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I write in support of the Australian Local Power Agency Bill 2021 and Australian Local Power Agency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021

The overwhelming majority of Australians, of all ages, demographics and voting intentions:

1. Recognise that climate change is happening, and must be reversed, and ...
2. Want stronger action taken to reverse climate change.

The fact that Australians lead the world with the highest levels of rooftop solar on our homes, confirms this. We see city folk and country folk installing more solar. Even our farmers are increasingly installing solar panels and wind turbines on their paddocks, intermingled with crops and livestock. Aussies love the benefits of renewable energy - and we want more renewables.

The Australian Local Power Agency (ALPA) Bill has many benefits, including:

- Assisting communities to develop local renewable energy projects by allocating funding and technical support.
- Creating community energy hubs in regional cities to support community energy development.
- Giving local communities the opportunity to co-invest in large-scale renewable energy projects (myself and many others would want to invest).
- Creating desperately-needed jobs during both the construction and operation of wind and solar farms, especially across regional Australia.
- Producing cheaper and clean electricity - a win for both household bills and the environment.
- Providing a higher income to local host communities, increasing the prosperity of the nation, especially regional Australians.

I strongly support the ALPA liaising with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation to strengthen support to community renewable energy projects.

The ALPA Bill is a winner ... for everyone.

Sincerely

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