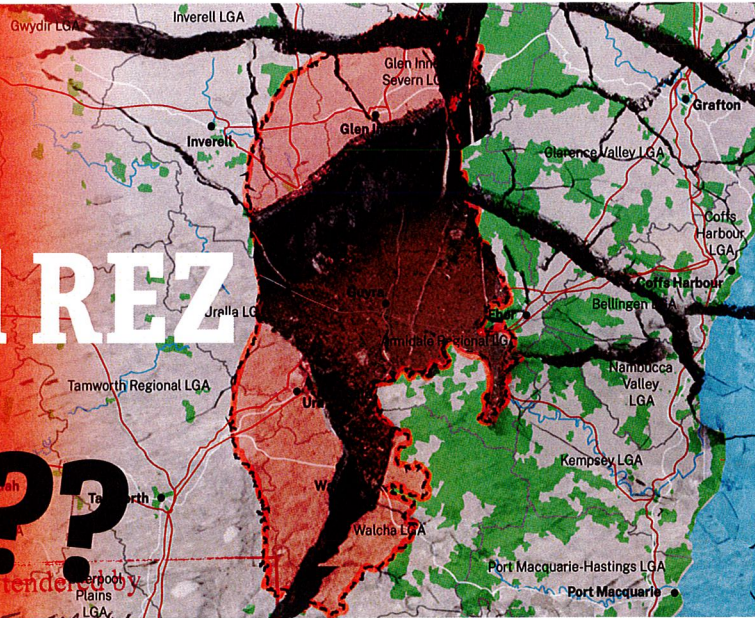


Is the New England REZ BROKEN??



The New England Community needs REZ facts on the table.

NSW Government initiated briefings tell us what they want you to hear - it is ReD4NE ambition through this Forum to bring a fresh light as to how the energy transition might impact on the New England - its people and their place. This should not be conveniently misconstrued by Government or the Media as nimbyism - we say it's about policy failure - strategically and structurally. It is a policy ReD4NE believes is increasingly derelict of the very basic principles of responsible governance. The Government must acknowledge that we are firmly on the record in our rejection of the 8GWs target as an impractical nonsense.

We seek to explore at the 3 October Forum the facts relevant to the NE REZ rollout - we seek to share with the Community our interpretation as to the status of the Transition.

- We say to the Community, the NE REZ has not secured requisite **social licence** with the New England communities. We have learnt that Governments and their developers conveniently paint a concept of social licence, more often than not it's a metaphor which lacks substance, it's superficial spin.
- We say to the Community, the Transition has not generated a credible **economic licence** - project investment and viability barely has a pulse. Equity participants seemingly can't see, on present project risk profiles, debt returns on deployed capital investment. Investors have stuck their head in the sand - they seemingly can't conceive of the obvious correlation

between community push back and very poor site selection. Developers are increasingly left trying to string together project viability on extravagant interpretations of what's in the public interest. We question the ISP 2024 REZ Scorecard metrics and any assumptions based on GenCost ISP modelling.

- We say to the Community the Transition has not delivered to an acceptable **environmental licence** in terms biodiversity conservation and halting habitat eradication. The planning process seemingly can't prescribe against obvious cumulative impact outlooks. This, with an erroneous 8GW REZ target and zero strategic land-use planning is a significant encumbrance as to workability and liveability in the impacted communities.
- Most importantly despite promises Federally and State, it has put **zero downward pressure** on energy prices in fact the reverse - its policy delivery has added costs and therefore inflation at a time when families' cost of living is hurting and trending upwards.

So, we are left with pondering an obvious question - **Why was the New England REZ even selected as a REZ? Why was it targeted to deliver 8 GW?** What is the real cost of delivering against this target? Why wasn't this target subject to more considered and robust strategic land-use planning? Why wasn't it communicated and consulted with the impacted Community?

This is the key message and request we seek to advocate in our Forum on 3 October 2024 - **"Is the New England REZ broken?"** If so, what do Governments intend to do about it?



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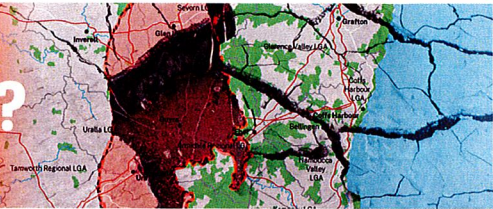
THURSDAY OCT 3

5.30 - 7.30PM

Listen to range of speakers that will inform and update the community .. See over for details >

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FORUM AGENDA *Moderator: Gerard Holland*

The Forum addresses the key message through **5 themes**.

Why the REZ might be broken Policy in policy design and deployment.

Forum Objectives we put the Governments on Notice – they have fathered failed policy. NSW Energy Road Map a planning blackhole – the rejection of the REZ Concept. No new jobs – Jobs Advocate who/where? Energy bill savings for households – families long ago have stopped buying this energy price reduction from the spin twins Kean/Bowen?

The Real Cost to Communities and Consumers of poorly selected unviable projects

Megan Trousdale - Hills of Gold Preservation Inc

Megan asks why does **Project Viability** remains smoke and mirrors from project proponents? Is public benefit the new excuse for poor site selection? Are project rights under Planning Law diminished for non- associated landowners. Are Planning Guidelines the servant of a desperate development agenda. Access issues port to project.

Environmental Vandalism

Introduced and Chaired by **Dr Roger Welsh**

The New England has been unnecessarily exposed to a litany environmental challenges - with zero land use planning the cumulative impacts on the landscape, its workability and liveability will be increasingly unacceptable. The New England Communities are left with the generational burden to keep the lights on in the cities. The Forum will introduce through a Steven Nowakowski Panoscope, 3D imagery of the unplanned overdevelopment. This development challenges the New England's endangered biodiversity - the Forum through interview of **Dr Steven Debus** UNE and **Ms Trinity Hooper** of 'Kindly Animal Shelter' will highlight threats to increase bird kill and destruction of koala habitat.

Economic Forgery

Aidan Morrison - Centre for Independent Studies.

Project Viability - the Integrated System Planning fact or fiction? CSRIO GenCost - LCOE integrated weather dependent renewables - are they really the cheapest?

Future of the Energy

Robert Parker - Nuclear for Climate Australia

System Alternatives - can we at least have an adult conversation about carbon neutrality and building for a nuclear future?

Conclusions - How broken is New England REZ and what should Government do in response?

Questions and Answers

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



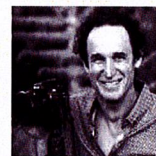
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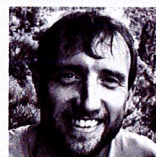
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