



August 2021 E-news

It's great to see organisations across Australia continuing to invest in renewable energy. There's almost no 'news' in the [latest IPCC report](#) that came out this week. We know the situation we're in and what needs to be done. One of the great things about working at the BRC-A is the opportunity to be working with businesses across every sector of the Australian economy who want to be part of the solution and who are taking action.

In the same week that we heard the reality of the challenge ahead of us we also heard the announcement that massive energy user [Tomago Aluminium has committed to going renewable by 2029](#). Big players like this get the headlines but there are many others - big, small, new and old - every week who are making an impact by using their buying power to demonstrate that the Australian economy can and will be powered by renewable energy.

Another 13 organisations 'graduated' from our [Buyer Bootcamp](#) last month, adding to our growing community of buyers, developers, service providers and advocates all collectively working towards a future powered by renewables.

I'm confident we're going in the right direction....we just need to go faster!

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2021 State of the PPA market report survey

The BRC-A produces an annual State of the PPA market report which helps inform the market and governments on current trends. [See here for our 2020 Report.](#)

To provide data for this report we are asking all electricity buyers, renewable energy project developers and advisers to fill out a short survey (5 minutes) regarding off-site renewable energy procurement. The survey is strictly anonymous.

[Fill in our 5 minute survey here](#)

Best practice Corporate PPA Standard

In a short time, the market for renewable energy Power Purchase Agreements has grown dramatically. Just a few years ago, it was hard to find partners who would help you with a PPA, whereas now the marketplace has a wide range of different products and models. Choice is good – but it can also be confusing.

We think it is time to take stock. Clarity is needed to help renewable energy buyers better understand the choices they are making. We have created a discussion paper where we put forward some ideas and key considerations on defining PPA 'best practice'. The ultimate goal is the development of a Best Practice Standard that enables buyers, developers, and the industry at large to have a clearer understanding of what 'good' and 'better' looks like in off-site renewable energy procurement.

[Read Discussion Paper and provide feedback here](#)

BRC-A Market Advisory Panel Announcement

Our new [Market Advisory Panel](#) has been formed and has voted in Chair [Aylin Cunsolo](#) and Deputy Chair [Emma Peacock](#). The BRC-A MAP is a collection of Corporate PPA specialists and industry experts who are helping us drive the development of a stronger Corporate PPA market in Australia. They are advocates for our work, connectors and advisers that are working with us to provide information, resources, tools, events and insights that help Australian organisations procure renewable energy, simpler and faster.

Corporate PPA News

Barwon Region Renewable Energy Project (BRREP) is seeking 'Formal Request for Proposal' from new and existing wind energy developments, preferably from Australia to buy 68 gigawatt-hours a year of electricity in order to transition to 100% renewable electricity and Net Zero Emissions. This proposal will be a ten-year plan to operate from late-2022 through to 2032. The area of focus will be South-west of Victoria.

The proposal is available at: <https://www.buyingfor.vic.gov.au/browse-tenders>

Procurement Technical Adviser: procure-list@barwonwater.vic.gov.au

[Read about recent Corporate PPA deals](#)

Events

In June BRC-A held our latest webinar **LGC's - Crucial to credibility or holding back action?** to discuss Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs). Our panelists **BRC-A's Technical Director [Jonathan Prendergast](#)**, **Schneider Electric's Director of Operations [Lisa Zembrodt](#)** and **Green**

Energy Trading's Managing Director [Ric Brazzale](#) discussed how LGC retirement alone won't be enough to support a material price in the future, meaning LGC retirement now may not see additional renewables. RECs and LGCs are a long-standing policy, and all policy needs to be adjusted, managed and sometimes re-booted over time. That time is now for LGCs. [Click here to listen to the recording.](#)

BRC-A member [ZEN Energy](#) has a cracker of a webinar scheduled for September. **Growing Your Business In The Low Carbon Economy.** The BRC-A annual [State of the Market report](#) found 2020 to be a record year for Corporate PPAs, with governments and businesses investing \$2.4B and buying over 1,000 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. How do you and your business join this fast growing community to become part of a zero emissions world? Join **Prof Ross Garnaut** and **Simon Sheikh** as they share their insights into businesses' growth opportunities with ZEN's **Lara Reid** who works daily with large businesses to help them forge their renewable energy strategy.

When: Wednesday 1 September 2021, 12pm (AEST)

[Register here](#)

News From Our Partners

Business Renewables Centre Australia is a collaborative partnership between Climate-KIC Australia, WWF Australia and the Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS.

[WWF Australia's Renewables Nation team](#) is gearing up for the **Glasgow Climate Conference in November**. The Business Champions network has been instrumental in building the momentum of this campaign and for the next phase the aim is to double the size of the network. **Can you help?** Would you introduce two businesses to the team that might be interested in supporting Australia to become a Renewables Nation? The [Business Champion Kit](#) contains general information about the campaign and how to get involved that you could share with interested businesses in your network.

Convened by [Climate-KIC Australia](#) and ClimateWorks Australia, Phase 1 of the **Australian Industry Energy Transitions Initiative** has wrapped up, with the [launch of a report](#) detailing the current state of factors influencing decarbonisation in heavy industry, and the future technical and economic opportunities available to move towards net zero. The report shows that existing and emerging decarbonisation solutions can address almost all emissions in Australia's heavy industry supply chains by 2050.

Offshore wind is booming globally. [The Institute for Sustainable Futures](#) (ISF), University of Technology Sydney and CSIRO have released a significant piece of research investigating [Australia's offshore wind potential and what's blocking product stewardship](#). They found that, not only does Australia have the perfect conditions to produce high volumes of high-quality power, but a move to offshore wind would also create large-scale employment opportunities for coal, gas and energy workers.

Welcome new BRC-A members

- [Bathurst Regional Council](#)
- [Council of Municipality of Kiama](#)
- [Cumberland City Council](#)

- DPCM
 - [ENEOS Australia](#)
 - Energy Design Solutions
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- [Intelligent Water Networks](#)
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 - [Maitland City Council](#)
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 - [Wollongong City Council](#)

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The [Business Renewables Centre Australia \(BRC-A\)](#) is an information hub and membership platform that simplifies, streamlines and accelerates corporate purchasing of large-scale wind and solar energy and storage. We are an independent place for energy buyers, developers and service providers to connect.

Interested in BRC-A support to announce a project? Please reach out to [Maryanne Coffey](#). Membership questions?

Contact [Alex Nassar](#) to discuss how BRC-A can help your organisation achieve its renewable energy goals.



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