

Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Submissions Summary Report

July 2026

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Introduction

On 3 June 2026 Council publicly notified the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy and invited submissions (See **Attachment 1** - Public Notice, **Attachment 2** – Sample Stakeholder Letter).

The project had 130 views and 28 downloads of the Policy from the Your Say page. There were an additional 41 downloads of the Submission Summary – on the previous version of the Community Benefit Sharing Policy.

Six online submissions were received at the close of the engagement period. In addition, Council received six written submissions.

Council prepares a Submissions Summary Report. Council's summary essentially lists the main points made by each submitter, and what outcome they seek from Council's decisions. All non-confidential submissions are available in **Appendix 3**.

Where amendments have been sought by a submitter, **red underlined text** has been used to indicate recommended additions to the provision and **red strikethrough** to indicate recommendations for the removal of the proposed text.

It should be noted that the Response and Action columns are draft recommendations presented to Council as part of the decision-making process. Consequently, Council may resolve to accept them with or without amendments in the final document.

Privacy

Please note that only the name and location of each submitter is detailed in the report. All personal details in the original submission contained in the appendices are redacted to maintain privacy.

Any commentary that is considered defamatory or inappropriate have been redacted.

Submission Summary and Response

Council and Agency Submissions

Annabelle Travaglione, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation Barossa, Nuriootpa

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
1.1	General	Foundation Barossa requests that Council reconsider moving away from the proposed partnership model and retain the option for Foundation Barossa to establish and administer the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund.	Retain a Foundation Barossa partnership model as an option in the final Policy and fund governance structure.	Council acknowledges the value of Foundation Barossa's proposal and the potential benefits of a partnership model. However, Council may determine that retaining direct control of the fund provides clearer public accountability, alignment with Council priorities and consistency with Council's governance obligations. There is potential to have the Policy talk to both a Council-led and Community Foundation model. Council may opt to consider this in the final policy.	No amendments.
1.2	General	Consultation feedback on the initial Policy showed support for an independent community foundation model.	Determine whether the consultation feedback warrants reconsideration of the proposed Council-led model.	Council notes the support expressed for independent governance and recognises the importance of transparency, probity and community confidence. These principles can be incorporated into a Council-	No amendments.

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
				led model through clear assessment criteria, conflict-of-interest controls, reporting requirements and community advisory input. Equally feedback received from renewables suggest their preference for the Council-led model.	
1.3	General	Contends that Foundation Barossa's independent governance, grant administration capability and compliance expertise would reduce delivery, probity and reputational risks	Decide whether an independent intermediary should be used to administer funds and manage probity, compliance and grant assessment processes.	Council supports the objective of long-term community benefit. The policy enables a mechanism that preserve a portion of contributions for future use. An independent intermediary has its benefits, however concern raised on the fees that would be taken to administer the fund. The Council-led model would not require a fee.	No amendments.
1.4	General	Acknowledges Council's desire for local governance and accountability but proposes that Council could retain strategic leadership over priorities while Foundation Barossa provides independent administration and charitable infrastructure.	Decide whether Council's strategic oversight requirements can be met through a partnership model with Foundation Barossa.	Council acknowledges the potential administrative and philanthropic benefits of an external partnership.	No amendments.
1.5	General	Requests further discussion with Foundation Barossa, renewable energy proponents and community stakeholders before Council determines the final	Decide whether to defer finalising the governance model pending further engagement with Foundation Barossa and relevant stakeholders.	Two rounds of engagement have been undertaken on two potential models. Council has the option to defer a decision if it considers that further engagement is	No amendments.

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
		governance arrangements for the fund.	

Response	Action
needed before making a final decision.	

Renewable Energy Operator Submissions

Iain Pople, Project CEO, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Melbourne, Vic

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
2.1	General	Acknowledges that several of its previous comments have been addressed in the revised policy and Submission Summary Report.	Nil.
2.2	Section 5.2	The minimum \$/MW figures are intended to guide the overall financial benefit pool for each project but considers that the policy does not clearly state that proponents may negotiate with Council on the proportion of that pool contributed to the Mid Murray Council Benefits Fund.	Amend/add wording to section to make clear that proponents to use minimum \$/MW to set overfall benefit pool and negotiated percentage that is contributed to the Fund.

