growth and development of Wagga Wagga LGA is Sustainable. ..

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Raymond Nino Haggith

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To whom it may concern, As an ex Wagga Wagga creative industry worker, artist and musician, and having worked alongside PHOEBE PINNOCK as MusicNSW's Regional Music Officer for the Northern Rivers, i feel that it is an incredible shame for the RMO Program not to continue, especially in my hometown of Wagga where Phoebe has served and continues to do incredible work to support, connect and create opportunities and resources for the regional music scene. I sincerely support any possibility of facilitating or furthering such a role or the like for the Riverina region, including Albury, with such an exceptionally connected, more than capable, and

emphatic worker as Phoebe at the helm. As Regional Music officers for our specific regions, we have uncovered the necessity for these roles in our communities, for further growth and professional and creative development of our artists and Music & Arts industries. With the recent and continual success of FITZ FEST, amongst many other skills and creative services for the community, Phoebe is a very well respected and much loved member of the emerging Arts community in Wagga Wagga and surrounds with many years devoted to her craft and industry. I do hope that a position or role may arise in which she may continue this much needed resource. I am more than happy to support or provide further information upon request via the supplied contact details. With best regards, Nino Haggith Regional Music Officer for the Northern Rivers MusicNSW www.musicnsw.com

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Dear General Manager

Please find attached a submission to your draft CSP and Delivery Program from Sarah McGill A/CEO of the Cancer Institute NSW.

I am happy to assist with any queries.

Kind regards

Irina Kamychnikova

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders past and present. I also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff working with NSW Government at this time.

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Dear General Manager,

Re: Submission to Draft Community Strategic Plan 2040 and Delivery Program 2022/2026 – regarding shade and UV protection

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Draft Community Strategic Plan* (CSP) and *Delivery Program* (DP) recently prepared by Council.

The Cancer Institute NSW (the Institute) is the state government's cancer control agency responsible for the delivery of the [NSW Cancer Plan](#) to reduce the incidence of cancer in NSW and the [NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy](#). The Institute works closely with key stakeholders with health and built environment expertise to reduce the incidence of skin cancer by improving access to adequate shade in NSW. The Institute also promotes sun protection and healthy lifestyle behaviours, including physical activity, which reduce the risk of certain cancers.

The Institute is committed to supporting your Council to reduce skin cancer and improving access to adequate shade in your LGA and has prepared the following submission that:

- outlines the importance of well-designed shade for the prevention of skin cancer
- offers specific comments and suggestions regarding the draft CSP and DP
- provides further information and contacts to assist Council in budgeting, planning, designing and constructing good quality shade.

1. Skin cancer and shade in your LGA

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, and it is estimated that cases of non-melanoma skin cancers exceed all other cancer types combined.¹ At least 99% of non-melanoma skin cancers² and 95 per cent of melanoma skin cancers³ are caused by overexposure to ultra-violet radiation (UVR) from the sun. UVR is a class 1 carcinogen, and two in three Australians are expected to develop skin cancer before the age of 70.⁴ In your LGA, the incidence rate of melanoma skin cancer in 2017 was 55.2 per 100,000 population, which was higher than the state average.⁵

Across NSW, Bureau of Meteorology records show UVR levels are high enough to damage unprotected skin for at least 10 months of the year. Unlike temperature, UVR can't be seen or felt and damage to unprotected skin can still occur on cool or overcast days.

The good news is that skin cancer is highly preventable. In addition to personal protective behaviours ([Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide](#)), there is evidence that well-designed and correctly positioned shade, from both natural vegetation and built structures, can reduce exposure to UVR by up to 75 per cent.⁶

The provision of good quality shade is integral to assisting the community in reducing its exposure to UVR. However, quality shade needs to be planned, provided and maintained with careful thought if it is to be effective. This is where your Council can play an important role through the budgeting, planning, design and construction of good quality shade.

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The flyer *Shade: A planning and design priority that helps prevents skin cancer* gives Council staff and Councillors an excellent overview of the benefits of well-designed shade.

2. Specific comments regarding the draft CSP and Delivery Program

The Institute recognises that the CSP is the highest level of planning undertaken for your LGA, and is a shared community vision that will inform Council's projects and programs for the next 10 years.

The Institute is concerned that shade is not mentioned in the **CSP** and it is suggested that the importance of built and natural shade is included in the following relevant sections (suggested additions are shown in *italics*):

- On p21, under the Objective 'Our community embraces healthier lifestyle choices and practices', add:
 - Another measure: *Community satisfaction with being able to find shade in public places when it is needed.*
 - Another strategy: *provide shade to open space and recreation areas, footpaths and cycleways to encourage year-round healthy activity*
- On p31, under the Objective 'Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting' add:
 - to the Strategy 'Create an attractive *and shaded* city'
 - another measure: *Community satisfaction with being able to find shade in public places when it is needed*

Regarding the **Delivery Program**, it is suggested that the following is added (suggested additions are shown in *italics*):

- On p17, under the Strategy 'Promote access and participation for all sections of the community to a full range of sports and recreational activities', add to the Principal Activity: Provide high-quality parkland, sports and recreational facilities that are diverse, *shaded*, accessible and responsive to changing needs.
- On p24, under the Strategy 'Create an attractive [and shaded] city', add to the Principal Activity: Enhance the amenity of the streetscape and achieve an expanded and sustainable tree canopy *and well-designed built and natural shade* for our community

To support these suggestions, Council may like to consider the following evidence:

1. The Institute is aware that the provision of shade to public spaces has consistently been a concern of the community over many years. For example, analysis in 2018⁷ found that:
 - around 41% of the NSW adult population always or often sought shade when they were out in the sun for more than 15 minutes between 11am and 3pm; although
 - 35% of the population were not able to easily find shade in sporting areas; and
 - people use shade when it is provided.
2. In recent Cancer Institute NSW research regarding benchmarking shade in NSW playgrounds (as yet unpublished), it was found that 19% of the 2592 audited NSW playgrounds (over 91 LGAs) had no shade over play equipment. In the shaded

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playgrounds, shade was found most commonly over only ¼ of the playground area.

Feedback from stakeholders indicated shade in community-based playgrounds to be extremely important, with specific feedback being:

- a desire for built shade to be used while waiting for immature trees to grow, and
- a desire to improve planning and design of playgrounds to match seasonal and regional variations with preference for some winter sun, and shade in summer to reduce heat.

The Institute suggests that Council, the CSP and DP recognise that well-designed built and natural shade:

- **is an asset** that is critical to ensuring the health, comfort and well-being of your community, and has many benefits.
- **should be provided in all public spaces** including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, key footpaths and cycleways, town centres, adjacent to community buildings, within parking areas and at public transport approaches and waiting spaces including bus stops and train stations.
- **is a natural hazard akin to heatwaves, floods and bushfires.** As an explanation - overexposure to solar UV radiation is a meteorological hazard caused by the interaction of the sun, ozone and other natural processes. As explained earlier, this hazard is present in the region at levels high enough to damage unprotected skin for at least 10 months of the year. As such, UV radiation could be recognised as a natural hazard in the CSP.
- **needs dedicated planning and budgeting.** In this respect, the Institute recommends that the planning and construction of well-designed built and natural shade is recognised in Council's DP.

3. Further information and assistance regarding shade for all staff within council

The Institute's key message is that the provision of well-designed, appropriately located and properly budgeted built and natural shade is integral to assisting the community in reducing its over-exposure to UVR, and hence in reducing the risk of skin cancer in the community.

As such, the Institute will be pleased to provide support to Council that will assist in the planning, design and construction of shade. Some resources are provided in the *Additional Information* section below. Further technical documents, information and assistance can be obtained from the Institute:

Nikki Woolley, Skin and Lifestyle Cancer Prevention Portfolio Manager
Email: CINSW-SkinCancerPrevention@health.nsw.gov.au or Phone: 8374 5604

A consultant Registered Planner, Jan Fallding RPIA (Fellow), has been engaged to assist in preparing this submission and to offer further support to Council via the Institute. She will only be available until the end of June 2022.

You may like to forward this offer of assistance to the various staff within Council who are responsible for different areas relating to shade planning and construction – for example:

- planning staff writing Development Control Plans or other planning strategies
- infrastructure and recreation staff designing and budgeting for built and natural shade
- staff involved in community programs where education about sun smart behaviour can be beneficial.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft CSP, and the Delivery Program. Please keep the Institute informed as to the progress of the CSP, the Delivery Program and any further relevant policy or strategy related to shade.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah McGill

A/ Chief Executive Officer

Cancer Institute NSW

3 June 2022

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Additional information

General information about skin cancer, UV exposure and shade: cancer.nsw.gov.au/shade-and-uv

Numerous resources for local government regarding planning and designing shade are available here <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/prevention-and-screening/preventing-cancer/preventing-skin-cancer/shade-and-uv-protection/helpful-shade-resources>, including the following:

- A 2 page summary about the benefits of shade (Cancer Institute NSW, 2019): [*Shade: A planning and design priority that helps prevent skin cancer.*](#)
- [*Shade design - UV, climate and comfort*](#) (Cancer Institute NSW, 2020) – a 2 minute introductory video to designing effective shade
- Cancer Council NSW, 2013: [*Guidelines to Shade - A practical guide for shade development in New South Wales*](#)
- [*Shade Design Planning Considerations*](#) (Cancer Institute NSW, 2020)
- [*Shade Audits*](#) (Cancer Institute NSW, 2020) – flyer giving simple advice about how to conduct a shade audit
- Sunsmart's online [*Shade Comparison Check*](#) – an online shade audit
- [*Physical Shade Structures, Natural Shade and Shade Sails*](#) (Victoria State Government, Municipal Association of Victoria and SunSmart, undated)
- [*Shade Design for Public Places - selecting appropriate, innovative and cost effective shade measures*](#) (Municipal Association of Victoria, undated)
- [*Shade: A Resource for Local Government*](#) (Municipal Association of Victoria, undated)
- [*How schools, councils, community groups and sporting organisations created shade: 10 Case Studies*](#) (Cancer Institute NSW, 2015)
- [*NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy*](#) (Cancer Institute NSW, 2017)
- Health and wellbeing statistics, including data at LGA level: healthstats.nsw.gov.au
- [*UV radiation index widgets available for locations across Australia*](#)
- [*Australian Standard AS 4174:2018 : Knitted and woven shade fabrics*](#)

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Please -

Incorporate in the 16 page preface/intro the importance of climate change and of action to lessen, and adapt to, climate change.

- A paragraph or two can be included, akin to p. 8 in the section "Context for action to reduce emissions" in the draft Corporate Net Zero Strategy
- The 4 Guiding Principles (on p. 5) should be increased to 5 to include the principle "Sustainable" or "Towards Net Zero"
- Other changes are needed to make Wagga's emission reduction commitment and the importance of climate change more prominent

In the 16 page preface/intro, include a prominent **definition of the word 'sustainable'** that makes explicit that being sustainable means achieving net zero emissions. As recent IPCC reports have shown, any unabated emissions contribute to the negative effects of climate change, including the fires, floods, drought, heat stress and poverty to which our community would be subject. These negative effects are not consistent with the Brundtland definition of sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Develop a roadmap for the community's journey to net zero, not just for the Council's role in that journey. The roadmap will **prioritise** the most valuable actions that the community can take. The roadmap will guide residents and businesses, as well as guiding the Council on its role in community emission reduction. It will be a valuable tool for the sustainability education that Council provides. And, the process of consultation with the community to form the roadmap will be an educational exercise in itself.

Developing a net zero roadmap with and for the community will be a demonstration of Council's admirable resolution to "position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability" (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23).

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Include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate zero emission plan. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target.

Also,

- In the section "**Safe and healthy community**", on p. 20 include the strategy "Prepare for the effects of climate change". A measure could be "Community satisfaction with preparedness for extreme heat events and access to safe, cool places."
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- In the section "**Growing Economy**", under the Objective "Wagga is an attractive tourist destination" (p. 24), **add the measure "number of conveniently located electric vehicle charging stations"** for the strategy "Facilitate planning and development of visitor-related facilities and services."

Please assure that the Delivery Program and the Operational and Financial Plans enact these points.

Thank you

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Hello. Please find attached a submission for the CSP-DPOP & Financial Plan, on behalf of Climate Rescue of Wagga (CROW), ErinEarth, Climate Action Wagga (CAW), and Wagga Fridays for Future (FFF).
Thank you,
William Adlong
Chair - Climate Rescue of Wagga (CROW)

Please note that this a more detailed and extended version of input that may have been submitted by others.

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Our vision for Wagga, arising from our values, includes becoming carbon neutral. This vision of becoming carbon neutral arises from our care for the environment, our care for the disadvantaged, our care for those at risk of fire, drought and flood, our care for health and our care for prosperity, well-being and social cohesion. Caring for these things calls us to become carbon neutral.

This is a prominent part of our vision for Wagga and we would like it to be prominent in the CSP's vision, principles and strategies.

We **recommend that the vision statement** (p. 5 of revised CSP) **be amended** with the expression "sustainable" (or "low-emission", "carbon neutral", "zero emission" or similar), in a way like that underlined in the following:

"In 2040 Wagga Wagga will be a thriving, innovative, connected and inclusive sustainable community on the Murrumbidgee. Rich in opportunity, choice, learning and environment, Wagga Wagga is a place where paths cross and people meet"

(Another option is to instead incorporate "approaching net zero" into the above.)

