Submission for Inquiry into Renewable Energy in Victoria

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Acknowledgment of Country

I'd like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin nation as the custodians of the land on which I'm meeting you, and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

I also acknowledge that we are meeting online today and that therefore we will also be meeting on the country of numerous Aboriginal nations.





Source: Siemens Australia < https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2017-02-17/sach-wind-farm-art/8248950

About RE-Alliance

RE-Alliance is an independent, not-for-profit working to secure an energy transformation that delivers long-term benefits and prosperity to regional Australia.

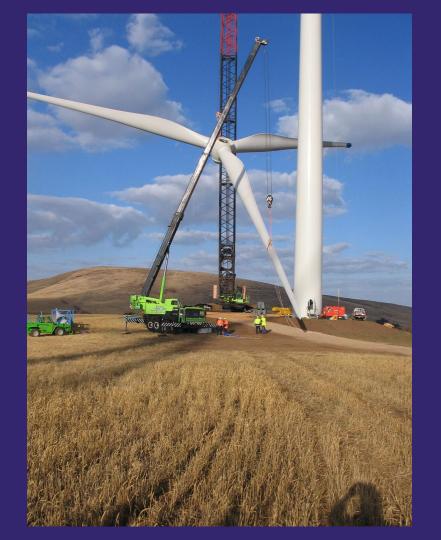
Our work includes:

- Working with communities in renewable energy zones to mitigate impacts and lead conversations about the benefits and opportunities that will come to the region
- Advocating to industry and government for RE development practice that includes and benefits local communities

We welcome new members from renewable energy communities, workers in renewable energy and any one interested in a fair energy transformation.

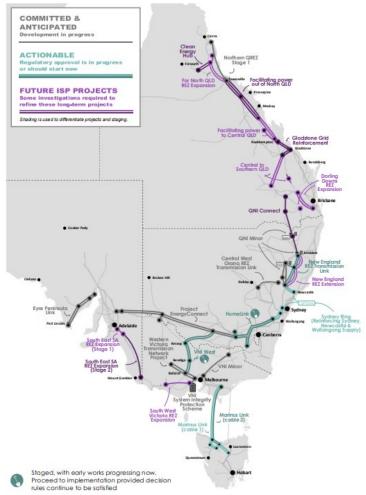






The rollout of the Renewable Energy Zones brings big opportunities for communities

Figure 2 Network projects in the optimal development path



AEMO's Draft 2022 Integrated System Plan estimated more than 10,000 km of new transmission infrastructure will be required by 2050.

†Additional projects to expand REZs and upgrade flow paths after 2040 are highly uncertain, vary significantly between scenarios, and are not shown in this map. See Appendix 5 for more information.



TODAY'S INSTALLED
RENEWABLE ENERGY
CAPACITY IS REQUIRED













Replacing electricity generation from traditional power plants is an important first step, but even more challenging will be to decarbonise energy consumption across the rest of the economy

Petrol and diesel road transport

Diesel rail transport

Aviation fuels

Industrial process heating

Building heat

Shipping fuels



Renewable electricity can directly or indirectly reduce more than 75% of Victoria's economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions

Grid-scale wind and solar capacity required to achieve net-zero must rise exponentially



Victoria's Offshore
Wind Policy Directions
Paper March 2022
estimates that there
needs to be 15 X
today's installed
renewable energy
capacity is required for
net zero emissions.

