

Environmental Policy and Planning Framework

SOMEVA RENEWABLES

Someva Renewables is a 100% Australian-owned, NSW-based renewable energy company that works with landowners, communities, and industry leaders to deliver the clean, affordable and reliable energy that will power Australia's future.

OUR COMMUNITY-FIRST APPROACH

Someva Renewables listens to and works with regional communities to deliver tailored economic, social, and environmental benefits wherever we operate. We pride ourselves on our community co-design process and our partnerships with landowners, communities, businesses, Indigenous leaders and environmental groups to deliver long term benefits for communities.

Our approach to community consultation aims to be open and accessible to community members while offer a wide range of community benefits:

 <p>Community co-design</p>	<p>Someva is deeply committed to implementing a tailored community co-design process that ensures communities share in and benefit from our renewable energy projects. Our co-design process means we spend time in regional communities listening to and working with regional communities to improve the design of the project.</p>
 <p>Community Benefits Funds</p>	<p>Someva works closely with local communities, local councils and First Nations peoples to create local Community Benefits Funds that are tailored to the regions we operate in. A funding commitment is made during the development of a project that commits to funding based on the operating capacity of the project and is paid per year from the commencement of construction, increasing with inflation.</p> <p>Funding is administered through voluntary planning agreements with local councils and these agreements outline the process for applying for funds. Funding is provided on an annual basis and includes support for special projects that require greater investment upfront.</p> <p>The design of the voluntary planning agreements will be advertised through local council websites for community feedback.</p>
 <p>Neighbour Benefits</p>	<p>Someva takes the time to get to know landowners in the communities where we operate. We pride ourselves on developing long-lasting relationships that we know will last decades. As part of this process, we work closely with project neighbours in developing Neighbour Agreements that provide landowners with long-term, reliable and climate-resilient financial certainty. Someva creates a customised neighbour agreement program for each project that benefits nearby neighbours through annual payments as well as opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint of farming operations and receive project data that may improve their business operations.</p>



Supporting local jobs

Someva's projects have the potential to create thousands of jobs in regional Australia and we are committed to partnering with local businesses and local Indigenous organisations to create jobs and support regional economies. Someva is also deeply committed to ensuring our projects boost local economies and supply chain resilience. We also create tailored local strategies for training and employment outcomes wherever we operate.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GUIDELINES

Someva is committed to meeting all statutory requirements for renewable energy project developments and genuinely engaging with and listening to local communities.

As part of this commitment, Someva supports the principles outlined in community and industry guidelines published by the Clean Energy Council, RE-Alliance, Community Power Agency. These principles provide best practice guidelines for engaging with regional and Indigenous communities, as well as on co-designing community schemes that ensure the benefits of renewable energy projects are shared amongst host communities.

Someva is a member of the Clean Energy Council and Smart Energy Council.

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