Incorporate in the CSP's 16 page preface/intro the importance of climate change and of action to lessen, and adapt to, climate change. A couple paragraphs can be added, including a section akin to p. 8 in the section "Context for action to reduce emissions" in the draft Corporate Net Zero Strategy, **that includes explanation of the concept of a carbon budget**. These two added paragraphs:

- will reflect the statement about climate change on the Council webpage "The speed at which modern climate change is happening and the causes behind it make it one of the biggest challenges facing our world."¹;
- can note, and explain the rationale for, Wagga's Corporate and Community net zero emission targets and strategies;
- can note Council's history of tackling its own emissions and the many savings from that in the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars per year (e.g. through rooftop solar generation, energy-efficiency and LED street-lighting), even before the savings from the new renewable PPA is taken into account.

¹ <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/the-council/environment/climate-change>

In the 16 page preface/intro, include a prominent **definition of the word ‘sustainable’** that makes explicit that being sustainable means achieving net zero emissions. As recent IPCC reports have shown, any unabated emissions contribute to the negative effects of climate change, including the fires, floods, drought (and consequent food and water insecurity), extreme heat days, heat stress and poverty to which our community would be subject. These negative effects are not consistent with the Brundtland definition of sustainability as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

The 4 Guiding Principles (on p. 5) should be increased to 5 to complement the additional expression/principle incorporated into the vision statement, i.e. “Sustainable” (or “low-emission”, “approaching Net Zero”, “zero-emission”, or “carbon-neutral”). In the new column under this new guiding principle should be added expressions such as:

“circular economy”,

“energy efficient”,

“climate resilient”,

“enhanced biodiversity”

“intergenerational equity”,

“zero-emission transport”,

“behind-the-meter solar”, and

“low emission” (or “approaching net zero”, “towards community net-zero emissions” or similar).

In the section **About this Plan** (p. 11), please add the words “and our community journey to net zero emissions” to the end of the sentence beginning “This revised plan”. The sentence would then read: *“This revised Plan, that you are now reading, aligns with local, regional and state priorities and plans and has been prepared with regard to the social justice principles of access, equity, participation and rights, and addresses social, environmental, economic and governance matters and our community journey to net zero emissions.”*

In the **Strategic Directions** (p. 15), under “Safe and Healthy Community”, please add an expression to the effect of “Preparation for heat and other climate effects”. Under “The Environment”, please add an expression to the effect of “Moving towards community net zero emissions”.

Develop a roadmap for the community’s journey to net zero, not just for the Council’s role in that journey². The roadmap will **prioritise** the most valuable actions that the community can take. The roadmap will guide residents and businesses, as well as guide the Council on its role in community emission reduction. It will be a valuable tool for the sustainability education that Council provides. And, the process of consultation with the community to form the roadmap will be an educational exercise in itself.

Developing a net zero roadmap for, and with, the community is important, and will be a demonstration of Council’s admirable resolution to “position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability” (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23).

² As other NSW Councils have done, e.g. Armidale, Clarence Valley, Canada Bay, Hawkesbury, & Ku-ring-gai. Also, as argued for in the NSW Government document *Net Zero Emissions Guidance for NSW Councils*.

Some important things that we ask Council to do, and which should be **inclusions in the community net zero roadmap**, are Council facilitating and advocating:

- for the uptake of renewable electricity Power Purchase Agreements by big electricity users,
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Include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate net zero strategy. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target.

At the 8 Feb 2021 WWCC meeting, in which the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) was adopted, Director Michael Keys seems to indicate, in response to a question from Cr Koschel, that the Sustainability/Climate change submissions will be carried forward to the consultation for the Community Strategic Plan (see the two minutes of video, from 1:07:00 to 1:09:00, for the meeting). Please incorporate those **"Sustainability/Climate change" LSPS submissions** (categorised as such in the Summary of Submissions) **in this consultation for the CSP** (and Delivery Program and Operational Plan). This includes submissions 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 26, 29, 34, 35, 36 37, 40, 48, 49, 55, 60, 61, 65 and 72. If there is a commitment to incorporate these submissions in the development of a Roadmap to Community Net Zero emissions over the next 12 months, some of these LSPS submissions could be incorporated in that document instead.

As an action in the Operational Plan (p. 52, under the Community net zero strategy), include **"enable Building Upgrade Finance agreements for Wagga LGA enterprises"** (unless there are compelling reasons not to). Building Upgrade Finance enables access to lower cost finance for upgrades of the energy efficiency of buildings so that the savings can be used to repay the finance (as described on the NSW website here - <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/upgrade-agreements.htm>).

Make sure the actions and spending are specified in the Council's subsidiary documents such as the Delivery Program and Operational and Financial Plans for the development of the community's net zero roadmap, for **coordinating the 6 monthly community net zero forums** that Council recently resolved to commence, and for Council to enact its role in the roadmap. Many times more than the needed funds are available in the Net Zero Reserve, so this will not stress the Council budget.

For example, in the draft Delivery Program (p. 25), for the Strategy "Support and empower our community to reach 50% reduction in emissions compared to 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050", principal activities should include:

- "Coordinate 6 monthly community net zero forums" (with the stakeholders as specified in motion RP4, on 11 April);

- “Develop a Roadmap, in conjunction with the community, for the achievement of community net zero emissions”

Actions to complete these activities should be specified in the Operational Plan.

Also,

- In the CSP section “**Safe and healthy community**”, on p. 20 include the strategy “Prepare for the effects of climate change”. Corresponding measures could be “Community satisfaction with preparedness for extreme heat events and access to safe, cool places”, and “New medium density housing incorporates features to reduce heat stress and energy-use, e.g. courtyards designs & rooftop gardens”.
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- In the Operational Plan, p. 52, to match the principal activity of “Develop a heat wave plan”, **include the measure “Temperatures monitored within city to show heat island effect are diminishing”** (perhaps ascertained through remote sensing).

Please assure that the Delivery Program and the Operational and Financial Plans enact these points.

Thank you again. Council is an important part of so many things about Wagga that we are proud of.

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I would like to begin by thanking the WWCC for their work in developing the current draft plan. I would also like to compliment the council for their work in leading our community in ways that are sustainable and considerate of the environment within which we live, including the practices at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre amongst other initiatives of the WWCC. We can all be proud of the initiatives taken by the WWCC in the past. I do however have some reservations about the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2040. These relate to the strategic Environment Strategic Direction and the Outcomes covered under the Environment heading in particular. The

Environment Strategic Direction Our new council has done much in relation to the environment, but without the underlying support of a Strategic Plan. To this point I make a number of observations on the current Draft document: 1. The current dot-points under this Strategic Direction are something of a gladbag – lacking direction and purpose. There is an argument for definitions of environment to include both a built and natural environment. However, the focus of The Environment Strategic Direction needs to reflect our relationship with our natural environment. It should support us in living in a way that promotes sustainability and stewardship of the place in which we live. The intent of the plan (identified on page 5 of the draft plan) might be better served by moving the following to the Safe and Healthy Community Strategic Direction, where they would be more appropriately located to serve the needs of the draft plan: • Facility improvements • Housing options 2. The Environment Strategy needs to be strengthened. The Council is already well ahead of the aspirations documented in the previous Community Strategic Plan. Recent initiatives to reach Zero Emissions are an example of the wider focus to be applauded in the current council. The Objective: Wagga Wagga is sustainable, livable, and resilient to the impacts of climate change is a refreshing start. I was particularly impressed by the minutes of the council meeting on the 11th April: Council agreed to develop a roadmap outlining Council's role in the community towards achieving both the 2030 and 2050 net zero emissions targets, and facilitate bi-annual forums with relevant community and business groups, and State Government agencies, to discuss the approach to community net zero emissions. Our current council is to be commended for recognizing and reacting to the obvious need to think locally, but to also think globally. We are so significantly impacted by the broad issues of climate change and environmental destruction that directly affect our daily lives. Past documents have been too provincial, and no longer fit for the emerging tensions in our planetary systems. Further, we should take the relationship between our community and the place we live in much more seriously. What are the impacts of our actions upon soils, flora and fauna, water systems and the atmosphere? Climate change is an existential threat, but so is the way we engage with all systems. As part of this process we must plan to gather data to inform future directions regarding our relationship with the environment. The evidence base for sound decision making must be a clear focus of the plan to inform decisions under the environmental strategic direction into the future. This may mean that we need to consider strategies such as estimating emissions in new and existing developments in our city as a first step towards more strategic assessments of our future planning towards net zero emissions, as well as the traditional measurements of fossil fuel consumption and energy generation using renewables. We also need to re-evaluate the ways by which we engage with our environment. In this regard, our local campus of CSU established a reserve which looks out across our city. It is known as Yindyamarra, a Wiradjuri word meaning to respect with gentleness and kindness. This perspective needs to be central to our plan. It challenges us all to see our relationship with the environment from a totally new perspective, and certainly not simply from the utility perspective evident in past plans. This insight needs to be captured in our conversations on the environment in the Draft Community Strategic Plan. Interestingly, Charles Sturt provides a challenge to itself that should also speak for our city - Yindyamarra Winhanganha, also taken from Wiradjuri, meaning the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in. That is our challenge, The statement applies equally to our Draft Community Strategic Plan as we plan our future in this region There are things we can do: • Actively working to engage our community to conversations about our relationship with, and responsibilities as to our natural environment • Support groups that protect our natural environment • Promoting a culture of care for the environment • Consider our actions

as part of global as well as local systems The Environment Outcomes The objectives under the Environment strategy also need some work. The first two outcomes seem to be quite appropriate, though the measures are fixated on small projects in the immediate local area. We need to consider our impacts upon global and not just local systems. Further, we need to provide resources to allow us to actively work to promote more reflective engagement with the environment by our community. This can be done by groups such as Landcare, but equally by council or other levels of government. There are plenty of past examples where this has happened, including the WWCC's Integrated Transport Strategy, which actively sought to promote healthy living and ways of thinking about movements within our city. The word Yindyamarra is so useful in this context, promoting respect for the land devoid of the arrogant misuse of our resources that we so often see in our treatment of the natural world. Such an idea impacts upon many of the services provided for our community – including the promotion of sustainable dwelling, planning of subdivision, waste management etc. We should plan for the stronger engagement of the wider community in looking sympathetically at the implication of our actions for the environment within which we need to live and prosper. It means applying an environmental wellness lens to our decisions as a city, but also for our people as members of this community. I am not sure that the third Objective – Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting. It would seem to be better located under the Safe and healthy community strategic direction, as also mentioned with reference to Page 5 of the document. The fourth objective – Wagga Wagga is sustainable, liveable and resilient to the impacts of climate change provides a fantastic focus for the plan. It provides a place for us to reflect on our responsibilities to the global rather than just the local community. It strengthens support for local solar and zero-emission strategies. It needs to be expanded to help our community look at adopting common sense best practice as we work locally on renewable energy, conservation and consolidating sustainable practices in our district.

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Your name:

Stephen James

Your address:

Your email address:

Your telephone number:

Your submission:

I am very pleased that the CSP includes the goals to reduce both net corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions to zero. However the early parts of the plan should enlarge on these goals more strongly. In the Introduction, please add a 5th Guiding Principle "Sustainable" with sub-points to include "Towards net zero emissions". Also, the term "sustainable" should be defined using for example the Brundtland definition "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." This should then be spelt out to require the achievement of net zero emissions, for example, so that the plan is in line

with contemporary mainstream science. To support the principle of sustainability, the plan should require development of a roadmap to net zero, both for corporate and community emissions. This will support council's resolution to "position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability" (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23). The CSP may give examples of steps that would probably be necessary in the roadmap: - Large electricity users to use Power Purchase Agreements for renewable electricity, - Installation of community batteries to allow more rooftop solar and residential cost-saving, - Encouragement of business rooftop solar perhaps with substation batteries, - Encourage residents and developers to understand the cost-savings from all-electric homes and suburban developments, - Developments to be planned to minimise demand for motorised travel, for example by medium and high density infill and provision of local services, Council's subsidiary documents need to ensure that funding is allocated for the development of the community's net zero roadmap, for coordinating the 6 monthly community net zero forums that Council recently resolved to commence, and for Council to enact its role in the roadmap. Many times more than the needed funds are available in the Net Zero Reserve, so this will not stress the Council budget. The CSP should include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate zero emission plan. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target. Thank you, Stephen James, resident and engineer.

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Wagga Wagga Strategic Plan is based on a fake green narrative which has already caused serious harm to Wagga Wagga & great stress & heartache to numerous rural landholders & local communities.

It is imperative that Wagga Wagga Council presents a factual, ethical, socially acceptable, secure & genuinely beneficial environmental/sustainability narrative with a proven practical framework for future management & developments.

There are numerous flaws in this document as outlined below which all need attention:-

There has been inappropriate political influence to "Establish & grow Wagga Wagga serving as world class freight & logistics hub to the region & beyond."

██████████ huge electoral donations should not be causing detrimental decisions for Wagga Wagga - including the environmentally damaging Visy Waste Dump plans & the politically influenced wrong route of the Inland Rail - which should NOT be so disruptively barging through Wagga Wagga. This foolish planning is not in the best interests of the Wagga community or Australia's critical infrastructure future.

"Wagga is" NO LONGER "an attractive place for people to live"

Ugly Solar EG Works have thoroughly spoilt - "Wagga is an attractive tourist destination."

Wagga has already been largely spoilt by ugly Solar Electricity Generating Works that have completely ruined one of the prettiest Wagga districts - the Eunony Valley - with devastating impact for the local community, ecological habitat & will likely cause dry land salinity & contaminate our safe, healthy soil heritage - threatening our food security & our vital water sources - including the Murrumbidgee River - the very **opposite to claims to "protect pristine water ways!"**

Solar Electricity Generating Works & BESS are totally contrary to creating an attractive city. Solar EG Works now trigger PTSD thanks to the cruel & traumatising experience inflicted on many rural families.