Response	Action
Noted.	No amendments.
The minimum \$/MW figures are intended to set the total quantum of the benefit sharing to be provided by a proponent. The Community Benefit Agreements (Section 5.1) is clear that the proponent and Council will negotiate the final allocation to the Mid Murray Council Benefits Fund. For example, proponent may contribute 40% of their benefit sharing amount to the Council Managed Fund (CMF), enabling them to provide 60% directly to the Host Community.	No amendments.

2.3	5.5.3 5.5.4	Sections describe the Community Grants Assessment Committee as advisory only, but do not clearly identify who has final authority to approve the distribution of funds.	Determine whether the policy should be amended to clearly identify the decision-maker responsible for final approval of fund distribution. Recommend that Council accepts the recommendations of the Committee unless there is a strong case, with evidence, not to, and that this is reported back to the Committee.	Agree. Consider amending the policy to clearly state that final approval of funding allocations rests with Council.	Add additional dot point under 5.5.1: final approval of funding allocations.
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Owen Boushel, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables, Sydney, NSW

Submission#/ Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
3.1	General	Acknowledges adjustments made in response to previous feedback, particularly allowing proponents to provide annual input into the criteria and guidelines for the Community Grants Program.	Nil.	Noted.	No amendments.
3.2	General	Supports Mid Murray Council administering the community fund and application process.	Nil.	Noted.	No amendments.

Catherine Way, Director of Development, OX2 Australia, Cremorne, VIC

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
4.1	General	Supports Council's decision to directly administer the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund, noting this provides a basis for transparency, consistency and alignment with local priorities.	No change required.	Noted.	No amendments.
4.2		Clarification sought on how contributions will be distributed between the Future Fund, public purpose/community development priorities, and the Community Grants Program.	Whether a fixed percentages will apply or whether allocations will be determined annually.	The Community Benefit Agreements (Section 5.1) is clear that the proponent and Council will negotiate the final allocation to the Mid Murray Council Benefits Fund. For example, proponent may contribute 40% of their benefit sharing amount to the CMF, enabling them to provide 60% directly to the Host Community. A portion of the 40% may be put towards the Future Fund.	No amendments.
4.3		Suggestion that funding support for the Renewable Energy Coordinator role should be scaled according to project size and technology type to support fairness and transparency.	Contributions should be calculated proportionally based on project scale and technology.	Contributions to be negotiated with each proponent as part of the Community Benefit Agreements. In some instances, a proponent may not contribute.	No amendments
4.4		Support the inclusion of an advisory committee but encourages broad community representation and regular refreshment of membership to ensure diverse perspectives.	Policy should include principles for advisory committee membership, diversity, tenure and renewal.	Committee established pursuant to Section 41 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> . Council is to determine the membership at the start of the new term of Council.	No amendments

				Membership may include external stakeholders as set by the Terms of Reference.	
4.5		Clarification on how the Policy applies to hybrid projects involving multiple technologies, particularly wind/solar combined with battery storage.	Clear guidance on this point to help ensure consistency and avoid ambiguity.	Policy acknowledges battery contribution is for stand-alone systems only. i.e. a Solar and Battery is \$850 per installed megawatt capacity.	No amendments.

Chester Li, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Potentia Energy Group, Sydney

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
5.1	General	Supports the proposed changes	No change required.	Noted.	No amendments.
5.2		Seek clarity in the policy to confirm that the stated contribution amounts include both contributions paid directly to Council and community benefit sharing funds administered independently by developers	Amend to expressly state that contribution amounts include both Council-administered contributions and developer self-administered community benefit sharing funds	Under Scope, section 4.1.2 does not prevent Proponents from establishing developer self-administered community benefit sharing funds. Under 5 Policy the statement is clear: As well as Proponents providing benefits to local communities in proximity to Renewable Energy Infrastructure, a set percentage of Community Benefit Sharing funds may be placed in a Council Managed Fund (CMF), negotiated via a Community Benefit Agreement to provide for a more equitable distribution of benefits across the council area.	No amendments.

