

A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE FOR OUR ELECTORATES: **good jobs and a low carbon economy for Eden-Monaro and Gilmore**



Who are we?

We're an alliance of community groups and individuals who are working to identify realistic net zero emission industry and employment opportunities for our region. Climate Action Monaro is coordinating this

project currently supported by Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, LEAN, National Trust, and National Parks Association. We're seeking collaboration with other like-minded groups in the two electorates.

Why this project?

The impacts of climate change require a rapid transition away from fossil fuels to zero emission energy sources and major changes in land management. This transition must be just and equitable, providing good employment opportunities for all. Some inspiring national plans map opportunities for transitioning to a zero net emission economy including Beyond Zero Emissions' *Million Jobs Plan*, the Climate Council's *Clean Jobs Plan* and the Australian Energy Market Operator's *2020 Integrated System Plan*. However, as yet little work has been done at regional level. This project will seek to fill this gap for our region.

What is the project?

This project will identify economic activities that will enable a measured and supported transition to a net zero emission economy. It will attempt to estimate the approximate employment, economic, social and environmental benefits and the key elements of the policy environment needed to enable this transition.

We want our shires to have a piece of the pie as we transition nationally to a low carbon future

Case studies include clean energy development and use, carbon sequestration in forestry and farming, regenerative agriculture, biodiversity restoration and conservation projects.

Data and information with connecting narratives and with some shire-specific material will be web-published for each electorate and summarised in hard-copy.

These publications will be launched

in each electorate and include:

- Fact sheets for citizens and media
- Evidence for planners, policymakers, investors, community campaigners and advocates
- Social media videos

At this stage we have identified the following opportunities:

- Clean energy generation
- Carbon sequestration in forests and soils
- Mosaic / prescribed / cultural burning
- Flora and fauna habitat protection
- Financial returns to farmers from carbon farming and biodiversity protection
- Seaweed production and use by livestock farmers
- Tourism benefits from protecting our spectacular environment
- New industries using abundant clean energy
- Associated community projects.

When?

The first fact sheets and explainers should be available by the end of May 2021 in time to contribute to the policy debate in the September local government elections and the 2021 federal general election. We anticipate the evidence base and information distribution will continue to grow after that date. We have applied for a small grant to help fund design, social and print media distribution of our findings.

What next? ... Some questions:

1. Have you got skills, knowledge or time to contribute?
2. Have you a case-study to include?
3. Can you identify other opportunities?
4. What pathways/obstacles to transition are there?
5. What support (e.g. retraining, jobseeker-type payments, business compensation) could help the transition?
6. Will the results be useful for you?

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