

Draft Renewables Regulatory Framework

Initiatives for consultation to support strong and sustainable energy communities

Enhanced environmental outcomes



Effective community participation



Easy access to information



Enduring landholder protections



Efficient industry facilitation



1.1 Improving environmental assessments and compliance

- Updating the wind code to strengthen protections for communities and the environment.
- Conducting phase two of the planning framework review for renewables.
- Exploring an expanded role for the state environment agency.

1.2 Focusing on outcomes and strategic planning

- Undertaking proactive planning and investigating strategic advanced offsets in renewable energy zones (REZs).
- Continuing bioregional planning to achieve better overall environmental outcomes and faster decisions for business.
- Exploring other pathways for enhancing environmental outcomes.

1.3 Fostering a circular economy

- Supporting solar panel recycling.
- Supporting resource recovery industry innovation.

2.1 Enhancing engagement and leading practice, including with First Nations peoples

- Creating a mandatory Code of Conduct for renewable energy developers.
- Establishing independent Community Leader Councils through Coexistence Queensland.
- Investigating the need for specific cultural heritage management and engagement guidance.

2.2 Ensuring local benefits for host communities

- Exploring setting clear minimum standards for community benefits.
- Developing new models for delivering a positive community legacy.
- Expanding regional internet access with the Powerlink SuperGrid Telecommunications Program.
- Continuing to roll out Local Energy Partnerships program.

2.3 Boosting local jobs and economic development

- Continuing to support better local workforce outcomes.
- Building regional training facilities.
- Delivering the new Energy Jobs portal.
- Delivering the \$200 million Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF) and transformation strategies.

3.1 Improving transparency of renewable energy pipeline

- Investigating a notification scheme for renewable energy projects.
- Exploring the need for a comprehensive online portal with project mapping.

3.2 Empowering communities and local government

- Delivering tailored support for Local Government.
- Seeking to understand what guidance communities may need to engage with renewable energy developers.

3.3 Supporting independent trusted information

- Supporting independent analysis of emerging issues in the energy transformation.
- Exploring ways to increase energy literacy and education.

4.1 Improving support and fair compensation for landholders

- Supporting landholders with a toolkit, information telephone service and website.
- Delivering a nation leading SuperGrid Landholder Payment Framework.
- Investigating a statutory land access code for transmission providers.
- Investigating a requirement for financial support to landholders to access advice.
- Exploring the need to develop model contracts for landholder agreements.

4.2 Creating clear escalation pathways

- Working with the Commonwealth Government to support greater coordination.
- Investigating the expansion of the ombudsman to include complaints pathways for large-scale renewable energy.

4.3 Enforcing comprehensive end-of-life planning and protections

- Exploring new requirements for lifecycle planning for renewable energy developers.
- Investigating models to provide financial assurance for end-of-life activities for renewable energy projects.

4.4 Undertaking strategic land use planning

- Supporting sustainable development through Regional Plans.
- Conducting early cumulative impact analysis in REZ planning.

4.5 Supporting sustainable practices for coexistence

- Exploring agrivoltaics for Queensland landscapes.
- Investigating tax implications for renewables on farms.

5.1 Streamlining processes and facilitation

- Investigating the need for greater industry facilitation.

5.2 Driving investment confidence through greater certainty

- Proactively considering enabling infrastructure for REZs.
- Updating the Infrastructure Blueprint and REZ Roadmap.

5.3 Building industry partnerships for the future

- Continuing to deliver on industry partnerships with peak bodies.