Community Group, Association and School Submissions

Kendra Radford, Walker Flat and District Progress Association

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
6.1	Clause 5	Seeking clarification of the benefits provided by the Proponents are separate from the agreement.	Clarify intent of the statement/policy.	Policy intends to enable a proponent to provide their direct benefit sharing while potentially signing up to an agreement to contribute to the Council Managed Fund.	No amendments.
6.2	Clause 5	Clarification about what happens to any remaining percentage of Community Benefit Sharing funds not placed in a Council Managed Fund.	Define how the full amount of Community Benefit Sharing funds will be allocated, including the portion placed in a Council Managed Fund and how any balance will be managed or distributed.	The Community Benefit Agreement between a proponent and Council will determine what percentage of their benefit sharing they are prepared to contribute to the Council Managed Fund (CMF). For example, proponent may contribute 40% of their benefit sharing amount to the CMF, enabling them to provide 60% directly to the Host Community.	No amendments.

John Kain, Sedan Recreation Park Incorporated, Sedan

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
7.1	General	Support for Policy	Nil.	Nil.	No amendments.

Barbara Pym, President, Rockleigh Progress Association Inc., Rockleigh

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
8.1	General	Supports the revised position that the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund be governed by Council.	Nil.	Noted.	No amendments.
8.2	General	Reiterates earlier submission that there may be merit in establishing a community benefit fund in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge.	Determine whether the policy should retain a Mid Murray Council-only fund model or whether further investigation of a joint fund.	Noted. This may be for future consideration for Council once the fund is established.	No amendments.
8.3	General	Primary concern is that the draft policy sends mixed messages about whether funding benefits should be distributed broadly across the Council area or targeted mainly to host communities directly impacted by renewable energy developments.	Determine whether amendments are required to improve consistency between the policy definitions, purpose, scope and policy statement regarding the intended beneficiaries of the Fund.	It is considered that the Policy makes it clear that proponents have capacity to provide funds to host communities directly impacted by renewable energy developments, and that the Fund can allow for the broader community to access funds for local initiatives.	No amendments.
8.4	Section 5.3.7	Requests an additional dot point clarifying that priority will be given to host communities directly impacted by renewable energy developments.	Include an additional dot point under section 5.3.7 to expressly prioritise host communities directly impacted by renewable energy developments.	It is considered that 5.3.7.2 gives direction on how proponents may wish to have funds made available.	No amendments.

General Public Submissions

Pauline Brennan, Morgan

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
9.1	General	Benefits should be shared around the whole region.	Distribution should provide for district-wide eligibility and benefits.

Response	Action
Agree, this is the intent to share benefits more broadly.	No amendments

Anne Burgess, Tungillo

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
10.1	General	Considers that any community benefits associated with the Palmer Wind Farm should be allocated entirely to the communities directly impacted by the project.	Council supports a locally targeted benefit-sharing model that directs funds primarily or entirely to directly impacted communities.

Response	Action
Policy supports a benefit-sharing approach that gives priority to impacted communities while also considering any broader funding on the basis that infrastructure for renewable energy developments is exempt from rating due to historic legislative exemptions. Council acknowledges that Tilt Renewables have undertaken engagement with the local community on developing its benefit sharing framework. The Policy acknowledges the direct impacts and doesn't prevent a proponent from establishing arrangements with a host community.	No amendments

David Roediger, Morgan

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
11.1	General	Strong support for the policy, describing it as an excellent initiative.	Nil
11.2	General	Recipients should be district-wide, rather than limited to a narrow locality or specific group.	Distribution should provide for district-wide eligibility and benefits.

