

RENEWABLE ENERGY NOW! FOR FNQ

Campaign goals:

- A rapid transition to renewable energy for our region with a long term goal of 100% renewable
- Large-scale energy efficiency for all sectors combined with the phasing out of fossil fuels and replacement by renewable energy technology
- A fair transition for affected workers accompanied by the creation of thousands of jobs in the new clean energy sector

Why Renewable Energy Now?

Given our abundant natural energy sources, a rapid transition to renewable energy is a realistic and attainable goal when coupled with improved energy efficiency measures. Far North Queensland has enormous potential for renewable energy generation, particularly wind, solar and bagasse. There are also strong incentives for reducing our dependence on electricity from southern Queensland including: *greater security of supply; reduced transmission losses; job creation and growth of the local economy.*

What's the problem?

Australia has one of the highest per capita greenhouse gas emission rates in the world. This is primarily due to our use of coal for electricity generation. Burning coal for electricity accounts for 31% of Australia's total emissions annually. A transition away from the use of fossil fuels for power generation is a vital step towards reducing our emissions and creating a vibrant and sustainable future.

Our region is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, both environmentally and economically. Long-term damage to the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforests, combined with climate-related changes in travel habits, is predicted to result in huge losses to our main industries of tourism and development.

Our future

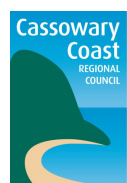
Our region has the potential to become a leader in renewable energy generation. At the same time we can protect our tourism industry, boost the local economy, generate 'green' jobs, and showcase the progress of our region towards ecological sustainability. We can also push for Australia to become a world leader in renewable energy generation.

We are joining hundreds of other groups and organisations across the country to build a unified voice from across all sectors of the community calling for an immediate transition to renewable energy, and we are inviting local organisations and businesses to be involved.

We invite you to support this campaign for a rapid transition to renewable energy for FNQ. Strong community and industry support will demonstrate the increasing demand for an urgent transition to renewable energy. Your support can help to deliver the necessary environmental and energy policy outcomes to create a positive and environmentally sound future for our region and for Australia.

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"The Torres Strait Regional Authority is committed to supporting the uptake of renewable energy in the Torres Strait Region. Our initiatives are identified in the Torres Strait Regional Plan (2009-2029) and the Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy (2010-2013)." John. T. Kris Chairperson, TSRA. www.tsra.gov.au