

**Submission to the parliamentary committee for Inquiry into the Australian Local Power Agency
Bill 2021 and Australian Local Power Agency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021**

On 19 June 2021 a Sustainability Forum was held in Kempsey NSW with a variety of expert speakers and about a total of 200 local residents attending. My role in organising the Forum was to prepare two workshops on the topic of Community Renewable Energy.

Several speakers with extensive experience in the field explained different options. The result of the workshops held on the day was to create a group to explore the possibilities for local power schemes in the Kempsey Shire.

As a home owner who has disconnected the energy supply from the grid and is only using batteries charged by the sun, I would like to be able to link into a localised system which benefits our community.

The Australian Local Power Agency (ALPA) Bill would provide much needed support for our community to develop and invest in our own renewable energy projects.

I urge the members of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy and all Members of Parliament to support this Bill.

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