Response	Action
Nil	No amendments
Agree, this is the intent to share benefits more broadly.	No amendments

Rebecca Fettke, Morgan

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought
12.1	General	Assurance that no person or landholder will be coerced into allowing the proposed activity on their land.	Council to acknowledge this concern and ensure that any policy states landholder consent.

Response	Action
The policy does not intend to address negotiation between proponents of renewable projects and landholders; this is part of the planning and design phase of projects. Council is not the relevant authority for approving renewable projects.	No amendments

Appendix

Appendix 1 - Public Notice



Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy - Revised

Following consultation on the initial draft Policy Council received 22 submissions.

Mid Murray Council has considered the feedback received and resolved to endorse a revised draft Policy and is seeking further community feedback.

The purpose of the Policy is to ensure:

- That renewable energy projects within the Mid Murray Council area deliver clear, positive, and equitable benefits to the broader community.
- A framework for securing, allocating, and managing community benefit contributions from renewable energy projects, ensuring these benefits are distributed fairly across current and future generations and go beyond those properties or individuals in proximity to Renewable Energy Infrastructure.

Consultation begins on Wednesday 3 June 2026.

Where to obtain copies

A copy of the revised draft Policy is available for inspection on Council's Your Say www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at Council Offices located at Mannum, Cambrai, Morgan or Blanchetown.

How to provide feedback

Written submissions are invited on the revised draft Policy and can be received through the following means:

- Mid Murray Your Say feedback form www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au;
- Letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238; or
- Email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Submissions will be received until 5pm Friday 26 June 2026.

For more information, contact Executive Assistant – Development and Community Services, Melissa Marschall on 8569 0100.

Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix 2 – Sample Stakeholder Letter



Ref: 3/POL/RENERGY/2

3 June 2026



Dear [REDACTED],

Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy – Revised

Following consultation on the proposed Policy, Council has considered the feedback received and resolved to undertake further consultation on a revised Policy.

Council received 22 submissions during the consultation period. The key themes raised were:

- Governance and administration of the Community Benefits Fund.
- Priority for "host" or directly impacted communities compared with broader distribution of benefits.
- The voluntary nature of Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) and their separation from approval processes.
- Funding formula design, including thresholds, flexibility, and the timing of payments and benefits.

A copy of the Submission Summary Report is available on Council's [Your Say](#) page.

Following discussion with Elected Members on the themes and issues raised in submissions, it is now proposed that the benefit fund framework, and the revised **Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy**, be based on a Council-led model.

Under this model, Council would oversee the fund in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and relevant financial regulations.

While Council's intent to establish a **Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund** remains unchanged, the proposed governance model represents a significant change and warrants a further period of public consultation.

A copy of the revised draft Policy is attached for your review.

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Morgan & Districts Community Hub
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Submissions will be received until 5pm Friday 26 June 2026.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the revised draft Policy, please contact Gary Mavrinac, Director – Development and Community Services on 8569 0100.

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to our community and for taking the time to consider this important initiative.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer

Enc. Revised Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Appendix 3 - Original Submissions

The Trustee for Foundation Barossa Community Charity Trust

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www.foundationbarossa.org.au

PO Box 616, Nuriootpa, South Australia. 5353

4th June, 2026.

Mr Ben Scales

Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council

Ref: 3/POL/RENERGY/2

Dear Mr Scales,

Mid Murray Council Revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy and for Council's continued engagement with Foundation Barossa throughout this process.

Foundation Barossa remains strongly supportive of Mid Murray Council's leadership in developing a framework that seeks to ensure renewable energy developments deliver meaningful, equitable and enduring benefits for the Mid Murray community.

Having reviewed both the revised draft Policy and the Submissions Summary Report, we respectfully request that Council reconsider the decision to move away from the proposed Council-led model and instead retain the option of a partnership approach through the establishment and administration of the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund by Foundation Barossa.

Our request is based on the feedback received through the consultation process itself.