Renewable energy host communities are critical in the energy transition

Roadmaps to Zero Emissions

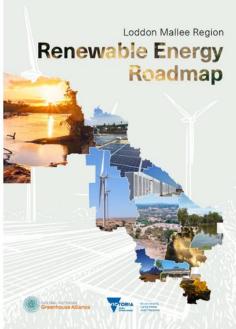


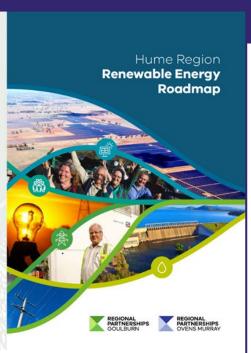
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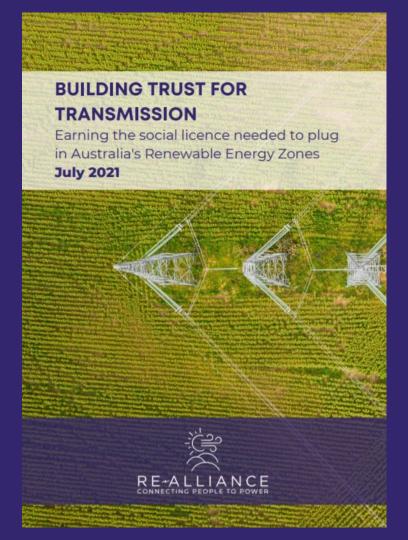




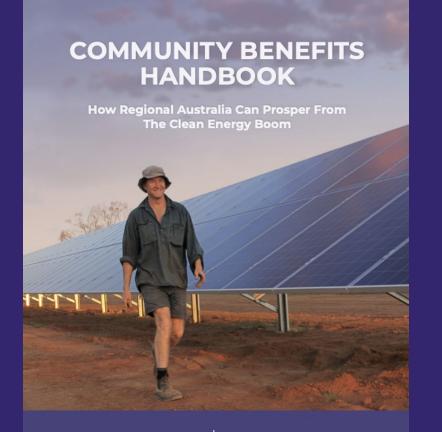




Victorian Regional Renewable Energy Roadmaps



Our report, Building
Trust for
Transmission, was
published in July last
year.



Our report, Community Benefits Handbook, last year.

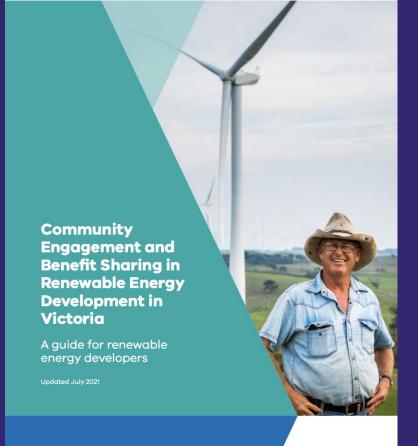


CONNECTING PEOPLE TO POWER

Renewable Energy Zones

Submission Recommendations

- Need for communicating the clean energy transition that is underway
- Need for local leadership REZ authorities?
- Need for better engagement and inclusion of Traditional Owners
- Regional community enhancement funds



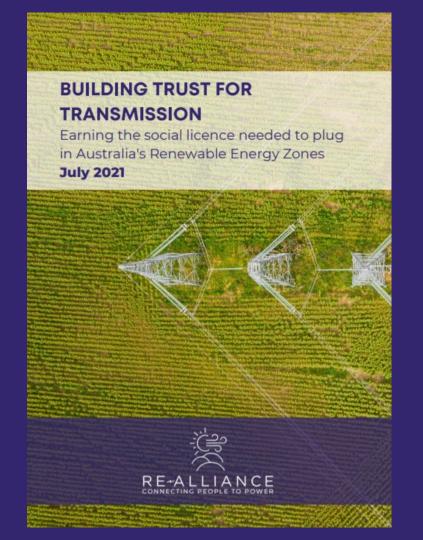
REZ level engagement and benefits



Renewable Energy Transmission

Submission recommendations

- Prioritise social licence
- Address skills shortage
- Role of state in roll out of transmission



Recommendations

- Earlier and deeper community engagement
- fairer and more transparent compensation for landholders
- neighbour benefit payments
- community benefit sharing

This could be done through establishing new state legislative frameworks or changing the national framework (RIT-T)

Others

Submission Recommendations

Community co-ownership and co-investing in large-scale renewables

Jobs and economic benefits

Implications of the energy transformation



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