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The Hon. Roger Cook MLA Premier of Western Australia 2 Havelock Street WEST PERTH WA 6005

VIA EMAIL: wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au

**Dear Premier Cook** 

## RE: REQUEST FOR STATE GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

On behalf of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, I am writing to express our commitment to supporting the State government's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

Our Shire has recently developed a comprehensive local planning policy for wind farms which aims to guide and regulate the development of wind farms within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, and to ensure we harness the benefits of renewable energy while addressing and mitigating any potential impacts on our community and environment.

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup believes that with an appropriate State government-level renewable energy development policy framework, we can significantly support the State's renewable energy objectives while preserving the unique characteristics and needs of our local area.

Given the State government's strategic vision, we respectfully seek your leadership and coordination to facilitate a collaborative approach involving local government authorities, including the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, and relevant State government portfolios comprising Planning, Energy, Infrastructure, and Local Government. Specifically, we request your support in leading discussions and consultations to develop a comprehensive renewable energy development policy framework.



This framework should aim to:

1. Maximise the benefits of renewable energy projects for local communities and the broader State.

2. Address and mitigate any potential negative social, environmental, and economic impacts associated with these projects.

3. Ensure alignment between State policies and local planning frameworks to foster sustainable and community-sensitive development.

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup is eager to work closely with the State government to ensure that our local perspectives and priorities are effectively integrated into the overarching policy framework.

We believe a collaborative effort will result in a balanced and effective approach to renewable energy development that serves our local interests, and the State's environmental objectives.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity for further engagement.

Yours sincerely

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