Obviously the promotion of Solar EG Works is based on a completely false narrative.

The Bomen Industrial Precinct is also being falsely presented using fake green nonsense & an ideological fantasy which has no factual foundation.

Even Dr Joe McGirr now has learnt the truth & accurately describes these as 'Solar Factories' that look ghastly, are not clean or green & affect tourism potential for the region.

They have proven to be a most unwelcome disaster for Wagga - with no jobs post construction & no energy saving benefits.

The benefits are solely for the dodgy, off-shore developers, wealthy investors/Super Funds, Chinese Communist Party manufacturing - all based on Uyghur slave labour & threatening CCP energy control of our critical energy infrastructure through Project Energy Connect, etc.

Australian taxpayers are being ripped off through ridiculous Solar subsidisation to destroy our environment, vital land/water sources, ecological habitat, iconic landscapes & visual amenity.

Need "To encourage & support genuinely beneficial investment & industry to develop WW & grow jobs."

There are no ongoing jobs or cheaper power prices in mass solar - only community disadvantage, cruel price hikes & scandalous taxpayer subsidy rip-offs!

Australian agricultural production provides far more economical, food security & national security benefits to Wagga Wagga & to Australia.

"Our community" DOES NOT "feel welcome, included & connected."

Rural communities feel neglected & not appreciated for the reliably productive economic base & healthy, essential food security we provide.

Our land & water is being contaminated & our "country lifestyle" - visual amenity is destroyed by fake green environmental vandalism in mass Solar & BESS plans.

We are not being "heard or understood."

"Wagga Wagga is Sustainable, Liveable & Resilient to the Impacts of Climate Change" - p. 32 is being based on nonsensical, fake green propaganda.

How is this reputably & independently being measured to show that "Corporate emissions are decreasing" & "Community emissions are decreasing?"

Naturally cooling, CO2 using trees are senselessly being removed & replaced by heat creating, ghastly, large-scale Solar EG Works that ruin our naturally beneficial environment.

"Community satisfaction with Council's environmental education programme is greatly" decreasing!

Subjecting the community to ad nauseam climate catastrophe propaganda from unbalanced hysterical activist [REDACTED] is extremely irritating & deserving of condemnation for his outrageous exaggeration, fantasy propaganda & outright lies! He should stick to growing healthy plants & composting instead of using Erin Earth as a platform for his damaging activism & falsely advising Council.

The Council & the community benefits from honest, factual information & practical outcomes NOT this menacing propaganda!

"Community satisfaction with waste & recycling services" is definitely NOT increasing due to the massive amount of toxic solar panels & lithium batteries constantly being promoted & forced on the community.

This is creating a massive, unplanned for toxic waste burden - which Wagga Council has failed to do due diligence for & properly address/take responsibility for.

This is the complete opposite to "Reduction of waste going into landfill."

False propaganda regarding Solar panels, lithium batteries & EV's - peddling a disingenuous sustainable, renewable & circular economy narrative is a disgraceful waste of ratepayers money & taxes. It is essential to "Educate & engage our community in sustainability" in an honest, practical manner.

"Working towards Net Zero Emissions for Council by 2040& Supporting & empowering our community in achieving Net Zero by 2050" & "Adapt to a changing climate" rhetoric is being foolishly based on unproven, fudged modelling that is being disingenuously used to promote fake green Solar, Wind & BESS - ripping off the

Wagga community for no benefit whatsoever. It is based on an ideological fantasy that supports globalist - WEF propaganda - that is an absolute scam - predominantly benefiting the Chinese Communist Party & using their unethical slave labour supply chains - whilst they build hundreds of coal fired power stations!

The Wagga community can **genuinely, practically "Minimise our impact on the environment" by protecting our ecological habitat, growing plants/trees, composting & adopting 'reduce, reuse, recycle.'**

"Development of Wagga is" NOT BEING "planned for in a sustainable manner."

"Transition towards a circular economy through more sustainable resource use" obviously does not include Solar, Wind, Lithium Batteries & EV's imported from China & based on highly extractive industries, intensive coal-fired power, toxic pollution & the most potent greenhouse gas emissions known to man - with man-made Sulphur Hexafluoride SF6 (23,500 more warming than naturally occurring CO2) leaking from Solar manufacturing, increased RE switch gear/circuit breakers & Wind Turbines.

None of this "Enhances our natural environment" or is "Creating a sustainable future. It is Contrary to creating an attractive city.

Wagga Wagga Council is neglecting its responsibility/liability to prudently consider & assess land/water contamination future impacts from detrimental Solar EG Works & the Visy Waste Dump proposal which Wagga Council planners disgracefully have recommended for approval against the best interests of the local environment & Wagga community.

They have repeatedly failed to put in place adequate arrangements with any Solar developers - without even any essential conditional arrangement to ensure immediate & complete clean-up following a storm/fire incident - waste plans & Decommissioning Bonds to protect Wagga ratepayers from major financial shock.

Where is the satisfactory management plan & developer deal/arrangement for such incidents? This Strategic Plan claims that "Council uses professional expertise to undertake research, provide information, & in consultation with community develop & evaluate ways to resolve identified issues."

Where is their professional expertise to undertake research, their community consultation, their strategy to resolve large-scale Solar issues which have substantial - serious/irreversible & costly long term consequences for the Wagga community?

Racially Divisive Woke Virtue Signalling

"Balance in Supporting All People as Equal"

Extensively prioritising Indigenous people portrays a lack of fairness & displays an inappropriate, racially divisive, unbalanced agenda.

Instead of racially dividing the Wagga community by constantly featuring the indigenous community - prioritising them at the expense of the rest of the community - all people need to be treated equally.

Whilst I respect & appreciate the Wiradjuri people & their cultural heritage - we are all equal & should be treated as such.

Western-Christian civilisation is predominantly the background of the Wagga community & numerous other multicultural groups also make up a great society of equal Australians.

Overdoing the local villages descriptions solely with Wiradjuri information is discriminatory & needs to include general interesting anecdotes for all to enjoy.

Wagga Council Mistreats & Neglects Farmers & Rural Communities.

The most neglected, unjustly treated members of the Wagga community are the rural farming community & small villages - with Wagga Council completely ignoring their valid concerns for the environment, their livelihoods - based on uncontaminated, healthy food production & their visual amenity - approving obnoxious, detrimental developments against their will
Our health & wellbeing has been seriously harmed due to this Council's failure to address these extremely serious issues.

"Our Natural Areas Are" NOT BEING "Protected & Enhanced."

Wagga Council has repeatedly failed to "Preserve & improve our natural assets."

"Value Our Heritage."

Wagga Council has irresponsibly repeatedly proven not to value, protect & care for Wagga's rich soil heritage - instead entombing it in mass Solar for decades - risking dryland salinity, ruination of soil quality & contamination of the neighbours & reliably productive districts.

There is ample evidence that serious toxins leak from the join point & wiring of the Solar panel as an undamaged Solar panel ages/degrades on site (Professor Ian Plimer 'Green Murder'.)

Besides this obvious toxic risk & that of hail fractured, damaged, inferior, burnt, etc. Solar panels, ex- Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley repeatedly broadcast via ABC radio that "Solar panels are a looming environmental contamination disaster!" (Reference:- Save Our Surroundings Research Papers - already provided repeatedly to Wagga Council planners, the General Manager & Councillors.)

Wagga Wagga Council negligently ignores these risks which have shamefully never been assessed in planning & approval processes.

Failure to "recognise community safety" regarding the toxic contamination risks to our essential food/water supply & the **seriously alarming fire/smoke hazard risks** from Solar, Lithium Batteries, Charging Stations, EVs (containing lithium batteries) - which are yet to even be researched by Fire & Rescue NSW. (Reference:- Fire Risks.)

"Council will advocate on behalf of community for environmental protection."

Now is the Time to Prove This!

An Immediate Moratorium & Independent Inquiry into Energy Transition/Transmission is Essential.

If is essential that Wagga Council supports Wagga MP Dr Joe McGirr's calls for an immediate Moratorium & also for an independent inquiry into the energy transition/transmission to determine the facts through research, examine the dodgy companies involved & the extremely serious implications for **FOOD SECURITY + INDEPENDENT ENERGY SECURITY = NATIONAL SECURITY.**

Given the global hostilities & proven foolishness of relying on hostile actors for energy provision - it is obvious that reliance on an energy transition based on Chinese Communist Party manufacturing of Solar, Wind, Batteries & EVs & their control of Australia's critical energy infrastructure is sabotage & cannot eventuate.

This is not creating a "safe & healthy community!"

Wagga Wagga Council is recognised & distinguished by its ethical decision making.

Wagga Council Must Ensure There is No Reliance on Slave Labour Supply Chains For Fake Green Solar, Wind, Batteries & EVs.

The NSW Parliament Modern Slavery Act 2021 & the International Forced Labour Protocol 29 - ratified by the Federal Government 5th April 2022 now inform Wagga Council that Government procurement of product based on slave labour supply chains is completely unethical & unacceptable.

It is shameful & unacceptable that 100% of the Solar panels used in Wagga's Solar EG Works are irrefutably proven to be sourced from cruelly tortured Uyghur slave labour supply chains by the Solar companies - Cheng Kong Infrastructure's 2005 spin-off Spark Infrastructure - 2021 spin-off Spark Renewables & Metka EGN/ Mytilineos.

Other approved & planned Wagga Solar EG Works' companies - Bay Wa r.e, Risen Energy, Bison Energy, X-Elio & Hanwha - Green Switch also base their 'low cost solar' on slave labour supply chains as do most other Solar developers.

It is now incumbent on Wagga Wagga Council to ensure that any approved or planned Solar EG Works - including all of the Solar EG Works planned as part of the Bomen Industrial Precinct - will definitely now exclude all slave labour produced Solar panels/polysilicon in the panel. The NSW Anti-Slavery Commissioner & Federal processes are now available to investigate Government bodies & developers who ignore this - as Wagga Council, Regional Planning, NSW DPIE & IPCN have purposely been doing despite being repeatedly informed of this disgracefully unethical renewable industry.

It is expected that ethics will be at the very heart of Wagga's Strategic Planning Regime & the Wagga Council General Manager & the Mayor will now be writing to the NSW Government - Regional Planning & DPIE - highlighting this shamefully unethical issue - so that construction of already approved Solar EG Works & any future approvals will all be dependent on absolute proof that no slave labour supply chains will be used. (Reference:- Slave Labour email.)

Logical Advice From Alternative Reputable, Independent, Intelligent Experts.

Instead of consulting with climate emergency extremists -such as the insufferable activist [REDACTED] & regurgitating his disingenuous, fake green Solar, Wind, Battery narrative & damaging communist agenda - Council must consult with well respected, intelligent experts regarding their well founded disapproval of Council's foolish illogical contamination & ruination of our arable land & devastation of ecology/trees through Solar EG Works.

Learn the facts about genuine emissions reduction from the proven safest, cleanest source of energy - Nuclear SMR's - & lobby the State & Federal Government for this logical, Australian benefiting Nuclear energy future instead.

Associate Professor Geoff Currie AO - Nuclear Medicine Specialist CSU Wagga - will be pleased to advise & inform you of the facts.

It is also recommended that you consult with respectable & unifying indigenous leaders - such as Federal Senator Jacinta Price - for a just & common sense approach to practically helping the indigenous community rather than featuring damaging, racially divisive, Woke virtue signalling in your approach.

***The Green Lie - Solar & Wind Aren't Saving the Planet - They're Wrecking It!**

<https://stopthesethings.com/2022/04/02/the-great-green-lie-wind-solar-arent-saving-the-planet-theyre-wrecking-it/>

***'BLOOD BATTERIES' - The Dark Side of Electric Vehicles - Gravitas Plus YouTube**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RFHvq-8np1o>

Further References will follow.

Yours Sincerely,

Lynette LaBlack

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Questions that Wagga Wagga Council & NSW DPIE need to answer factually prior to Solar EG Works approval with reputable, peer reviewed, independent research.

It is obviously far too late to prevent contamination once construction has occurred!

Simply trusting the developers is careless & not an honest process!

Company Failures - Metka EGN/Mytilineos Solar Electricity Generating Works Questions 7th Sept 2021 & Yet to Be Answered From Jan 2021 - Wagga North Solar - Operational Management Consultation Submission Process.

Metka EGN Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works - Unanswered Questions - 7th Sept 2021.

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Subject: Metka EGN Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works - Questions.

Dear Lluvia Murillo,

Would you please provide specific detail & clarification verbally during our community meeting & in writing in answer to the following questions:-

Metka EGN's PV Solar Panel Origin & Toxicity Guarantee

1. What is the exact brand & place of manufacture for Metka's PV Solar panels for Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works - full name, address & contact details of manufacturer.

***Please identify the complete supply chain for all components which are used to process & manufacture Metka EGN's PV Solar panels.**

***Are Metka EGN's Canadian Solar panels sourced from/linked to Xinjiang - enslaved Uyghurs workforce & genocide?**

2. Please provide a comprehensive list of all molecular compounds/chemical elements contained in Metka EGN's PV Solar panels (including all of the components which make up the panel,) so this can be reviewed & confirmed by independent scientists.

That is, the atoms and molecules involved in the electrical components, the film, the silicon cells, the frame, etc. of these Metka EGN PV Solar panels.

3. Please provide exact clarification of the **Toxicity Rating & Usage Suitability** of these Metka EGN PV Solar panels as indicated in their manufacturer's product disclosure/description information paperwork & on their original packaging.

*If Metka EGN claims their panels are non-toxic, please provide Metka EGN's Non-Toxic Assurance & legally binding Guarantee to the Community & all Wagga Wagga Councillors - with supporting documentation of the same from the manufacturer.

