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The issue paper appears to be very technical in nature

These REZ are on lands

These lands require community awareness and resources allocation so as better community understanding of what is happening .

In enabling legislation, the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 (NSW) passed both houses of NSW Parliament with strong bi-partisan support. It was enacted into law on 2 December 2020; with good intention this renewable energy zone declaration has been place upon all the communities without consultation and little information been given to the impacted communities.

Though there are anticipated benefits for the communities within the REZ, such as proposed jobs for locals and community funds etc from specific projects.

In my mind some concerns are raised regarding this apparent green light for energy industry to grow rapidly in our predominate agricultural region.

Many questions are raised.

What parallel planning is occurring around the supporting services, infrastructure and cumulative impacts? Regarding the opportunities. What coordinated effort for this zone, so as to ensure that there are efficiencies in developments and infrastructure?

What allowances and considerations made for the cumulative impacts of the zoning and the projects it attracts? What resourcing has been assigned and what compensation for the general community as a whole and not only to those directly hosting renewable projects has be applied?

Though the region is charged with hosting the renewable energy sector for NSW by the dept planning; this inadvertently has tied up the hands of our local government; deeming the renewable projects of state significant over riding LGA engagement early with input allowed only later on in the planning stage.

Each renewable project working in isolation to apply to the state for approval; how does Dept planning propose for community advocacy on the cumulative impacts and arable lands losses and or the opportunity for carbon capture initiatives for land holders?

Who holds the renewable projects to account with an audit regarding proposed benefits specifically to the rural region to actual received job benefits locally? Is this the Job advocate?

Like the proposed REZ Consumer Trustee and the Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate and NSW Renewable Energy Sector Board; I am proposing REZ Community Advocacy - charged with the responsibility to ensure the communities impacted have effective communication, advocacy, cumulative impacts considered. Our local Governments cannot be blamed for the lack communication without the being supported with additional resources required to implement the affective information distribution . Borrowing your analogy used for the constituents of Barwon;

This proposed type of REZ community advocacy will be tapping into the 'willing horses of our communities to participate moving the REZ cart!'

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