Restorative Renewable Energy

Vision

A restorative energy industry that increases biodiversity in Queensland, and empowers First Nations people and regional communities while providing affordable, reliable renewable energy.

Queensland is stepping into the renewable energy boom, an essential move for the emissions reduction we need for a safe climate future. With commitments at both national and state levels, Queensland is set to see large-scale renewable energy development across the state, scaling to replace our domestic energy production, and work towards becoming renewable energy exporters.. Queenslanders across the state are excited for this energy transformation.

Queensland is also home to large tracts of natural areas, forests and essential habitats, some of which are seen nowhere else in the world. Our environments provide essential ecosystem roles for a safe climate and are critical to limiting global temperature rise. We Queenslanders love our precious natural places and want to see them protected and enhanced in the decades to come.

Without inclusive leadership from industry and government that empower local communities to be active participants in the planning process, we risk losing some of our most precious parts of nature, culture and community. Renewable energy is designed to lower emissions, protecting nature and people. We must ensure that we do not fail to achieve this with short sighted energy development that has perverse consequences for local habitats, First Nations culture and rural and regional communities.

Queenslanders have a vision for a restorative renewable energy industry,. one that rapidly moves us away from polluting fossil fuels, looks after the local habitats we love, and ensures that workers, farmers, regional communities and First Nations culture are looked after in the transition. A restorative industry empowers community and increases biodiversity across the state while tackling climate change in the transition to renewable energy.

Rapid and Restorative Rollout

Government planning provides both industry and community with holistic and integrated planning that ensures a rollout that rapidly reduces our energy related emissions and doesn't compromise the other key elements of a safe climate future.

Biodiversity Positive

Renewable energy development leads to an overall increase in biodiversity. The management of biodiversity in relation to projects (protection and improvement of intact systems, reduction of invasive species, etc.) ultimately results in an increase in biodiversity as a direct result of development.

Transparent and ethical

Transparent processes and high-quality public participation practices result in increased community trust, founded in empowering rather than engaging communities.

Local conservation and restoration leading

Conservation and landcare groups as key stakeholders are well funded to lead restoration work associated with renewable energy roll out.

Full life cycle planning and assessments

There is a full lifecycle plan for projects including decommissioning and recycling. Ensuring that the industry rapidly moves to a closed loop system, with high quality manufacturing and recycling in Australia.

A Diverse Energy Sector

Government Owned Corporations, Private Corporations and Community Owned projects are all part of the energy transformation.

Self Determination

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are able to exercise self-determination with respect to what happens on their land, and have a central role in all renewable energy developments, including opportunities to become co-owners for renewable energy developments. Their ambition for and management of Country is respected and supported. This engagement is not limited or restricted by native title systems, and has a more inclusive and holistic approach..

Reformed Planning and Nature Laws

Robust and coordinated planning and nature laws accelerates the deployment of renewable energy and infrastructure whilst protecting and regenerating natural environments.

Training and jobs for locals

Training is provided so locals can secure well-paid jobs in renewable energy and regeneration in association with development throughout the lifetime, including rehabilitation, of renewable projects

Innovative Land Use

Innovative land use practices are seeing the combination of renewable energy infrastructure and other land uses such as farming or regenerative agriculture create multi-purpose tenures and productive landscapes.

Retaining Government Owned Energy

The percentage of government owned energy has remained throughout the rollout of renewables across Queensland, so that the benefits of the energy transition are shared with all.

Affordable Energy

The design of the market associated with the renewable energy industry has ensured affordable access to energy for all