4. Please provide **Australian Accreditation Approval according to Australian Standards** for these Metka EGN PV Solar panels, specifically in relation to toxicity risk potential for land/water & suitability midst food production.

*This cannot be the Clean Energy Council as It is totally inappropriate to have the solar/wind industry funded Clean Energy Council accrediting itself.

5. Please provide the reputable, peer reviewed, independent **Australian research from the NSW Government & Federal Government** to prove that Metka EGN's Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works **will not contaminate the land/water** on site or in the surrounding district, including the Murrumbidgee Floodplain/River.

*This research must include the typical scenarios during placement - cadmium washing from intact solar panels, hail fractured, damaged, degrading, inferior, aged, burnt PV Solar panels - with hail being a common occurrence in this rural area, bushfires also quite common & made much more likely with Metka's presence & the other typical ongoing inevitabilities.

*This likely/inevitable, serious/irreversible contamination risk is yet to be assessed in the approval process for Metka EGN's Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works by Wagga Wagga Council Planner & the Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel - who have both purposely excluded it, despite objector's ongoing concerns.

*Hence, valid scientific determination of this obvious environmental risk is required prior to approval/construction/operation.

*This is an extremely negligent failure as according to the POEO Act - the Local Regulatory Authority - Wagga Wagga Council is responsible/liable for any land/water contamination/pollution caused by Metka's Solar Electricity Generating Works.

In effect, this is us as ratepayers!

6. What therefore, is **Wagga Wagga Council's compliance regime** regarding Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works?

Please provide Wagga Wagga Councillor's response to all objectors, & the Wagga Wagga community ratepayers.

7. Prior to construction/operation, how is Metka EGN able to prove, ensure & guarantee that Wagga Wagga North & Wagga Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works will be **returned to its inherent capability - ie. able to be used as food resource land**, when the toxic contamination risk of Metka EGN's PV Solar panels is yet to be assessed/determined by Wagga Wagga Council, JRPP, NSW DPIE, NSW EPA, the Federal Government or any other reputable, independent, Australian body?

*Extensive overseas research highlights this heavy-metal leachate risk, with the Federal Environment Minister Susan Ley also acknowledging this risk in response to recent questions regarding large-scale PV Solar: - that "there's a looming environmental contamination disaster which might well mean that a disused panel sits in a poor landfill situation & starts to leach heavy metal chemicals" (25th August 2021 ABC Riverina.)

8. Besides the extraordinarily significant costs that would be borne by Wagga Wagga Council - regarding potential for litigation - if surrounding producer's livelihoods & that of future

generations are destroyed or impacted in any way by contamination from Metka EGN's Solar Electricity Generating Works, the very local objectors - who are obviously also the local ratepayers, would be forced to additionally bear this enormous contamination cost burden.

What therefore, are Metka EGN & Wagga Wagga Council's (Councillors as community representatives not the Council Planner) bond arrangements - to cover the serious/irreversible contamination/pollution risk during the presence of Metka EGN's Solar Electricity Generating Works, in addition to the futured decommissioning bond - including full remediation & waste removal?

A transparent **Waste Removal/Clean Up Bond** - held in perpetuity - which cannot be consumed by other Council expenditure, must be retained - specifically for unexpected storm damage, bushfire, abandonment, company collapse/exiting Australia, etc.

It would obviously be essential that this remain held in tact in spite of changes to ownership of the Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works & that this would also be expanded to cover likely/inevitable failures of the host landholders - whose toxic electronic garbage is left languishing on their land for the surrounding community to suffer the consequences of.

9. Please document in detail how Metka EGN & Wagga Wagga Council will be providing ongoing, reputable, independent, peer reviewed **monitoring/testing** for any contamination/pollution of the land/water on the Wagga North & Wagga South Solar Electricity Generating Works site & for all surrounding land/water.

10. How will Metka EGN prevent cadmium washing from their intact PV Solar panels?

11. Please provide Metka EGN's Planned, Damaged Panel Treatment in Conjunction With Wagga Wagga Council regarding -

A. Full details of Metka EGN's **local workforce** that would be immediately available following a sudden, severe hail storm event or bushfire etc. to remove vast quantities - thousands, tens of thousands, or over 165,000 hail fractured/burnt PV Solar panels - prior to rainwater washing any heavy-metal leachate into the soil/water.

*Elsewhere, numerous hail fractured PV Solar panels have negligently remained untreated, insitu for more than 10 months - subject to frequent rain events!

A catastrophic failure such as this would likely render this Wagga Wagga site & surrounding land/water irreversibly contaminated for future generations - depriving them of their rightful, uncontaminated soil heritage/intergenerational equity.

B. Documented **immediate availability of 'toxic classed' waste disposal/recycling facilities** - with practical & financial arrangements identified & approved by the community ratepayers & Wagga Wagga Councillors, with responses from said facilities as to their willingness & ability to suitably handle vast quantities of this waste immediately, in a genuinely sustainable manner.

C. Full details of the exact procedure to be followed in order to **guarantee no fragments remain & no toxic heavy-metal leachate washes via rainwater into the soil/water on site or elsewhere.**

Also, **identifying the product used to paint on fractured PV Solar panels & confirmation of where this product is immediately available from in commensurate large-scale quantities.**

12. Please clarify the larger extent (far greater than the out of context 30m referenced) impacts to surrounding food producers of the '**Heat Island Effect**' commensurate with the large-scale of Metka's Electricity Generating Works as supported by reputable, independent, peer reviewed research. This has not been determined prior to approval.

*There are unfortunately now numerous, operational, large-scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works in the Riverina - detrimentally impacting surrounding food producers & residents with measurable, increased heat effects.

These sites provide ample opportunity to enable reputable, independant, peer reviewed, Australian research to clarify the yet to be determined extent of the already well proven 'Heat Island Effect' on the local micro-climate of impacted areas - due to the operation of large-scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works.

The detrimental impacts on production loss, effects on pollination, hastened insect development cycle & threatened viability of life forms for surrounding landholders/residents impacted are yet to be assessed appropriately according to scale by Wagga Wagga Council, JRPP, NSW DPIE, the Federal Government & yet to be compensated for in Metka's development plans.

References cited from Professor Greg Barron-Gafford's Arizona research has proven the 'Heat Island Effect' in relation to his very small PV Solar site.

However, as Barron-Gafford advised during dialogue with Peter Hall - during the Shepparton Solar Hearing, the 'Heat Island Effect' would be far greater - commensurate with the extensive size of other PV Solar Electricity Generating Works - such as Metka EGN's Solar Electricity Generating Works & also have climatic variations.

As Professor Greg Barron-Gafford also clearly stated that further research was definitely needed to determine the actual scale of resulting impacts, it is essential that this is fully clarified & accounted for prior to approval/construction/operation.

Thank you for your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Lynette LaBlack

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* ***The Photovoltaic Heat Island Effect: Larger solar power plants increase local temperatures*** (Greg A Barron-Gafford, Rebecca L. Minor, Nathan A. Allen, Alex D.Cronin, Adria E. Brooks and Mitchell A Pavao-Zuckerman)

* ***Researchers discover solar heat island effect caused by large-scale solar power plants.*** (Graham Binder, University of Maryland)

* ***The Potential Micro Climate Impacts of Large-Scale Solar Farms – Implications for Planning and Approvals.*** (Bronte Nixon, Principal Environmental Scientist and Planner)

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Subject: Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan Reference:- EPA reply - Who is Responsible? Heavy Metal Leachate Risk From Large-Scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works On Our Irreplaceable Food Resource Land.
Attachments: RORW - OUT - Letter - Response to Ms Lynette Leblack - Bomen Solar Farm - Eunony Valley Region - CIRAM No I03787-2021.pdf, ATT00001.htm

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The EPA Letter - clarifying that the ultimate responsibility for land/water contamination/pollution caused by Solar/Wind EG Works is borne by Local Councils

Note: Following the severe hail storm - resulting in extensive numbers of fractured solar panels 31st Oct 2021 - many of these broken panels remained in situ, as is for up to 11mths - some are still in place - broken - today - more than 18 mths later - carelessly & neglectfully subject to ongoing rain events.

Begin forwarded message:

From: lynette lablack <lynettelablack@live.com>
Date: 6 April 2021 at 4:36:17 PM AEST
Subject: EPA reply - Who is Responsible? Fwd: Heavy Metal Leachate Risk From Large-Scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works On Our Irreplaceable Food Resource Land.

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From: Jessica Creed <Jessica.Creed@epa.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 6 April 2021 at 9:49:36 AM AEST
To: lynette lablack <lynettelablack@live.com>
Subject: RE: Heavy Metal Leachate Risk From Large-Scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works On Our Irreplaceable Food Resource Land.

Hi Lynette,

I hope you had a great Easter break.

Following our discussions last Thursday please find attached our letter in response to your email below.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Regards

Jessica Creed

Unit Head - Regulatory Operations

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From: lynette lablack <lynettelablack@live.com>

Sent: Thursday, 18 March 2021 10:38 AM

To: INFOEnvironment <info@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Heavy Metal Leachate Risk From Large-Scale PV Solar Electricity Generating Works On Our Irreplaceable Food Resource Land.

Dear NSW Environmental Protection Authority, I am writing to you seeking your immediate reply, following DPI-Agriculture - Christine Tumney's advice below (17th Mar 2021.)

Christine Tumney - Group Director Agricultural Resources DPIE-Agriculture has advised me that the EPA & the NSW Food Authority "provides advice to consent authorities when required & often have their own approval or licensing arrangements.

Your enquiries & concerns relating to the potential for solar developments to contaminate the soil & any animals or crops should be directed to these agencies" (17th Mar 2021.)

The NSW DPIE's Environmental Assessment Officer - Rob Beckett - has advised us that the DPIE do not have the resources to do the necessary research - regarding the safety & detrimental impacts - including heavy metal leachate contamination risk & the obvious & yet to be determined "Heat Island Effect" impacts from large-scale PV Solar - forced upon food producing land & water sources - that DPIE are approving with gay abandon.

Instead, Rob Beckett has stated that the DPIE are just trusting the developers. This being off-shore, shonky, money hungry, misrepresentative, proven non-compliant solar rorters!

Large-scale PV Solar electricity generating works present an extensive mass of toxic classed PV Solar panels - with the potential to contaminate the land & water from hail fractured, damaged, deteriorating, inferior, aged or burnt panels.

Heavy metal leachate including carcinogenic cadmium, chromium, toxic lead, various metalloids, etc. can simply wash into the soil with rain & cadmium has also been proven to wash from intact panels.

Here in the Eunony Valley at Wagga Wagga, we are burdened with 476,490 toxic classed PV Solar panels on 375 hectares of the most reliably productive soil in NSW, midst food producers.

There are approx. 2.4 million toxic classed PV Solar panels planned for Greater Hume Shire within 23 kms at Culcairn, Walla Walla, Jindera & Glenellen.

Despite the local community & food growers continually raising this serious risk & many other detrimental impacts, the NSW DPIE & IPCN totally ignore this 'serious or irreversible risk' which should without a doubt, trigger the Precautionary Principle & halt these approvals until the reputable, independent, peer reviewed scientific research is clear.

The EPA has previously advised me that they will only consider this toxic contamination issue when contamination of our land has actually occurred. Then, as neighbours to this "serious or irreversible" contamination risk, we may lodge an official complaint.

This procedure is extraordinarily foolish, illogical & unacceptable!

Our health & safety & that of all surrounding landholders & residents & consumers of the food we are providing for consumption - is all subject to this risk & negligent procedure.

Following a severe hail storm elsewhere in Oct 2020, there are masses of fractured PV Solar panels remaining in situ nearly 5 months later, subject to rainwater washing heavy metal leachate into soil & waterways.

Is this the forecast for our Riverina/NSW food resource land?

Would you please advise me who is responsible for protecting the safe & healthy food production of our basic food staples - including oats for Uncle Toby's, wheat for Sanitarium, GOODROP Riverina Oils, lupins, chick peas, lentils, rice for SunRice products & prime lamb, etc. that we are growing here in the Riverina for Australian consumers & for export?

This very same toxic PV Solar assault is being forced on reliably productive food producing areas throughout NSW - with total absence of consideration by all decision makers - for the very real, & ever present danger of large-scale land/water contamination risk from en mass toxic classed PV Solar - forced midst healthy, uncontaminated food production.

To date, we have found no NSW or Federal body who cares at all about this extremely serious issue. Neither the Department of Agriculture or Environment, the Ag Commissioner or the DPI- Agriculture.

Please advise who you believe is ultimately responsible for dealing with this potential contaminated food supply risk issue.

Thank you for your timely response, as these insidious PV Solar electricity generating works are being approved in great haste as we speak.

Yours Sincerely,

Lynette LaBlack

lynettelablack@live.com

Ph: [REDACTED] (Text preferred to ID caller)

Eunony Valley

Wagga Wagga, 2650

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Ms Lynette Lablack
Eunony Valley
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650

By email: lynettelablack@live.com

Dear Ms Lablack

I refer to your email dated 18 March 2021 to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) raising concerns about land contamination associated with the Bomen Solar Farm.


The EPA has responsibilities for pollution control and environmental management for scheduled activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act). Under Schedule 1 of the POEO Act 1997, electricity works that generate electricity through the use of solar or wind are not scheduled. This means that the EPA is not the appropriate regulatory authority for solar farms in NSW.

In accordance with the POEO Act 1997 the Local Government Authority is the appropriate regulatory authority for activities that are not scheduled under the Act. In this instance, the appropriate regulatory authority is Wagga Wagga City Council.

