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CENTRAL NSW COUNCILS LEAP FOR PROPOSED ROOFTOP SOLAR PRICES

Centroc members welcome the recommendation by IPART for the feed-in price for rooftop solar to double from 5.5-7.2c/kWh to 11.6-14.6c/kWh.

“While these prices aren’t mandatory yet, Central NSW councils will be calling on the leading NSW power companies like AGL, Origin and Energy Australia to commit to implementing the new tariffs from 1 July 2017 as recommended by IPART” said Cr Medcalf, Acting Chair of Centroc and Mayor of Lachlan Shire Council.

Recognising the value of existing grid infrastructure, Central NSW Councils strive to work collaboratively with industry and communities across the region, actively participating in the energy market to procure electricity results in a more efficient and cost-effective outcomes during a period of energy disruption.

“Renewable energy, energy efficiency, distributed energy, advocacy for more equitable market structures and regional collaboration are all considered key elements to achieve better outcomes for the long term sustainability of our communities.”said Cr Medcalf.

Central NSW has an ideal location - sun drenched and windy, in close proximity to the eastern sea board and with landscapes filled with potential for innovation in hydro power and waste to energy.

Currently Central NSW Councils are undertaking solar projects to reduce the ongoing electricity costs and reduce their environmental footprint.

Central NSW Councils in the past have coordinated a regional bulk procurement of solar panels on behalf of the broader community, this was a result of a large number of solar bulk purchase schemes emerging in response to spiralling electricity costs and rapidly decreasing prices for solar panels.

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