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A Community Power Hub brings fairer future to Barwon

Plans for a Community Power Hub in the Barwon South West region of Victoria are a welcome step towards easing the cost-of-living burden for local families, said the Barwon Region Alliance for Community Energy (BRACE) today.

The hub would support energy efficiency programs, solar gardens and a range of other projects to help low-income renters and social housing residents access affordable renewable energy.

"Renewable energy is the most obvious way to help Australians lower their electricity bill while responding to the climate crisis," said Adrian Ford, BRACE Spokesperson.

"Rooftop solar is already helping homeowners and aged care facilities reduce their energy bills, keeping costs manageable for residents."

"By unlocking the skills and funding needed to set up projects targeted at renters and low-income groups, a community energy hub would ensure that everyone can access cheap, clean energy regardless of living arrangement or income levels.

"It would also accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels, which are driving climate change and increasing the frequency and severity of extreme weather events.

"Every single Australian has the right to affordable energy, and a safe and stable climate.

"A strong commitment to supporting community renewable energy initiatives would help all parties deliver winning policies that benefit Australians now, and for decades to come," said Ford.

BRACE is a network of community energy groups who work together to support renewable energy projects in the Barwon/G21 region. BRACE members include 100% Clean Bellarine; Anglesea Community Energy; Barwon Sustainable Energy Alliance; Colac Otway Sustainability Group; Geelong Sustainability; Southern Otways Sustainable; and Surf Coast Energy Group.

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