As discussed with you on 1 April 2021, we note your email is raising concerns about damaged solar farms in general and that you are not aware of any direct damage or contamination at the Bomen Solar Farm. We note you have previously spoken to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) as the consent authority for the Bomen Solar Farm. We recommend you continue consulting with DPIE about any concerns you have relating to the development approval granted for the site or with Wagga Wagga City Council about operational impacts from the farm.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact me by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or by electronic mail at riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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To: "City of Wagga Wagga" <Council@wagga.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan Reference:- Fire Risks - Alarming Toxic Smoke Hazard & Inability to Fight Hazardous Fires From Lithium Batteries & Solar Electricity Generating Works.
Attachments: RE: Electric Vehicle Fires, ATT00001.htm, 220110 - Fire NSW Research response.pdf, ATT00002.htm

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From: Dennis Armstrong <saveoursurroundings@outlook.com>

Date: 24 March 2022 at 10:36:04 AM AEDT

Subject: FW: Lithium batteries - dangers

Dear All

It should be of great concern to all residents of NSW (and all Australia) that the Fire and Rescue and the RFS do not have the ability to fight Lithium Battery fires when thousands of these are planned to be installed across our countryside and increasingly in cars, homes and businesses. The battery technology for EVs and industrial scale and household solar batteries are currently very dangerous, as evidenced by the many Australian and overseas fires, including the sinking of a bulk carrier ship. This is an extract from the attached letter from FRNSW.

FRNSW is aware of the research and fire incidents worldwide involving electric vehicles and lithium-ion battery technology. Our Operational Capability and Fire Research Teams have been keeping abreast of the issues and working with Government, industry and research institutions to help fill the gaps in knowledge regarding emergencies involving alternative energy technologies.

The FRNSW, the RFS and governments are aware of these dangers yet they put our properties and lives at risk by approving the construction of these facilities. Dangerous products are banned in Australia and have to be recalled if just a couple of adverse events occur. Yet industrial scale battery installations get a free pass.

SOS raised this issue with the DPIE but they approved the Stubbo Solar Works anyway. The FRNSW in their submission only required a fire management plan and a 20,000 litre water tank onsite to enable it (actually the RFS who had no say) to fight a solar fire covering 18km² of fenced land. Neither the FRNSW or RFS will actually fight a fire in a wind turbine, a solar works or a battery energy storage system because they do not have the facilities to put out such a fire and the toxic fumes given off are too dangerous. Until just this issue alone should stop such projects being approved let alone the numerous other adverse risks they pose (environmental degradation, national security, dependence on Chinese supply chains, increased slavery, increased mining in wilderness areas, chemical leaching, increased CO₂e emissions, fire, generation intermittency, unreliability, unavailability, resource consumption intensity, removal of food producing capability, overseas ownership of critical infrastructure, uneconomic without subsidies, higher electricity system costs, lack of recycling, rehabilitation responsibility, etc, etc).

If you do not object to and stop these projects then you are risking the property and lives of our lands and towns.

Regards

Dennis Armstrong

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From: [Bill Stinson](#)

Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2022 2:54 PM

To: '[Dennis Armstrong](#)'; '[Dugald Saunders](#)'; '[Andrew Gee MP Calare](#)'

Cc: '[Teena Mcqueen](#)'; '[Stacey Whittaker - One Nation Calare](#)'; calare@unitedaustraliaparty.org.au; '[Julie Robertson](#)'; '[Kayla Robson](#)'

Subject: RE: Lithium batteries - dangers

Dear Dennis,

See attached response Fire NSW Research regarding EV fires. Extract below:

Regarding the timeline for the research on EV fires in car parks, our aim is to be able to obtain data to inform a proposal for change for NCC 2025, which must be submitted by August 2023. This is an ambitious aim as research of this magnitude requires quite a bit of planning, dedicated funding, resources, facilities, and support from Government and industry. FRNSW Research has put in submissions to build suitable facilities, and is also exploring opportunities to conduct the testing at alternative sites.

What happens between now and August 2023?

Kind regards,

Bill Stinson

From: Dennis Armstrong <saveoursurroundings@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:36 PM

To: Dugald Saunders <dubbo@parliament.nsw.gov.au>; Andrew Gee MP Calare <andrew.gee.mp@aph.gov.au>

Cc: Teena Mcqueen <teenamcqueen@gmail.com>; Stacey Whittaker - One Nation Calare <calare@nsw.onenation.org.au>; calare@unitedaustraliaparty.org.au; Julie Robertson <julie.robertson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>; Kayla Robson <Kayla.Robson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Lithium batteries - dangers

Gentlemen

Please refer to the email below addressed to RFS.

Following recent in-depth discussions with an RFS crew they confirmed that they cannot put out fires within a solar plant, a wind turbine on fire, or a fire in a battery energy storage system (BESS). The Fire and Rescue HQ also confirmed that they are still researching how they will deal with electrical vehicle fires in an underground carpark (public or private).

The chemical reaction of fires in lithium batteries and the extremely toxic fumes given off mean fire-fighters can only try to limit spread of fire beyond the perimeter. They must avoid being in the path of toxic fumes, which is why a 1000 residents had to be evacuated from their homes during a recent battery fire. Basically the solar panel, wind turbine, BESS and EV fires just have to burn themselves out. This has serious consequences for rural and urban Australians.

Why are your governments endangering both life and property, especially of your constituents and those in other rural electorates, with your backing of dangerous renewables? What advice have you/your governments received that differs from that provided by the RFS and Fire and Rescue?

Regards

Dennis Armstrong

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From: [Dennis Armstrong](#)

Sent: Monday, 21 February 2022 1:22 PM

Subject: Lithium batteries - dangers

Hi David

Margaret and I enjoyed our discussions with you at the Gulgong Show on Saturday. We mentioned how concerned we are for the safety of our fire-fighters and the communities and farmers being evermore surrounded by these dangerous solar and wind developments, which include massive lithium ion battery installations. Increased fire risks are only one of the dangers with renewables.

We hope the attached information will be of interest to you and the Gulgong RFS crews and management. These links show some of what is already happening at an increasing rate around the world and in Australia:

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2021/08/03/toxic-horror-show-geelong-grid-backup-battery-fire-finally-extinguished/>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/multiple-trucks-on-fire-after-accident-in-sydney-s-west-20211028-p593u7.html>

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/aps-battery-fire-explosion-safety-lithium-mcmicken-fluence>

[Google Image Result](#)

<https://gcaptain.com/felicity-ace-car-carrier-continues-to-burn-in-mid-atlantic/>

[Another Grid Scale Battery Fire “Incident” – Watts Up With That?](#)

[Solar Farm Fire Burns 1,127 Acres | Stop-Solar \(stopsolarfarms.com\)](#)

Regards

Dennis Armstrong

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Sent: Thu, 6 Jan 2022 08:39:14 +1000
To: "stino@ozemail.com.au" <stino@ozemail.com.au>
Cc: "Info" <Info@fire.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Electric Vehicle Fires

Hello Bill

Thank you for your email and the information you have provided regarding electric vehicle fires. We really appreciate you taking the time to write to us concerning this safety issue.

FRNSW is aware of the research and fire incidents worldwide involving electric vehicles and lithium-ion battery technology. Our Operational Capability and Fire Research Teams have been keeping abreast of the issues and working with Government, industry and research institutions to help fill the gaps in knowledge regarding emergencies involving alternative energy technologies. In fact, we have recently released a call for expression of interest to collaborate with us on a suite of fire testing projects to address some of the questions and concerns you have raised and others. Information regarding the EOI can be found at: <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9184>. We encourage you to be involved as a valued stakeholder. Once the EOI closes, we'll be organising a series of scoping workshops (online) for the projects proposed. Project C would be of particular interest to you and we've had a great deal of interest in this from a number of industry bodies and government departments.

If you have any further questions, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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From: Bill Stinson <stino@ozemail.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 3 January 2022 12:06 PM
To: Info <Info@fire.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Electric Vehicle Fires
Importance: High

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Dear Enquiries,

I am a member of a Building Management Committee (BMC) for a mixed development in Kogarah, with 3 levels of underground parking for approximately 230 vehicles, a licenced club at Ground Level and 220 residential units in 2 no 12 level towers. The BMC has had an enquiry regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the underground carpark. Recently, in October 2021, I made a submission (copy attached) to the Australian Building Codes Board in relation to the proposed changes to the National Construction Code specifically relating to the installation of EV charging stations in residential carparks. My comments are copied below:

**“Clause/Figure/Table: Part J9
Recommended change to draft:**

J9D4 Facilities for Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment

The EV charging station should be in a dedicated fire enclosure with a separate previously tested gas fire suppression system and dedicated carpark exhaust system

Comment/reason for change: Difficulty in extinguishing a lithium-ion battery fire and the associated toxic gas emissions”

Having regard to the recent experiences of European firefighters, (see attachments) responding to electric vehicle fires and the October 2021 truck crash in Wetherill Park, NSW with one truck loaded with lithium ion batteries, has the NSW Fire Brigade any directive or information in relation to what appears to be the potential toxic threat and difficulty to extinguish electric vehicle fires.

Could this potentially be another fire-fighting issue similar to the combustible building cladding issue.

Your response will be appreciated.

Kind regards,
Bill Stinson
B.App.Sc.(Bld)

BMC Member

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Sent: Sat, 4 Jun 2022 16:51:24 +1000
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Subject: Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan Reference:- SOLAR SLAVE LABOUR
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From
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SOLAR SLAVE LABOUR SUPPLY CHAINS - including Spark Renewables Reply to 'Yesterday was International Day For The Abolition Of Slavery' - 100% of Bomen's Solar panels are produced using cruelly tortured, Uyghur slave labour in Xinjiang, China. Large-scale Solar Electricity Generating Works are an environmentally vandalising curse throughout our most productive agriculture areas - it is intentional, unconscionable destruction that threatens our essential FOOD SECURITY, INDEPENDENT ENERGY SECURITY & NATIONAL SECURITY due to the illogical entombment of arable land, CCP manufacturing & control of critical energy infrastructure & consequential energy poverty! There is white hot anger here in the Riverina & throughout NSW & Australia from this scandalous Net Zero con which is defying Ecologically Sustainable Development with a clearly false fake green narrative, robbing present Australians & future generations of access to our rich soil heritage for life sustaining food production - with dodgy RE developers, wealthy investors & beneficiaries selfishly mining RE subsidies instead, against the best interests of Australia. There is likely serious/irreversible or substantial environmental harm - land/water contamination risks from Solar EG Works which the NSW DPIE, IPCN & the Federal Government have unjustly never considered or assessed in their approval processes.

Solar's Slave Labour Supply Chains

Australia ratifies International Forced Labour Protocol | Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Women Marise Payne

<https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/australia-ratifies-international-forced-labour-protocol>

Companies not complying with laws against modern slavery, plus Easter in a country under siege - The Religion and Ethics Report - ABC Radio National

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/report-85-per-cent-of-companies-not-comply-modern-slavery-laws/13839006>

Carolyn Kitto ('Be Slavery Free') has updated % figures to add to the 'In Broad Daylight Report' that I have quoted & the reply from Spark Renewables (spun off Spark Infrastructure 2021 spun off Cheung Kong Infrastructure in 2005) is included below.

NSW Parliament Modern Slavery Act 1st Jan 2021

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bill/files/3873/First%20Print.pdf>

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-2018-03>

The NSW landmark Modern Slavery Act and what it means for NSW government bodies and local councils - Human Rights - Australia

<https://www.mondaq.com/australia/human-rights/1168940/the-nsw-landmark-modern-slavery-act-and-what-it-means-for-nsw-government-bodies-and-local-councils>

The NSW Interim Anti-Slavery Commissioner is Paul McKnight with the permanent position needing to be announced as promised.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Anthony Marriner <Anthony.Marriner@sparkrenewables.com>

Date: 7 December 2021 at 10:12:29 AM AEDT

To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Cc: Claire Dawson <Claire.Dawson@sparkrenewables.com>

Subject: FW: Yesterday was International Day For The Abolition Of Slavery - 100% of Bomen's Solar panels are produced using slave labour - enslaved Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China.

Hi xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email below, which has been forward to me. This is a very important issue for us. Would you like to discuss further over a Teams call sometime?

Regards,

Anthony Marriner

Head of Spark Renewables



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From: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Friday, 3 December 2021 4:30 PM

Subject: Yesterday was International Day For The Abolition Of Slavery - 100% of Bomen's Solar panels are produced using slave labour - enslaved Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China.

I am emailing you regarding this shameful issue as it appears your company/association was a supporter of Bomen Solar or Metka EGN's provision of solar energy from their Solar Electricity Generating Works at Bomen, Wagga Wagga.

Some company users/potential users/supporters of Bomen Solar/Metka EGN's solar energy source make ethical claims & condemn slavery - including a Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Statement on their website - so may appreciate the facts regarding the production of all of Bomen Solar & Metka EGN's PV Solar panels.

Companies, Local Councils, Councillors, Planners, MP's & Senators all need to address this shameful issue - especially when large-scale Solar Electricity Generating Works are falsely being promoted as VIRTUOUS.

With **82% of Australia's solar panels** directly linked (solar panels/polysilicon) to the enslaved Uyghur workforce in Xinjiang, China - where the Uyghurs are subject to mass torture, mass re-education camps, rape, forced sterilisation of women & genocide - it is incumbent upon policy makers & decision makers to address these facts regarding large-scale Solar Electricity Generating Works.