The submissions summary demonstrates significant support from a range of stakeholders for an independent community foundation model. This support came not only from Foundation Barossa, but from regional development organisations, renewable energy proponents and other stakeholders who recognised the value of independent governance, established grant-making systems and trusted community stewardship.

Notably, Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland provided a strong endorsement of a partnership with Foundation Barossa, recognising that the principles underpinning the proposed approach are

collaborative, transparent, community-focused and proportionate, aligning with both best practice and broader regional development objectives.

RDA also highlighted the importance of creating a lasting legacy from renewable energy developments. Foundation Barossa's proposed Future Fund model was specifically designed to achieve this objective by reserving a portion of contributions to build a permanent community asset that would continue generating benefit long after renewable energy projects have concluded. This approach transforms short-term contributions into a long-term community resource and ensures future generations share in the benefits of today's developments.

Similarly, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners noted that Foundation Barossa provides the trusted local governance, grant administration capability and compliance expertise necessary to reduce delivery, probity and reputational risk. Potentia Energy also recognised the value of an independent intermediary capable of facilitating transparent and accountable community benefit distribution across the Mid Murray region.

Importantly, many of the concerns raised during consultation were not concerns about the concept of a community foundation itself, but rather matters of governance, transparency, conflict management and local representation. These are all matters that can be effectively addressed through the design of the fund structure, advisory committees, grant guidelines and reporting arrangements.

As an independent charitable organisation, Foundation Barossa already operates within a robust governance framework that includes:

- Established conflict-of-interest and probity processes.
- Independent assessment and decision-making mechanisms.
- Transparent reporting and financial accountability.
- Extensive experience administering grants and philanthropic funds.
- Community engagement and consultation processes.
- Compliance with charitable and regulatory obligations.

Foundation Barossa's role as an independent, place-based organisation allows it to act as a trusted intermediary between funders, local government and community. This independence provides confidence that funding decisions are made fairly, transparently and in accordance with agreed community priorities.

A partnership model also offers several additional benefits that are difficult to replicate within a council-managed structure, including:

- Independent governance separate from local government decision-making.
- Tax-deductible charitable giving opportunities that can leverage additional philanthropic contributions.
- Established grant-making expertise and systems.
- Capacity to build a permanent Future Fund and long-term community corpus.
- Reduced administrative burden on Council.
- Access to broader philanthropic networks and co-investment opportunities.

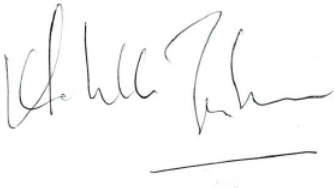
Foundation Barossa believes that renewable energy community benefit schemes represent more than a grant program. They are an opportunity to create lasting community wealth and build enduring local capacity. The proposed Future Fund component was specifically developed with this objective in mind, ensuring that a portion of contributions continues to benefit Mid Murray communities for decades to come.

We acknowledge and respect Council's desire to ensure strong local governance and accountability. However, we believe these objectives can be achieved through a partnership model that combines Council's strategic leadership in deciding where and how the funds are spent with Foundation Barossa's independent governance, grant-making expertise and charitable infrastructure.

We therefore respectfully request that Council reconsider the Council-led model, and undertake further discussion with Foundation Barossa, renewable energy proponents and community stakeholders before determining the final governance structure for the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund.

Foundation Barossa remains committed to working collaboratively with Mid Murray Council and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how a partnership approach could be structured to address the issues raised during consultation while delivering the greatest long-term benefit for Mid Murray communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annabelle Travaglione', with a horizontal line underneath.

Annabelle Travaglione
Chief Executive Officer
Foundation Barossa

26 June 2026

Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer
Mid Murray Council

Dear Ben

RE: Feedback on Mid Murray Council Revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

The Summerfield North Battery project, which Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners is developing, thanks Mid Murray Council (MMC) for the opportunity to comment on their revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy, issued on 3 June 2026.

