

# <u>Information posted on our Website since May regarding the</u> <u>Update to the Program</u>

Date: 30/08/2016

On 11th August, we received final approval of the revised Clean Energy Program (CLEP) from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

We are happy to announce that the CLEP is now fully operational. This announcement follows a period where we have been reviewing and revising Stage 2 of the program.

If you have already applied for Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the program, you should have received a letter from us letting you know the next steps.

If you haven't applied for the program yet, then we recommend you get involved. If eligible, you will receive an energy audit of your house. You will also be able to apply for a grant of approximately \$6500 to make energy efficiency improvements to your house, such as installation of a solar hot water service, a solar PV system, wall insulation or better insulated windows.

Date: 11/08/2016

We are awaiting a response from the NSW Department of Planning on the revised Clean Energy Program (CLEP). A response is due by Friday, 19th August. This is the last approval required before the revised Clean Energy Program can be implemented. Assuming the NSW Department of Planning approve the document, the next step will be for us to send letters to all the current applicants for Stage 2 systems. The letter will allow current applicants the option of maintaining their current applications, or resubmitting. We plan to send these letters in w/c 22nd August, assuming we receive approval from the NSW Department of Planning by 19th August.

In the meantime, please see the form of Funding Agreement below, which residents will be required to enter to obtain CLEP funding.

### Clean Energy Program Funding Agreement

It sets out the following:

- How your supplier will be paid for the works.
- What information you and your supplier must provide us with in order for your supplier to be paid.
- That we are not responsible if there is a problem with the system.

It is important that your supplier has read this and is happy to provide you with the necessary information before you accept their quotation. This includes your supplier signing a declaration to say that the system has been installed in accordance with all relevant standards. If your stage 2 application to the CLEP is approved by us, we will send you a Funding Agreement for you to sign. It will have all the details filled out (that is the details marked in yellow on the current version).



Date: 01/08/2016

We are pleased to announce that Upper Lachlan Shire Council has approved the final draft of the revised Clean Energy Program. The document will now be sent to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to be approved for implementation.

Date: 14/07/2016

We are pleased to update you on the progress of our revisions to the Clean Energy Program. We are on target with our schedule. The final draft of the revised Clean Energy Program will be presented at the next sitting of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on Thursday, 21st July. The document will then be sent to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to be approved for implementation.

Date: 01/07/2016

In response to feedback we received from community members at the Clean Energy Program Information Session, we have made some minor changes to the draft of the revised Clean Energy Program. We are happy to provide an updated draft of the revised

Clean Energy Program for the community to review. The Clean Energy Program forms part of the Community Enhancement Program, which can be found on the link below.

# **Draft Community Enhancement Program**

We welcome your feedback on the proposed revisions to the Clean Energy Program. The closing date for community feedback is **Monday**, **4**<sup>th</sup> **July**.

Date: 24/06/2016

As mentioned in our post below, you can download a summary of the changes to the Clean Energy Program on this link below:

#### Revised Clean Energy Program Summary

Date: 21/06/2016

We are happy to provide a draft of the revised Clean Energy Program. The Clean Energy Program forms part of the Community Enhancement Program, which can be found on the link below:

## **Draft Community Enhancement Program**

This document has had an initial review from Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Goulburn Mulwaree Council. The reviews have been positive. We are awaiting feedback from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, who have the final say in what is approved. It is important to realise that this document could still change.

To assist you with reading the document, we intend to provide you with a one page summary of the changes that have been made. Unfortunately, we are a little behind schedule with preparing the summary document, but we will have it up here on the website by the end of the week.

If you would like to have a chat to us about the revisions to the Clean Energy Program, we will be at Bannister Hall from 4pm to 7pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an informal session where we can answer your questions and offer you light refreshments. The closing date for community feedback is Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July.



Date: 15/06/2016

We are pleased to announce that progress with the revised Clean Energy Program has been made according to the schedule we set out below. Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Goulburn Mulwaree Council have both given us comments on the revised program document and by the beginning of next week we will be in a position to provide it for community review. We intend to post the plan here on Monday, 20th June.

We will hold an information session at Bannister Hall on June, 28th from 4pm to 7pm to answer any questions on the revised program. This will be an informal session where you can drop in and talk to us about the program.

Date: 31/05/2016

We are proposing improvements to our Clean Energy Program (CLEP). If you don't know what this Program is, then you can read about it at the bottom of the page. The proposed changes only affect Stage 2 applications – that is those for the Solar Reimbursement Package. To find out more about the proposed changes to the Clean Energy Program, please read the letter, which can be found on the link below. You will have received the letter already if you are an existing applicant of the Program.

## NGRWF CEP Letter 001

The revised plan is currently being considered by Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Goulburn Mulwaree Council. We are required to consult with these councils before implementing any Program changes. After we have received their feedback, the revised plan will be available on our website for community review. We intend to hold an information session for community members at Bannister Hall. We will set the date for this information session soon. The NSW Department of Planning and the Environment is responsible for the final approval of the amendments to the Program.

To keep you informed of the progress of these Program changes, we will be providing fortnightly updates on this website.

We don't intend to approve any Stage 2 applications until the revised Program has been approved. This is to make sure the same set of criteria applies to all applications. However, Stage 1 of the Program is not affected. To date, our independent consultant has completed Stage 1 energy efficiency audits at 42 houses, including providing a \$150 Bunning voucher at each audit. We've had some very positive feedback from residents and we think Stage 1 of the Program has been very successful. We apologise it is taking some time to get Stage 2 of the Program fully up and running. We believe the proposed changes will improve the Program and we remain fully committed to ensuring its success. The program will run for the lifetime of the wind farm. If you have not already applied, we encourage you to do so.