Here in Wagga Wagga's Bomen/Eunony Valley district - not only have these obnoxious Solar Electricity Generating Works ruined the environment - extensively destroyed biodiversity & ecological habitat, present our reliably productive FOOD producing area with land/water contamination risks & has been declared an unacceptable glaring, visual amenity nightmare for the rural community by the EPA (re-Bomen Solar) - we now see the irrefutable evidence of all of these solar panels being produced by slave labour.

100% of Wagga Wagga's - Bomen/Eunony Valley- large-scale Solar Electricity Generating Works' panels have been produced using Uyghur slave labour in Xinjiang, China.

Spark Renewables (Spark Infrastructure/Cheung Kong's) Bomen Solar use JINKO SOLAR panels.

Metka EGN use CANADIAN SOLAR panels.

Jinko & Metka EGN/Canadian Solar are clearly identified in the graphs in the following links. Corporate Reports also identify Risen - Risen energy has plans for Solar Electricity Generating Works at 59 Hillary St North Wagga Wagga. BayWa r.e. (Sandy Creek Solar Uranquinty proposal) have previously used Cheung Kong's Beon construction - who used Jinko Solar panels at Bomen.

Regrettably, there are plans for many more!

Links:-

Rebekha Sharkie's Bill - 22nd Nov 2021.

* <https://beslaveryfree.com/uyghur>

Carolyn Kitto's mobile number & email are available here.

The graphs indicating companies & solar panels connected to Xinjiang are in the following 2 links:-

This has the saddest, most upsetting image of the poor Uyghur men:-

*<https://desdemonadespair.net/2021/05/forced-labor-from-chinas-uyghur-muslims-behind-global-supply-of-solar-panels.html>

Xinjiang Solar Panels - Uyghur Slave Labour/Concentration Camps/Genocide - 'In Broad Daylight' - Professor Laura Murphy

*<https://www.shu.ac.uk/-/media/home/research/helena-kennedy-centre/projects/pdfs/evidence-base/in-broad-daylight.pdf>

Andrew West speaks with Carolyn Kitto "Be Slavery Free"

Muslim leaders join the push for religious discrimination laws, fighting modern slavery, and China's law bans criticism of communist heroes - The Religion and Ethics Report - ABC Radio National

*<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/religious-discrimination-bill,-fighting-modern-slavery-china-com/13644292>

How will promoters & adoptees of Net Zero, Solar/Wind Energy Transition plans now deal with this shamefully unethical & concerning issue for Wagga Wagga - NSW - Australia?

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Spark Renewables (Spark Infrastructure/Cheung Kong Con) Bomen Solar - JINKO
SOLAR panels + their rubbish - prior to construction.**



From: "William Adlong"
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Thank you,
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Council's 2019 resolution to consult with the community about climate change as part of the CSP review

Our joint CSP/DPOP submission asked that the **"Sustainability / Climate Change" submissions to the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) be considered as input for the CSP/DPOP exhibition.**

Another reason why this is appropriate is that Council resolved (19/248¹, on 22 July 2019) to (among other things):

"specifically consult with the community during its forthcoming review of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) with a view to identifying community expectations in regards to climate change actions and including appropriate actions and aims in the revised plan..."

This resolution was presumably the rationale for the feedback from Council in relation to the "Sustainability/Climate Change" input to the LSPS, that stated:

*"Further opportunities for the community to request Council to address climate change directly will be available as part of the Community Strategic Plan engagement anticipated to occur in 2021."*²

This statement was referenced in the response to every one of the 23 LSPS submissions that were categorised as about "Sustainability / Climate Change" (and again noted in the report on the LSPS in the Agenda and Business paper for that 8 Feb meeting³).

Council's consideration of the "Sustainability / Climate Change" submissions as input for the CSP/DPOP should be done with the understanding that the urgency to reduce emissions (and achieve net zero) has grown since those submissions were made. The imperative for emission reduction has become more urgent with developments in the last couple years and with the recently released assessments from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

For example, this statement has recently come from the IPCC:

*The cumulative scientific evidence is unequivocal: Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health. Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all. (very high confidence)"*⁴

The reference to "concerted" action applies to all levels of government, which need to act in concert to produce global action.

Given that Council was unable to fulfill its 2019 resolution, the "Sustainability/Climate Change" submissions to the LSPS, and such submissions to the current CSP/DPOP, could also be used as initial community input for the Wagga **Roadmap to Community Net Zero Emissions**, which community submissions are calling for.

¹ See pp. 5-6 https://meetings.wagga.nsw.gov.au/Open/2019/07/OC_22072019_MIN_3686.PDF

² response to submission 4 on p. 512 of the "Attachments Provided Under Separate Cover" for the 8 Feb 2021 meeting: (299MB) https://meetings.wagga.nsw.gov.au/Open/2021/02/OC_08022021_ATT_4798_EXCLUDED.PDF

³ https://meetings.wagga.nsw.gov.au/Open/2021/02/OC_08022021_AGN_4798_AT.PDF

⁴ p. 35, IPCC, 2022: Summary for Policymakers: Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf

About the Objective: “Future growth and development of Wagga Wagga is planned for in a sustainable manner” (this is in the CSP, the Delivery Program and the Operational Plan)

The wording of this suggests that the focus of the objective is that the processes of planning are sustainable, rather than that the development itself is sustainable. Suggest rewording to "Future growth and development is sustainable", or "Planning assures that future growth and development is sustainable".

An **important measure** to include with this objective is "**estimated emissions of households (or other buildings) in new developments**". This measure will help us to assess the degree to which a new development is sustainable in terms of emissions.

Please also find attached my personal submission to the LSPS consultation, which I have lightly edited to be input for this current CSP/DPOP.

Thank you,
William Adlong

Submission for the Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement (and the Community Strategic Plan, the Delivery Plan and the Operational and Financial Plans)

I thank Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) and its planning team for the opportunity to contribute to the formation of the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). I commend the plan for the care and thoroughness with which so many issues have been addressed. I also thank the planning team members for the information sessions they provided on the LSPS.

In the first section of my submission below, I make the point that given the commitment to sustainability in many of our strategic documents, and given the global Paris Agreement and the consequent need for committing to net zero emissions, the Wagga LSPS needs to include much more orientation to, and provision and support for, a net zero emissions target (which the NSW government has adopted and is planning to achieve¹). **The question of how net zero emissions might best be incorporated in the LSPS (and other Wagga documents) could be guided by the formation of a Wagga community emission reduction strategy, which could focus in particular on the economic opportunities that the transition to net zero emissions creates.**

In the subsequent sections of my submission, I focus on three categories of inclusion for the LSPS that can contribute to a stronger economy, and to lower costs for businesses and consumers, in the Wagga Local Government Area (LGA). These categories are electric vehicles, distributed energy, and energy efficiency.

William Adlong

The opportunities in aligning to a net zero emissions pathway for Wagga

Many of the key documents which are to inform the LSPS have statements of commitment to sustainability.

The Wagga Local Environmental Plan (LEP) includes the passage (p. 6)² [bold added] –

- “The particular aims of this Plan are as follows
 - ... (b) to promote development that is consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the management of climate change,
 - (c) to promote the sustainability of the natural attributes of Wagga Wagga, avoid or minimise impacts on environmental values and protect environmentally sensitive areas...”

The Riverina Murray Regional Plan³ defines ‘sustainability’ as “Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (p. 68). The Plan includes [bold added]:

- “Leveraging renewable energy opportunities for the long-term sustainability of the region” (p. 28);

¹ Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020–2030 <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Climate-change/net-zero-plan-2020-2030-200057.pdf>

² Aims of Plan <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/epi-2010-0378#sec.1.2>

³ <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Plans-and-policies/riverina-murray-regional-plan-2017.pdf>

- “Planning will encourage infrastructure delivery that targets the needs of communities. It will also encourage efficiencies in the allocation of resources and investment to improve the liveability and sustainability of the region.” (p. 57);
- and, in relation to Wagga Wagga, “Contribute to a sustainable environment for future generations through proactive waste management and responsible sustainable practices” (p. 65).

The document A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW⁴ includes, in the Deputy Premier’s Forward [bold added] -

- “We also need to support sustainable, thriving regional communities...” (p. 3);
- “I am personally determined to leave a lasting legacy of strong, sustainable and vibrant regional communities” (p. 3).

The Wagga Community Strategic Plan includes –

- “Sustainability is key to our success” (p. 42);
- “We have sustainable urban development” (p. 43);
- “We create a sustainable environment for future generations” (p. 46);
- “Educate the community in sustainability” (p. 46);
- “We demonstrate sustainable practices” (p. 46);
- “Promote and incentivise sustainable practices” (p. 46);

Wagga needs to clarify what is required by its commitments to ‘sustainable’ and ‘sustainability’ in relation to emissions and energy.

Through the Paris Agreement the global community has made clear that **sustainability, leaving a world of comparable opportunities for future generations, requires a sharp decline in emissions to keep temperature rise as little as possible above 1.5°C.** This is understood to require the achievement of net zero emissions by 2050 or well-before⁵ by developed nations, a target that has been taken up by New South Wales (NSW)⁶ as well as the other Australian States and Territories⁷. At the time of publication of the March 2020 *NSW Net Zero Plan*, 73 nations had set a goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050⁸, and further nations have committed to that goal since that time.

The Paris Agreement is basically an agreement that to continue with emissions as business as usual is not sustainable. The fact that the agreement calls for net zero emissions is an indication that pathways that do not reach zero emissions well before mid-century are not sustainable. Thus, Wagga’s commitments to sustainability suggests it needs to aim for net zero emissions by well before mid-century. **Fortunately, as the NSW Net Zero Plan points out, there are many opportunities to promote economic growth, jobs, lower costs, resilience and a healthier population in aligning to a pathway to net zero emissions.**

⁴ <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-10/20-Year%20Economic%20Vision%20for%20Regional%20NSW.pdf>

⁵ NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), LSPS Advice - Climate Change – North Coast region (Mar 2020), <https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-01-dpie-lsps-advice-climate-change-north-coast-region.pdf>

⁶ NSW (2020), Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020–2030 <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Climate-change/net-zero-plan-2020-2030-200057.pdf>

⁷ NSW DPIE Net zero emissions and climate resilience for local government, see slide 16 <https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-02-slides-net-zero-emissions-and-climate-resilience-for-local-government.pdf>

⁸ Ibid, see p. 6

In the Net Zero Emissions Plan, the NSW government notes that the plan will result in lower electricity prices for households and businesses. It points out that “the challenges posed by climate change can be solved by improving – not eroding” the prosperity of NSW families and communities (p. 4). It calls for broader action in support of the plan, stating that achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and capitalising on the opportunities presented “will require more than action from the State and Commonwealth Governments. It will require action from local government, business, communities and individuals” (p. 5).

The NSW Net Zero Emissions plan asserts the need to empower households and businesses with information about cost competitive goods, services [and building designs] to ensure their purchasing power contributes to the transition to net zero emissions, with its business, consumer and community benefits.

The first Priority in the NSW Zero Emissions Plan is to: “Drive uptake of proven emissions reduction technologies that grow the economy, create new jobs or reduce the cost of living” (p. 12). This has **“the potential to save motorists, manufacturers and small businesses thousands of dollars in yearly fuel and energy costs” (p. 12). Many technologies that reduce emissions can “strengthen the State’s prosperity and reduce the cost of living” (p. 12).**

Wagga has a vision of being the capital of the region. With that comes a leadership role, including leadership in terms of integration of emission mitigation in land use planning. To achieve leadership, the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA, a peak body for the planning profession) asserts that planners need to be “leaders of action on climate change” and that “a sustainable and secure future cannot be left to ‘business as usual’”⁹. Also, planners have a responsibility to “be proactive in the development of mitigation and adaptation strategies”¹⁰.

PIA’s policy on Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss¹¹ asserts that it is the domain of planners to plan for climate change, including “mitigation of future climate change” (3rd dot point, section - The Planning Profession). Also, “Planners must systematically examine which contributing sectors they can influence for direct emissions reductions and change practices for mitigation of climate change impacts...” (5th dot point, section - The Planning Profession). Developing a Wagga plan for achievement of net zero emissions would allow more extensive exploration (than can be achieved immediately) of how planners can influence for emission reductions.

In a 2020 submission to the federal Climate Change Bill PIA

- “has adopted a position for the planning profession to contribute to the achievement of net zero carbon by 2050.”
- asserts that local planning processes have a role in “highlighting what the industry can do to support delivery” of zero carbon buildings
- states “Require development and infrastructure to be net-zero by 2050 (or earlier) by using established rating tools”¹²

A recent report from Deloitte states that without determined action to mitigate climate change Australia would likely lose over \$3 trillion in GDP and over 880,000 jobs¹³. Our long-term community

⁹ PIA, Planning in a Changing Climate - Position Statement, p. 4
<https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/237>

¹⁰ Ibid, p. 1.

¹¹ <https://www.planning.org.au/policy/climate-change-and-biodiversity-loss-nsw>

¹² Example mitigation measures, Ibid., p. 13,

¹³ Deloitte, 2020, A new choice: Australia’s climate for growth

prosperity, and the biodiversity and environmental amenity that the draft Wagga LSPS seeks to foster and protect, require vigorous action locally and globally to reduce emissions, which can be done in ways that promote the economy and prosperity.

NSW documentation about the LSPS states that it is to include four categories of things, one of which is “shared community **values** to be maintained and enhanced”¹⁴ (which also applies to the CSP).

The residents of the Wagga Local Government Area

- value science, including the findings that without achieving net zero emissions in the next two to three decades, the effects of climate change may be beyond our ability to adapt
- value playing an active role, and doing our share, in the global effort to reduce emissions in order to protect our ways of life and our environment from the effects of climate change. The young men of the (WWI) Kangaroo March in 1915 were demonstrating this community value, playing their part in the global effort to defeat threats to our community and way of life
- value prosperity, quality of life, fairness and biodiversity, all of which are under threat without resolute planning and action towards dramatic emission reduction by our community and all levels of government.

