



Good Afternoon,

The first quarter of 2021 has seen a number of new Corporate PPA deals signed which are featured in this month's newsletter. Does this mean another bumper year for Corporate PPAs? Only time will tell of course but the pipeline is encouraging.

I'm delighted to say that in-person [Buyer Bootcamps](#) are back with our next one scheduled for the end of May in Sydney. If you're thinking that 2021 is the year your organisation might transition to renewables, come along!

We also have a great opportunity to help the team and I shape the future direction of the BRC-A. All the details and more are featured below. As always please don't hesitate to get in touch with me with ideas, thoughts, and questions about the BRC-A. I'm all ears!

Cheers,

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## Expression of Interest Business Renewables Centre - Australia 2021 Market Advisory Panel

We are seeking expressions of interest from game-changers for positions on our new Market Advisory Panel. If you are in a senior role, or you're an expert in Corporate PPAs and/or renewable energy, we'd love to hear from you. **Nominations close May 7.**

For more information and to complete the Expression of Interest, [please follow this link](#).

### Upcoming BRC-A Events

#### 2021 Buyers Bootcamps

We are delighted to announce that our Buyers Bootcamps are returning to in-person events. We have two scheduled for 2021. The Bootcamp is an in-depth learning opportunity to help energy buyers navigate the complexities of energy markets and procurement pathways. Bootcamps are led by experienced buyers, legal and procurement experts.

**What:** [Buyers Bootcamps](#)

**When:** May and September 2021

**RSVP:** [Register](#) your interest to attend our next event taking place in Sydney over 1.5 days on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 May.

#### 2021 BRC-A Buying Power Webinar Series

Our Buying Power webinar series seeks to bring the latest in Corporate PPA trends, insights, tools, and case studies straight to your desk. Grab a coffee and a sandwich and settle in for an engaging conversation from a host of speakers from across the Corporate PPA ecosystem.

**What:** Corporate PPAs - From Cost To Opportunity. Hear from [Ben Waters](#) on Retail PPAs, [Laura Hillis](#) about Investor pressure and one of our Buyer members about the drivers behind their recent PPA deal.

**When:** Thursday 6 May, 12pm - 1pm

**RSVP:** [Register](#) to attend

### 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.

#### Invitation to WWF's Renewables Nation Webinar

Please join BRC-A's Monica Richter, WWF's Renewables Nation lead, Nicky Ison and Energy Estate's Simon Currie for a conversation about Australia's potential to become a renewable superpower, what we're doing about it and how you can get involved.

**What:** [Webinar - Who will be the Renewable Energy Superpower of the future?](#)

**When:** Thursday April 29, 12pm - 1pm

**RSVP:** [Register](#) to attend

### **ClimateLaunchpad 2021 - DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30**

Big news: there is a huge \$50k development grant up for grabs this year. Got a great cleantech idea? Turn your expertise in emerging technology into social good.

ClimateLaunchpad is the world's largest and most successful pre-accelerator program for climate start-ups. [Apply today](#).

## **Corporate PPA News**

**BRC-A member Lake Macquarie City Council** has joined together with Central Coast, Upper Hunter, Maitland, Cessnock, Muswellbrook and Mid-Coast Councils as well as Hunter Water to request information from electricity retailers and project developers with the capacity to supply renewable electricity to the group which collectively consumes about 200GWh of electricity each year. [RFI's](#) close at 2.00pm AEST on Friday 7 May 2021.

**Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA)**, the operating subsidiary of Saputo Inc. in Australia, has announced that SDA has commenced a 10-year long-term, large-scale renewable power purchase agreement (PPA) with [ENGIE](#).

**Eurobodalla Shire Council** will soon have 80% of its electricity load renewable after signing a Power Purchase Agreement with BRC-A member **ENGIE-backed Simply Energy. Renewable Energy Hub, also a BRC-A member** initiated PPA discussions with Eurobodella following their Local Government Procurement [process](#).

**BRC-A member WePower's** renewable energy procurement and trading platform completed a PPA with MYTILINEOS' Renewables & Storage Development (RSD) Business Unit and QEnergy (part of ION Holdings). [Under the 10-year contract](#), QEnergy has purchased the energy production from the 18.7MW Wagga 2, the second stage of the Wagga North Solar Farm in New South Wales.

[BP's NSW service stations](#) will be powered by 100% per cent renewable energy following their PPA through developer and **BRC-A member lightsource bp** with Snowy Hydro through Red Energy. The PPA will enable the construction of a 107MWdc solar farm in West Wyalong, New South Wales.

**Coles Group** has signed [two new renewable energy offtake agreements](#) with **BRC-A members Engie and Neoen**. The deal sees the retail giant purchase large-scale generation certificates (LGCs) from a range of already operational wind and solar projects across four states.

**BRC-A member Northern Beaches Council** has made the switch to 100% renewably sourced electricity cutting an estimated \$1.9 million from its bills over the next seven years

and shaving nine years off its commitment to swap to green alternatives.

Showing they too can 'walk the talk' **Flinders Uni** signed with ENGIE's retail arm Simply Energy. [The new PPA](#), alongside the 2.2MW of existing solar carpark and rooftop will supply the electricity for all of its campuses.

**BRC-A Member BHP** signed their first PPA in Western Australia with Risen. This will supply up to 50% of BHP's electricity needs at the Kwinana Refinery from Merredin Solar Farm – the largest in Western Australia.

## Other News

The recently released Clean Energy Council (CEC) [2021 Clean Energy Australia Report](#) highlighted 26 corporate PPAs signed in 2020 and \$2B invested in renewable energy through corporate PPAs. That's over 4.5 GW renewable energy generation supported by corporate PPAs and 1.3 GW renewable energy directly contracted via corporate PPAs keeping investment flowing into solar and wind farms in 2020. BRC-A contributed to the Corporate PPA section of CEC's 2021 report. The CEC are Founding Members of BRC-A.

**Access Schemes** are a key part of the NSW Government's work to coordinate and encourage investment in Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) and realise the objectives of the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and enabling legislation. The Department has prepared an issues paper on the NSW Central-West Orana REZ Access Scheme and is [inviting submissions until Friday 30 April](#).

Kind regards,

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The [Business Renewables Centre Australia \(BRC-A\)](#) is a not-for-profit, members-based organisation providing PPA resources both online and face-to-face, supported by funding from ARENA and the QLD, VIC and NSW State Governments.



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