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# THE CONTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY-OWNED RENEWABLE ENERGY TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

## Snapshot

This research project explores community-owned renewable energy projects to understand their social, economic and environmental impacts and dynamics. This will include gaining insight into the drivers, benefits and challenges for communities to participate in renewable energy in regional areas (including end of grid and off grid locations). The research will explore how such efforts are realised on-the-ground (via legal structures, economic arrangements & community engagement practices) and what their impacts are in their host communities.

## Outcome

Research outcomes will be of use to industry partners, including the NSW Office of Environmental and Heritage and Suntech, as well as more generally for policy makers, local councils, renewable energy developers, ENGOs, regional development organisations and community groups.

## Engaged Communities

### 6. Enhancing community engagement

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#### Partners

UNSW; NSW Office Env & Heritage

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