Guidance provided this year by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to councils on integrating climate change into the LSPS has included¹⁵:

- noting that the DPIE provides information and tools “to enable local emissions reduction pathways to be implemented” (p. 4);
- recommending that local government “**Assess LGA wide carbon emissions and develop and implement a plan to reduce emissions in consultation with the community**” (p. 5).

There are reports and plans (including LSPSs) from other cities in NSW that could inform Wagga’s LSPS and a plan for emission reductions by the Wagga community (not just reductions in Council’s emissions), for example:

- Kurringai’s
 - [Climate Change Policy](#)¹⁶
 - [Towards Zero Emissions 2030 Action Plan](#)¹⁷
- A report by Kinesis for the Greater Sydney Commission - [Exploring Net Zero Emissions for Greater Sydney](#)¹⁸

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/au/Documents/Economics/deloitte-au-dae-new-choice-climate-growth-051120.pdf>

¹⁴ p. 3, in *Local Strategic Planning Statements - Guideline for Councils*, <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/local-strategic-planning-statements-guideline-for-councils-2018-06-12.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-01-dpie-lsps-advice-climate-change-north-coast-region.pdf>

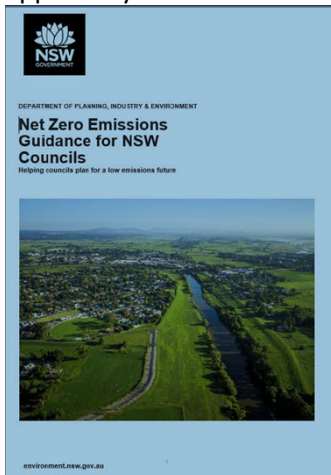
¹⁶ https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/hptrim/information-management-publications-public-website-ku-ring-gai-council-website-environment/climate_change_policy_29_07_2020.pdf

¹⁷ https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/hptrim/information-management-publications-public-website-ku-ring-gai-council-website-environment/towards_zero_emissions_2030_action_plan.pdf

¹⁸ https://gsc-public-1.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/exploring_net_zero_emissions_for_greater_sydney_-_kinesis_-_october_2017.pdf

- Wollongong City Council [Draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan](#)¹⁹
- the mitigation actions listed on p. 123 of the [North Sydney LSPS](#)²⁰
- the [Randwick LSPS](#) particularly pp. 58-59, including its reference to its Council's Low Carbon Future Plan. WWCC too could develop a document that "identifies the most cost effective and feasible opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions..."²¹ in our LGA.

WWCC planners and other staff should also gain insights from the DPIE document "*Net Zero Emissions Guidance for NSW Councils: Helping councils plan for a low emissions future*", which apparently will be available soon²².



The DPIE has been advising councils on "Steps to creating a net zero emissions strategy for your local area" and the "Opportunity to embed net zero emissions strategy actions into council's planning instruments including Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), LEP and DCP".²³

The DPIE has also been conducting forums "to support local councils to lead and influence the transition to net zero emissions".²⁴

Below are three opportunities for promoting the prosperity of businesses and residents in the LGA. Each of these three – electric vehicles, distributed energy and increased energy efficiency in buildings – lowers costs for consumers and business and promotes the economy, businesses and job creation.

The means by which this LSPS and the Council can promote and facilitate these opportunities needs to be explored in some depth. Again, this suggests **the value of developing a plan to transition the LGA to net zero, which would not only inform the LSPS but other documents including the**

¹⁹ <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/58569/widgets/298729/documents/172140>

²⁰ https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/Local+Strategic+Planning+Statements/LSPS+2020/North+Sydney+LSPS_Master+Copy_Version+21_2020+03+16.pdf

²¹ Randwick LSPS, p. 58, https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/Local+Strategic+Planning+Statements/LSPS+2020/Final+Randwick+City+Vision+2040+LSPS_web_S-1031.pdf

²² This publication was noted (slide 24) in the NSW DPIE presentation "Net zero emissions and climate resilience for local government" <https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-02-slides-net-zero-emissions-and-climate-resilience-for-local-government.pdf>

²³ *Ibid*, slides 13 and 21

²⁴ https://www.lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Events/Forums/Pathways_to_net_Zero_Emissions.aspx

Community Strategic Plan and the LEP. The focus of such a plan can be to, as the NSW Net Zero Plan Stage 1 states (Priority 1)²⁵, **“Drive uptake of proven emissions reduction technologies that grow the economy, create new jobs or reduce the cost of living”**.

Electric vehicles (both for personal and business use)

Electric vehicles, or ‘battery electric vehicles’ (BEVs, to distinguish from hybrid vehicles), have significantly cheaper fuelling and maintenance costs (even considering recently announced road-use taxes) than petrol and diesel vehicles.^{26, 27} Credible sources indicate that BEVs will have increasingly lower costs of ownership than petrol and diesel vehicles²⁸, and even lower upfront costs²⁹ by mid-decade. So, BEVs present an opportunity for less expensive transport for households and businesses. As the NSW Government states, “...we expect to see an increase in electric vehicles on NSW roads. These vehicles are cheaper, cleaner and quieter to run, bringing significant economic and environmental benefits.”³⁰

A significant proportion of savings from BEVs will be spent in the local area, promoting local economic activity and hence jobs.

Also, business success and growth are promoted by the savings in transport costs from a business’ own BEVs.

As BEVs can be charged by business and household solar systems, BEVs strengthen resilience. They are not dependent on a long supply chain for their fuel.

Use of BEVs can also increase the economic return on investment in solar systems by businesses and households.

To take advantage of these economic benefits of BEVs we need to **facilitate the provision of the infrastructure that will better enable residents and businesses to take up the opportunities of battery electric vehicles**. An expression of this imperative is the fact that, since 2018, the NSW Government has been “Recommending that ‘conveniently located charging stations’ be included

²⁵ p. 12 <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Climate-change/net-zero-plan-2020-2030-200057.pdf>

²⁶ <https://www.racv.com.au/royalauto/moving/news-information/car-running-costs-2019.html>

²⁷ <https://www.racv.com.au/content/dam/racv/documents/on-the-road/buying-a-car/electric-car-running-costs-2019.pdf>

²⁸ - Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and Energia 2018, Australian Electric Vehicle

Market Study, <https://www.cefc.com.au/media/401920/australian-ev-market-study-full-report-jun2018.pdf>

- CSIRO Australian National Outlook 2019, p. 57 “...electric vehicles are projected to be the cheapest form of transport after 2025...” https://www.csiro.au/~media/Showcases/ANO/ANO2_MainReport_WEB_190614.pdf

²⁹ - Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) BNEF Electric Vehicle Outlook 2020

[EVO 2020 \(turtl.co\)](https://www.bnef.com/evo2020/)

- NSW Future Transport Strategy 2056

https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2018/Future_Transport_2056_Strategy.pdf

- NSW 2020, Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030 (see in particular p. 17)

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Climate-change/net-zero-plan-2020-2030-200057.pdf>

³⁰ <https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/project-highlights/electric-vehicles>

into apartment designs under the Department of Planning and Environment's Apartment Design Guide."³¹

By 2030 the percentage of new cars sold that are BEVs may be over 50%³², so many of the households and businesses in the areas of new development identified in the LSPS will be looking for charging facilities at their home or business. **If we want these developments to be "Future Ready" and "Future Smart", we should encourage developers to provide the wiring for a charger, if not the charger itself, to enable households and businesses to take advantage of the lower costs of driving a BEV.**

Installing a Level 2 charger (7kW is common for home charging) in the construction phase, rather than retrofitting later, can save nearly 50% in costs.³³

Battery electric vehicles are expected to be able to charge back to the grid ('vehicle to grid' - V2G) in the near future³⁴, which can assist during periods of peak demand or disrupted supply. This means that they will constitute "innovative storage technologies" in Action 11.3 in the Riverina Murray Regional Plan and contribute to the resilience of the electrical system. Electric vehicles can also be charged from rooftop solar, meaning that they "Promote the diversification of energy supplies through renewable energy generation", Direction 11 of the Riverina Murray Regional Plan. The fact that BEVs can charge during times of high generation from large scale solar farms provides another way that BEVs can facilitate increased renewable energy generation.

The means of encouraging BEVs through planning is something that the WWCC planning team can explore. Some possible ways are to:

- encourage developers to provide chargers in new or remodelled buildings (and in public spaces);
- ask developers to report on the number of chargers provided per household or premises;
- publicise about best local practice, such as developments with the best provision of charging infrastructure or other support for BEVs;
- educate designers, developers, prospective residents and businesses about the cost benefits of BEVs and the advantages of early planning for and installation of charging infrastructure.

As part of the last point, WWCC could liaise with a top electric vehicle industry group such as the Electric Vehicle Council and ask them to conduct workshops or talks for Wagga staff and local businesses, developers and residents on the advantages of planning for and providing widespread charging infrastructure for electric vehicles and of using electric vehicles generally.

³¹ NSW, Future Transport Strategy 2056, (p. 66)

https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2018/Future_Transport_2056_Strategy.pdf

³² CEFC, Clean Energy Snapshot, Australian Electric Vehicle Market Study

<https://www.cefc.com.au/media/401922/cefc-snapshot-electric-vehicles-jun2018.pdf>

³³ Electric Vehicle Charging in Residential and Non-Residential Buildings (UK), (see p. 7, item 9),

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/818810/electric-vehicle-charging-in-residential-and-non-residential-buildings.pdf

³⁴ Electric Vehicle Council (EVC) 2020, State of Electric Vehicles August 2020,

<https://electricvehiclecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/EVC-State-of-EVs-2020-report.pdf>

Strategic Links

NSW Future Transport Strategy 2056³⁵

- “Investigate the opportunities and challenges of electric vehicle use in NSW” (p. 66)
- “work with industry to encourage the take up of these technologies, particularly electric vehicles.” (p. 144)

Riverina Murray Regional Plan

- Direction 11 - “Promote the diversification of energy supplies through renewable energy generation”
- Action 11.3 – “Promote appropriate smaller-scale renewable energy projects using bioenergy, solar, wind, small-scale hydro, geothermal or other innovative storage technologies”

Wagga Community Strategic Plan

- Outcome - “We have sustainable urban development”
 - Measure – “Provide and maintain appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs.”
- Outcome - “We demonstrate sustainable practices”
 - Measure - “Number of businesses and households that have solar systems.”
 - Strategy – “Implement alternate energy projects to reduce CO2.”
 - Strategy – “Promote and incentivise sustainable practices.”
- Outcome – “Educate the community in sustainability”

Wagga Wagga Integrated Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan 2040³⁶

- The document states that, in order to achieve its goal, it “it will be necessary to incorporate... Future Technologies: electric/driverless cars and trucks...” (p. 10)

Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

- Key Outcome – “The key outcome for Wagga 2040 is to find the balance between growth, the natural environment, sustainability and liveability.” (p. 8)
- Principle 3: “Manage growth sustainably”
- “we will position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability”

A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW

- Promote local economies and job growth is a focus throughout, e.g. Principle 7 “Planning and regulation settings must maximise employment and income-generating opportunities...” (p. 22).
- Renewable energy is identified as an “Emerging” industry “driving the economic future of regional NSW” (p. 18), with the potential to “to support a more secure, affordable and clean energy system for people and businesses in regional NSW” (p. 19)
- Principle 2 “Freight networks that will increase the competitiveness of key regional sectors” [as BEVs will enable cheaper transport] (p. 22)
- p. 24 highlights that “Sustainable jobs growth will be supported by regions’ endowments, created or natural. Innovation in regional NSW will develop high-value service and commodity sectors to leverage cutting-edge technology. For example, NSW already has

³⁵https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2018/Future_Transport_2056_Strategy.pdf

³⁶ <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/the-council/planning-and-reporting/community-planning/current-community-plans/wagga-wagga-integrated-transport-strategy-2040>

nascent industries working on generating and storing energy to meet our future needs”
(bold added).

Distributed energy – particularly rooftop solar

Several documents key to the LSPS state the importance of renewable generation to our region and regional NSW generally.

The renewable energy industry is not just large, utility-scale generators. A very sizable part of the renewable energy industry is “distributed”, such as rooftop solar on businesses and residences. The CSIRO’s Electricity Network Transformation Roadmap states that by 2050, distributed generation, or “customer owned generators” will “supply 30-45% of Australia’s electricity needs”, involving over \$200 billion of expenditure.³⁷

The Clean Energy Council’s annual “Clean Energy Report Australia” notes that small scale, distributed, solar generated well over twice as much electricity as large-scale solar in 2019.³⁸

So, distributed energy is an important part and project of the renewable energy industry.

In addition to reducing costs for the owners, rooftop solar contributes to cheaper electricity prices for everyone, as noted by the CEO of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).³⁹

The NSW Chief Scientist points out that the significant amount of distributed solar generation “...can supply reliable, low cost and low emissions electricity to support economic growth. For example, distributed solar PV can lower residential and business energy costs...”⁴⁰

Again, rooftop solar provides cheaper electricity for owners, contributes to lower electricity costs for others and promotes economic growth.

Also, when coupled with the charging of electric vehicles, the low cost of rooftop solar generation can lower costs for transport for businesses and residents.

Similarly, rooftop solar hot water systems can lower costs for residences and business, and lower demand for electricity or gas. This lowers costs for other consumers and improves the availability of gas for commercial and industrial uses.

