

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION ON THE NET ZERO ECONOMY AGENCY

## MOTION 66

The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to appoint Local Government to the Net Zero Economy Agency board.

## DESIRED OUTCOME

The desired outcome of this motion is to secure formal representation for local governments on the Net Zero Economy Agency.

This would ensure that the perspectives and experiences of local communities are incorporated into national policy-making, promoting more effective, equitable, and regionally sensitive solutions as Australia advances towards its net zero goals.

## BACKGROUND

Local government representation on the Net Zero Economy Agency (NZEA) is crucial for effectively managing the transition to a sustainable economy.

Local governments are on the front lines of implementing decarbonisation strategies and managing the socio-economic impacts of this transition.

Their intimate knowledge of regional needs and challenges makes their input invaluable in shaping policies that directly affect their communities.

Including local government representatives on the NZEA board ensures that the unique perspectives and experiences of these communities are considered, promoting more effective and equitable solutions as Australia moves towards its net zero goals.



## CASE STUDY/EXAMPLE

Glenden, a small community in the Isaac Region, exemplifies the challenges and opportunities local governments face in the transition to a net zero economy.

Established to support the Newlands coal mine, Glenden thrived as a mining town.

However, the decline in global coal demand and the shift towards renewable energy have put Glenden at a crossroads.

The anticipated closure of the Newlands coal mine by 2025 poses significant socio-economic challenges for Glenden.

The town's economy and employment are heavily reliant on the mine, with a substantial portion of the population employed directly or indirectly by the mining industry.

The closure threatens to result in job losses, reduced economic activity, and potential population decline, leading to broader community impacts.

Recognising these challenges, Isaac Regional Council has been proactive in seeking solutions.

Council has advocated for the inclusion of local governments in the Net Zero Economy Agency, emphasising the importance of localised transition planning.

By having a voice in the agency, local governments can ensure that community-specific needs and insights are considered in national policy-making.

Glenden's experience highlights the complexity and localised nuances associated with transition.

Without formal local government representation on the Net Zero Economy Agency to act as a conduit and provide critical grass roots insights, the effectiveness and policy created by the NZEA would be hampering, resulting in significant delays in Australia's transition to a sustainable future.

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