

The Clean Energy Program - History

- The requirement for a Clean Energy Program is a part of the Wind Farm's Development Approval with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.
- In accordance with the Development Approval, a Community Enhancement Program document was written and approved in 2012.
- We call the Community Enhancement Program the CEP.
- The CEP describes the Community Fund and the Clean Energy Program:
 - The Community Fund allows community groups within 10km of the wind farm to apply for grants. We call this the CF.
 - The Clean Energy program allows us to assist residents within 5km of the wind farm to improve the energy efficiency of their house or business. We call this the CLEP.
- This document is about the CLEP.
- To modify the CLEP, requires modification to the CEP document. That is why we have put a draft revised CEP on our website for you to take a look at.

Clean Energy Program (CLEP) – Current Program prior to Proposed Revisions

STAGE 1 – Energy Efficiency Audit

- An Energy Efficiency Audit is undertaken at the resident's dwelling by an independent energy consultant. A report is provided to the property owner.
- The resident is given a \$150 Bunnings voucher to spend on small improvements, as identified in their energy audit report.
- Up to March 2016, 42 energy audits have been completed.
- After Stage 1, residents can participate in Stage 2.

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CURRENT STAGE 2 PROGRAMS

Residents can apply for the following:

- **Solar Reimbursement Package:** install a solar hot water system or a solar PV system.
- OR**
- **Green Energy Package:** obtain a rebate on electricity bills if the resident enters a contract with their electricity supplier for 50% green energy.

Clean Energy Program (CLEP) – Proposed Revised Program

STAGE 1 – Energy Efficiency Audit

- Stays the same as it was previously

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Changes to the CLEP are mainly to do with Stage 2

REVISED STAGE 2 PROGRAMS

Residents can do **one** of the following
(in each round of funding):

- **Solar Reimbursement Package:** install a solar hot water system or solar PV system.

OR

- **Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Package:** fund energy efficiency improvements, such as better insulated windows or wall insulation.

Note – Stage 1 is still operational while we revise the program. If you haven't applied you can do so using the application forms on our website www.gullenrangewindfarm.com

A Summary of Proposed Changes to the Clean Energy Program (CLEP)

The following table describes the main changes under the proposed revised Clean Energy Program. It is a simplified summary. For full details, make sure you read the Draft Community Enhancement Program on our website.

Change	Reason	Where in document
Add a Stage 2 package - the Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Package.	We had feedback from residents that you would like to be able to put funds from the CLEP towards other energy efficiency improvements, such as better insulated windows or wall insulation. This package aims to achieve that.	Definitions section, page 4 Section 5.1 on page 11
Remove the requirement for applicants to pay upfront of receiving CLEP funds for their Stage 2 installation.	We had feedback that the old CLEP, which required residents to pay for their stage 2 installation upfront, was not great for people who didn't have spare cash to spend. For this reason, we have changed the scheme so that we pay your supplier directly.	Section 5.7.6, page 15
Limit the maximum value of a Stage 2 application to approximately \$6500.	We want to ensure that there are enough funds available in the CLEP for all residents who want to apply. This limit helps with that. Residents might still need to wait for approval, but potential waiting times will be shorter than under the old CLEP. Applicants will also benefit from improved certainty that their applications will be successful, making it easier to obtain quotations for work.	Section 5.7.2, page 14
Allow us to advance funds to reduce waiting times for Stage 2 applications.	The old CLEP only allowed us to contribute a set amount of money per year to the CLEP. Under the proposed CLEP, we can advance funds from future years of the CLEP, in order to reduce the waiting list for stage 2 applicants.	Section 5.5, page 12
More carefully define who is eligible for the program.	We want it to be clear who is eligible for the program and who is not. The definition of CLEP Eligible Resident in the document is aimed at achieving this.	Definitions section, page 4

A Summary of Proposed Changes to the Clean Energy Program (CLEP) - Continued

Change	Reason	Where in document
Add guidelines as to how many times a resident can apply to the CLEP.	The old CLEP was not clear on how many times residents could apply. Depending on the amount of funds that are available in the Program over time, it might be possible for a resident to apply more than once. The revised Program includes guidelines on how this works.	Section 5.8, page 16
Remove the Green Power Package from the list of Stage 2 packages.	We had feedback that the Green Power Package does not provide good value for residents. Furthermore, we have not received any applications for this Package. For these reasons, it has been removed from the CLEP.	N/A
Enable residents to 'top up' the value of a Stage 2 application.	This change is to give residents the option of choosing a more expensive stage 2 installation than the CLEP allows. Residents will be able to pay some of their own money, on top of the CLEP contribution of \$6500. However, this is the resident's choice. Residents can definitely get value from the scheme without putting in their own money.	Section 5.7.3, page 14
Make it easier to understand how Stage 2 applications are prioritised by defining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what the Energy Committee does and who belongs to it - the role of the Energy Efficiency Expert - how the applications are prioritised 	We want to make it easier for residents to understand how we decide which Stage 2 applications need to be waitlisted and which get approved.	Section 5.7.7, page 15
Refer to the Clean Energy Program as the CLEP rather than as the CEP.	We've done this to avoid confusion between Community Enhancement Plan and Clean Energy Program	Throughout

The Clean Energy Program – Next steps

- Informal community information session at Bannister Hall - 28th June 4-7pm
- Closing date for Community Feedback – 4th July 2016
- Formal consideration by Upper Lachlan Shire Council – 18th July 2016
- Formal approval by Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council already obtained
- Formal approval by NSW Department of Planning and Environment
– Aiming for 5th August 2016
- Implementation – second half of August 2016

What if I have already lodged a Stage 2 application?

- After the plan is approved, we'll contact you and give you the opportunity to adjust your application. You won't lose your spot in our queue.

Questions?

- If you have questions about the revisions to the Clean Energy Program you can:
 - Come to our informal information session at Bannister Hall – 28th June 4-7pm
 - Phone us on 1800509711
 - Email us at info@gullenrangewindfarm.com