The Australian Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) has been providing funding to dramatically lessen energy use and costs in new buildings. An example of such a project⁴¹:

Leading developer Mirvac is planning communities where new homes aimed at first and new home buyers will have built-in solar-plus-battery systems

³⁷ p. i, <https://www.energynetworks.com.au/resources/reports/electricity-network-transformation-roadmap-final-report/>

³⁸ CEC 2020 (see p. 11) <https://assets.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/documents/resources/reports/clean-energy-australia/clean-energy-australia-report-2020.pdf>

³⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/oct/22/rooftop-solar-and-covid-shutdown-lead-to-record-lows-in-australian-electricity-use>

⁴⁰ (p. 40) “Opportunities for prosperity in a decarbonised and resilient NSW” 2020, https://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/321466/Final-Report-Decarbonisation-Innovation-Study.pdf

⁴¹ <https://www.cefc.com.au/case-studies/mirvac-communities-with-built-in-clean-energy-initiatives-to-make-big-cost-savings/>

that are expected to reduce household energy costs by as much as 90 per cent.

Homes in the Mirvac developments will each come with a ready-to-operate 5.1kW rooftop solar system, alongside a 10kWh battery system. The three to four-bedroom homes will also incorporate high-grade insulation, LED lighting and energy efficient appliances.

From the point of view of maximising renewable energy generation, minimising energy costs for residents and hence releasing more money into the local economy, it would be ideal to lessen constraints on the size of rooftop solar systems and on the amount the solar systems are allowed to export. Currently, in most areas, the network operators state that the legacy design of the network means that generation has to be constrained to avoid problems with the network.

Electrical infrastructure provided to new developments (and upgrades) can be designed so that rooftop solar generation is not (or only minimally) constrained. The electrical infrastructure provided could be designed, for example, with the expectation that each household may be generating 6kW of power. It may be that the provision of grid or community batteries (or other energy storage) by the network operator would support local distributed energy generation.

The Wagga LSPS should facilitate the uptake of distributed energy systems, particularly rooftop solar. The planning team will understand better how this can be done, but some possibilities are:

- Educating developers;
- Providing information for residents – for example on the cost effectiveness of distributed energy – who are in the market to build a home (or looking to change locations in the LGA);
- Publicly acknowledging best practice in the incorporation of distributed energy into house designs and development, including through energy storage solutions and services such as community batteries. Perhaps a developer would like to promote some residences as producing more energy than they use or having very low ongoing energy costs (similar to the Mirvac example above);
- Just as the Wagga Wagga Integrated Transport Strategy has “liaise with RMS...” as part of its implementation plan⁴², WWCC can liaise with and advocate to electricity networks, or other providers of electrical infrastructure to new developments, to ensure that the infrastructure problems constraining distributed energy generation are avoided.

Provisions could also be considered in the LSPS that would make local villages into resilient microgrids, able to maintain electrical supply and services from locally generated energy if cut off from the grid. This could be achieved, for example, through sufficient rooftop solar and batteries, with the ability to island.

Strategic Links

A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW

- Renewable energy development can “support a more secure, affordable and clean energy system for people and businesses in regional NSW.” (p. 19)
- Renewable energy is an emerging ‘engine industry’ “that will drive regional NSW economies over the next 20 years” (p. 18)

⁴² RN3.2, p. 79, <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/the-council/planning-and-reporting/community-planning/current-community-plans/wagga-wagga-integrated-transport-strategy-2040>

Riverina Murray Regional Plan

- Direction 11 - “Promote the diversification of energy supplies through renewable energy generation”
- Action 11.3 – “Promote appropriate smaller-scale renewable energy projects using bioenergy, solar, wind, small-scale hydro, geothermal or other innovative storage technologies”

Wagga Community Strategic Plan

- Objective – “We create a sustainable environment for future generations”
- Outcome - “We demonstrate sustainable practices”
 - Strategy – “Promote and incentivise sustainable practices.”
- Outcome – “Educate the community in sustainability”
 - Strategy – “Run environmental schemes and initiatives.”
- Measure – “Number of businesses and households that have solar systems.”
- Strategy – “Implement renewable energy projects”

NSW [Riverina Murray Enabling Regional Adaptation Report](#)⁴³

- “Transition pathways” to reach a desired state in the category of Energy include (p. 11, Fig. 7):
 - “Support community self-sufficiency incorporating a diverse mix of decentralised energy systems...”
 - “Provide government leadership and incentives to support resilient and low carbon networks and systems...”

In [a more recent NSW Regional Adaptation Report](#)⁴⁴ was further development on the

- “Transition pathways” to reach a desired state in the category of Energy, including (p. 16, Fig. 8):
 - “Provision of practical guidelines for sustainable house design to increase energy efficiency”
 - “Regional scale business case assessment of best zero-carbon electricity and transport fuel sources”
 - (in a separate document of advice from DPIE⁴⁵ is the statement, “A transition pathway can be used as a data source to develop specific local strategic action embedded in a LSPS.”)

Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency refers to buildings and equipment that provide the same function or service while using less energy and costing less. For example, homes that are better insulated, are more air-tight and have better orientation and window placement to take advantage of winter sunlight cost less to heat and cool and tend to be more comfortable.

⁴³ <https://climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/NARCLim/Files/Section-4-PDFs/Riverina-Murray-Enabling-Regional-Adaptation-Report.pdf>

⁴⁴ <https://climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/NARCLim/Files/Section-4-PDFs/North-Coast-Enabling-Regional-Adaptation-final-report.pdf>

⁴⁵ DPIE LSPS Advice - CLIMATE CHANGE – North Coast region (Mar 2020), p. 3, <https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-01-dpie-lsps-advice-climate-change-north-coast-region.pdf>

The *Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings* from COAG (the Council of Australian Governments, of which, of course, NSW is a member) begins with this statement about energy efficiency⁴⁶:

Energy efficiency plays an important role in lowering energy bills for households and businesses; improving occupant comfort, health and productivity; saving energy (reducing wastage) for the wider economy; improving resilience to extreme weather and blackouts (peak demand); and reducing emissions.

Most new buildings in Australia are built to the minimum energy efficiency requirements in the National Construction Code (NCC). This misses cost effective opportunities for consumers, as new energy efficient technology costs have been falling considerably in recent years, while energy prices have been rising. (p. 1)

The Planning Institute of Australia states that:

- “A key part of any strategic plan should be to help reduce the cost of buying energy by identifying renewable and local sources of energy, and also by reducing the amount of energy used.”⁴⁷

The NSW Net Zero Emissions Plan notes that energy efficiency measures can “ease pressure on the electricity grid”.⁴⁸

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation makes the point that **“it’s critical that developers and owners incorporate innovative sustainable design measures from the early planning stage. It’s about delivering energy efficient buildings that have long-term environmental benefits...”**⁴⁹

Examples of energy efficiency include:

- Higher star heaters and air-conditioning
- Heat pump hot water systems instead of resistance element or gas HWS
- Sealing points at which conditioned air leaks out of a building
- Higher levels of insulation
- Passive winter heating of a building through orientation of the building or placement of windows

As with battery electric vehicles and distributed energy, many of the savings from better energy efficiency will be spent locally, stimulating jobs and the local economy.

Energy efficiency is sometimes referred to as “energy productivity”.⁵⁰

⁴⁶ December 2018, p. 1

<http://coagenergycouncil.gov.au/sites/prod.energycouncil/files/publications/documents/Trajectory%20for%20Low%20Energy%20Buildings.pdf>

⁴⁷ PIA, Submission: Climate Change Bill 2020, p. 12, <https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/11059>

⁴⁸ p. 17 <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Climate-change/net-zero-plan-2020-2030-200057.pdf>

⁴⁹ <https://www.cefc.com.au/media/media-release/families-in-build-to-rent-homes-to-share-in-clean-energy-benefits-with-new-cefc-mirvac-investment/>

⁵⁰ National Energy Productivity Plan 2015-2030 (COAG 2015)

http://www.coagenergycouncil.gov.au/sites/prod.energycouncil/files/publications/documents/National%20Energy%20Productivity%20Plan%20release%20version%20FINAL_0.pdf

While the planning team will understand better how energy efficiency can be promoted through the LSPS, possible additions include:

- consider encouraging disclosure for residential dwellings of the star-rating and/or energy efficiency, similar to the Commercial Building Disclosure Program
- educate developers of commercial or residential properties about advantages of energy efficiency
- educate residents interested in building, renovating or buying a home about the advantages of high levels of energy efficiency
- encourage development that is more energy efficient, perhaps in terms of NABERS
- encourage public disclosure of energy efficiency ratings of dwellings
- recognise leading practice in energy efficiency of building design and equipment
- “Seek to include and incentivise Design Excellence Mechanisms in the LEP and DCP to deliver sustainable dwellings”⁵¹

Strategic Links

References in key documents to reducing business and consumer costs and promoting economic viability are strategically linked to actions encouraging cost effective energy efficiency measures.

NSW Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020–2030

- Priority 1 – “Drive uptake of proven emissions reduction technologies that grow the economy, create new jobs or reduce the cost of living”

Wagga Community Strategic Plan

- Strategy (p. 47) - “Implement energy saving initiatives.”
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⁵¹ As in the Kurringai LSPS, p. 176 https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/Local+Strategic+Planning+Statements/Ku-ring-gai+Council+++Local+Strategic+Planning+Statement+2020.pdf

⁵² <https://climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/NARCLim/Files/Section-4-PDFs/Riverina-Murray-Enabling-Regional-Adaptation-Report.pdf>

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National Energy Productivity Plan 2015-2030 (COAG 2015)

- “Promote leading practice: There is potential to drive energy productivity innovation through the promotion and recognition of leaders” (p. 21);
- Measure 7 – “Recognise business leadership and support voluntary action in business: Business-led voluntary action can boost economic productivity...” (p. 20).

⁵⁴ DPIE LSPS Advice - CLIMATE CHANGE – North Coast region (Mar 2020), p. 3,
<https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/2020/2020-03-17/pubs/10-01-01-dpie-lsps-advice-climate-change-north-coast-region.pdf>

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Hi Council
 Here's my input to the Community Strategic Plan.

I agree with the following points put forward by CROW.

"Points for the Community Strategic Plan"

The revised Community Strategic Plan (CSP) has commendably included the two Community and Corporate net zero targets and Council's commitment to support and empower the community to reach the community net zero target. But the early part of the document hasn't been revised to reflect the recognition of how important climate change is, the importance we place on lowering emissions, and the need to make Wagga resilient in terms of climate change.

Please -

Incorporate in the 16 page preface/intro the importance of climate change and of action to lessen, and adapt to, climate change.

- A paragraph or two can be included, akin to p. 8 in the section "Context for action to reduce emissions" in the draft Corporate Net Zero Strategy
- The 4 Guiding Principles (on p. 5) should be increased to 5 to include the principle "Sustainable" or "Towards Net Zero"
- Other changes are needed to make Wagga's emission reduction commitment and the importance of climate change more prominent

In the 16 page preface/intro, include a prominent **definition of the word 'sustainable'** that makes explicit that being sustainable means achieving net zero emissions. As recent IPCC reports have shown, any unabated emissions contribute to the negative effects of climate change, including the fires, floods, drought, heat stress and poverty to which our community would be subject. These negative effects are not consistent with the Brundtland definition of sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Develop a roadmap for the community's journey to net zero, not just for the Council's role in that journey. The roadmap will **prioritise** the most valuable actions that the community can

take. The roadmap will guide residents and businesses, as well as guiding the Council on its role in community emission reduction. It will be a valuable tool for the sustainability education that Council provides. And, the process of consultation with the community to form the roadmap will be an educational exercise in itself.

Developing a net zero roadmap with and for the community will be a demonstration of Council's admirable resolution to "position ourselves and the region to be a world-leader in sustainability" (WWCC 2021, Local Strategic Planning Statement, p. 23).

Some important things that we ask Council to do, and which should be **inclusions in the community net zero roadmap**, are Council facilitating and advocating:

- for the uptake of renewable electricity Power Purchase Agreements by big electricity users,
- for the development of community batteries to allow more rooftop solar and residential cost-saving,
 - with the surging uptake of electric vehicles (EVs), larger rooftop solar systems will better enable residents and business to power their EVs, saving transport costs and keeping dollars in the local economy,
- to encourage residents and developers to understand the cost-savings from all-electric homes.

Make sure the spending is there (in the Council's subsidiary documents) for the development of the community's net zero roadmap, for coordinating the 6 monthly community net zero forums that Council recently resolved to commence, and for Council to enact its role in the roadmap. Many times more than the needed funds are available in the Net Zero Reserve, so this will not stress the Council budget.

Include an interim 2030 target of net zero for Council's corporate energy-related emissions in the corporate zero emission plan. This is essentially the target that was recommended by Council staff in the April 2021 report on a net zero target.

Also,

- In the section "**Safe and healthy community**", on p. 20 include the strategy "Prepare for the effects of climate change". A measure could be "Community satisfaction with preparedness for extreme heat events and access to safe, cool places."
- In the section "**Growing Economy**", p. 22 include the strategy "Recognise the future opportunities for Wagga Wagga, including cost savings and business viability, to be gained by continued investment in smaller-scale renewable energy projects and innovative storage technologies" [drawing from Direction 11 and Action 11.3 of the NSW Riverina-Murray Regional Plan, and from the 'Emerging Engine Industries' (p. 18) of the NSW Vision for Regional NSW]. A measure for this strategy could be "Business rooftop solar capacity".
- In the section "**Growing Economy**", under the Objective "Wagga is an attractive tourist destination" (p. 24), **add the measure "number of conveniently located electric**

vehicle charging stations” for the strategy “Facilitate planning and development of visitor-related facilities and services.

Please assure that the Delivery Program and the Operational and Financial Plans enact these points.

Thank you"

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