

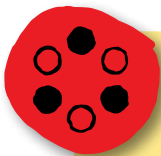
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMITMENT



Andrew Dodd learns the ropes on solar installation from Ben Hill Solar at Tennant Creek, NT

What is the First Nations Clean Energy Network?

Launched in November 2021, the network (a First Nation membership organisation) is led by a high profile Steering Group and backed by supporters from First Nations organisations, land councils, industry groups, academics, technical and legal experts and unions. The network is pursuing three key pillars:



Community Enable communities to drive the development of clean energy projects that provide direct benefits to residents through cheaper and more reliable energy.

Industry Partnerships Promote the development and implementation of best practice principles to underpin agreements for land use and benefit sharing between First Nations communities, companies and investors, while building capacity through training and employment for First Nations people to participate in the renewable energy sector.



Policy reform Advocate to lift federal and state regulatory barriers to renewable energy development.

Launch partners include the National Native Title Council, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation, Smart Energy Council, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at ANU, Clean Energy Council, Renewable Energy Alliance, ACTU, ETU and MUA, Impact Investment Partners, Community Power Agency, Lowitja Institute, Climate Council, and many others.

What's our ask?

The network is seeking a commitment from political parties and independents ahead of the 2022 Federal Election that they will help ensure First Nations people play a central role and harness the opportunities of Australia's clean energy boom.

Proposed 2022 Federal Election Commitment

We back the active participation of First Nations people in Australia's clean energy revolution. This critical transition must occur in full and meaningful partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and Traditional Owners, upon whose resources the clean energy revolution relies, and who must share equitably in its jobs and economic and social benefits.

We commit to support the following measures:

1

Resource federal, state and territory roundtables across the nation to support the network's three pillars, launched by the end of 2022 and inviting representatives from the First Nations community, the network, industry, key government departments and Federal, state and territory elected representatives.

2

Resource the development, promotion and implementation of industry best practice standards that companies adopt and investors require before committing capital to clean energy projects. These resources will secure fair agreements for land use and benefit sharing, while building capacity through training and employment for First Nations people.

3

Review federal laws, regulation and policy to lift barriers and implement regulatory reform that promotes the development of renewable energy and stokes government investment in innovation, technology and infrastructure, so First Nations people share equally in the benefits of the renewable energy revolution.



Borroloola is working to design, develop and build its own solar microgrid providing clean energy for residents, families and businesses in the region, to service its community of over 1,300 people in the Gulf of Carpentaria

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