

LatrobeCity

LATROBE CITY'S NEW ENERGY FUTURE

Invest in our new energy future to:

- Create new jobs and career pathways
- Support local investment and procurement.



ADVOCACY AGENDA 25/26 PROPOSAL #1:

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Latrobe City Council is calling on state and federal governments to guarantee the liveability of the city via an equitable transition to our new energy future.

Latrobe City Council is calling on both state and federal governments to guarantee our community is a beneficiary of the clean energy economy through investment that will drive opportunities in hydrogen and renewable energy, create jobs, and attract new industries to the region.

Academic experts recognise that economic diversification is one of the three best ways to grow a transitioning economy. With the Latrobe City at the forefront of the renewable energy transition and standing as the most heavily impacted municipality in Victoria, the time to act is now.

With the closure dates for the regions power stations and mines announced for 2028 and 2035, greater certainty regarding the future of the local workforce is critical. With access to transmission lines, freight networks, a skilled workforce and ample industrial land, Latrobe City is primed to lead this transformative shift.

With the shift to Net Zero a key priority for state and federal governments, Latrobe City Council stands ready to continue to be the epicentre for the energy economy.

This is why we are calling on both the state and federal governments to introduce targeted measures to drive clean energy investment, support economic recovery, and facilitate jobs. We want to work with all levels of government, prioritising investment in areas such as renewable energy generation and hydrogen. This will support our economy to diversify and ensure sustained economic prosperity for our community now and into the future.

We are calling for:

- ✓ A localised job quota within the renewable energy sector, including at the State Electricity Commission (SEC) in Morwell.
- ✓ Development of new renewable energy generation and transmission infrastructure in Latrobe City.
- ✓ Latrobe City to be classified as a Renewable Energy Hub.
- ✓ Latrobe City to be the home of the Wind and Hydrogen Worker Training Centres.
- ✓ Latrobe City to be the home of the SEC Centre of Excellence.
- ✓ Blue and green hydrogen pathways and supply chains in the region.
- ✓ Government support for net zero uses of lignite
- ✓ Ensure policy frameworks exist to maximise local procurement and job opportunities.
- ✓ Removal of the Coal Overlays.
- ✓ A comprehensive audit of existing energy workforce and development of a localised jobs and skills plan for Latrobe City.
- ✓ Ongoing government funding for CarbonNet.
- ✓ Government support for the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) and its commercialisation in Latrobe City.
- ✓ Fast track approvals to realise the \$41bn investment in Offshore Wind.
- ✓ Develop community benefit sharing schemes in partnership with local government and stakeholders.