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Please find attached a submission to the WWCC Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan  
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## **Submission to WWCC Draft 2021-2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan**

WWCC should be congratulated on its recent declaration of net zero carbon dioxide emission targets for both the community (2050) and Council (2040) and for its plans to decarbonise its operations.

The council has already achieved some notable results in this area and the DPOP, following on from the Community Strategic Plan, will further promote these goals.

I would like to make the following suggestions that I believe would strengthen the existing draft, or provide avenues for the future development of the DPOP.

### **Industrial development**

*The Bomen Business Park “will be a key economic driver of growth in the Riverina with access from Wagga Wagga to capital cities with the improvement of rail and road connection on the Sydney to Melbourne rail line.” (DPOP p. 7)*

WWCC should investigate the opportunities that the Bomen Business Park presents for the development of new low carbon technologies that will drive economic development in Australia over the next several decades. These include:

- Battery and solar panel manufacture or ancillary services (such as component manufacture or recycling).
- The possibility of hydrogen production, storage and/or distribution.
- Logistics and heavy transport services such as battery interchange or battery charging facilities.
- Use of existing or future roof spaces for PV arrays and virtual power plants.

### **Education and training**

Take advantage of the existence of both the university and TAFE in Wagga to promote opportunities for:

- Trade training relevant to all aspects of renewable energy and low carbon technologies
- The development of courses in agriculture related to environmental change and low carbon farming, including regenerative farming and low energy agri-technologies.
- Courses related to community health and safety including such areas as town planning and landscape architecture.

### **Tourism**

Over the next five years the numbers of electric vehicles will increase. There is a need for WWCC to develop and/or encourage charging points so that the increasing number of tourists driving EV's will see Wagga as a key location to visit. This is especially so as the increasing range of EV's places Wagga within one recharge range of both Sydney and Melbourne. This could be done by extending the charging points at the Tourist Information Centre and adding others in downtown and suburban parking areas.

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