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Central NSW welcomes renewed effort in energy management

Energy is a big topic in Australia at the moment. The ten member Councils of Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) are working with the Dept of Planning Industry and Environment in support of the State Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050.

"The Sustainable Councils and Communities program has targeted Joint Organisations who have identified energy management as a priority. Central NSW has done this including work on streetlights, electric vehicles and a Renewable Energy Action Plan. Our CNSWJO policy is an orderly transition to a renewable energy future," said Cr John Medcalf OAM, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation, Mayor of Lachlan Shire Council

"Every Council in Central NSW is at a different place in the journey to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We all agree that there will be benefits from doing it together and in collaboration with the State Government," said Cr Medcalf

"Central NSW Councils have been buying electricity together for nearly twenty years. This has saved Councils and their communities significant sums of money. It's time to take this to the next level and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Some Councils are well into this work including considering mid scale solar and others are just beginning to install solar panels on rooftops," said Cr Medcalf

"There will be opportunities for aggregated procurement, piloting approaches and for regional solutions that offer local benefit," said Cr Medcalf

"Not only that, but this region wants to look at the renewable energy jobs of the future," said Cr Medcalf

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