The Summerfield North team remains supportive of MMC's intention to streamline engagement with renewable energy proponents and share benefits more wholly across the region. We are also pleased to see many of our comments actioned in updates made to the policy, as evidenced in the Submission Summary Report.

While our reading of the Submission Summary Report suggests that, while basing minimum benefits on the listed percentages (\$/MW on installed capacity), proponents will be able to negotiate the proportion of these funds to be provided to the MMC Benefits Fund (MMCBF), we do not feel this is clear in the Policy itself. We suggest amending/adding wording to section 5.2 that makes clear that while MMC expects proponents to use the minimum \$/MW to budget their overall financial benefit pool, proponent-led negotiation with MMC will determine how much of that pool is contributed to the MMCBF.

Additionally, sections 5.5.3 and 5.5.4 discuss the Community Grants Assessment Committee and clarifies that their role is advisory only, however it is unclear who specifically is responsible for final authority on the distribution of funds. The Policy would benefit from this inclusion. We also recommend that Council accepts the recommendations of the Assessment Committee unless there is a strong case, with evidence, not to, and that this is reported back to the Assessment Committee.

We again thank MMC for the opportunity to provide this feedback and look forward to continuing to work together throughout the development of the Summerfield North Battery project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our feedback in more detail, we would be pleased to meet with you.

With regards,



Iain Pople
Project CEO



Tilt Renewables Australia Pty Ltd

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25 June 2026

Mr Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer
Mid Murray Council
49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, SA

Submitted electronically: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Scales

Revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Tilt Renewables (Tilt) is writing to express our support for Mid Murray Council's revised Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy (Policy).

Tilt appreciates the adjustments made in response to our previous feedback, particularly in allowing proponents to input annually into the criteria and guidelines for the Community Grants Program.

We are supportive of Mid-Murray Council administering the community fund and application process.

We look forward to the Policy being finalised and working with Mid-Murray Council to create a Community Benefit Agreement for the operational period of the Palmer Wind Farm.

Your sincerely,

Owen Boushel

Owen Boushel
Head of Stakeholder Engagement
Tilt Renewables



25 June 2026

Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer
Mid Murray Council
PO Box 28
Mannum SA 5238

Dear Ben,

Re: Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy – Feedback

Thank you for your continued engagement and for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the revised draft policy. We appreciate the open and constructive approach Council has taken throughout this process.

We welcome Council's decision to administer the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund directly. This approach provides a strong foundation for transparency, consistency, and alignment with local community priorities.

We have a few points where we would appreciate further clarification:

Allocation of Funds

The policy outlines that funds will be directed to the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund and allocated across the following areas:

1. Investment in a Future Fund
2. Public purposes aligned with Council's Community Development Strategy/Community Action Plans
3. Council's Community Grants Program

It would be helpful to better understand Council's preference in the distribution of funds across these three categories. For example, will there be defined percentages, or will allocations be determined annually? Greater clarity on this would assist in understanding how contributions translate into community outcomes.

Renewable Energy Coordinator Role

We note that a portion of the funding will support a Renewable Energy Coordinator role. In the interest of transparency and fairness across projects, we suggest that this contribution is also aligned to project size and technology.



We also acknowledge the point raised regarding the potential for conflicts of interest associated with this role and agree that this is an important consideration. Clear governance arrangements will be key to maintaining confidence in this role.

Advisory Committee

The inclusion of an advisory committee is a positive initiative. We encourage Council to ensure that this group reflects a broad cross-section of the community and is regularly refreshed, so that a diverse range of perspectives can inform funding decisions.

Hybrid Projects (Multiple Technologies)

We would be grateful for clarification on how the policy applies to hybrid projects involving more than one technology (e.g. wind and battery, or solar and battery). While the policy specifies \$/MW contributions for wind, solar and BESS individually, it is not clear how contributions should be calculated for hybrid developments. In a hybrid project, battery storage is charged by the on-site generation asset (wind/solar), meaning discharged energy is not additional generation. Applying the \$/MW metric to both components risks double counting. It is therefore recommended that the \$/MW contribution apply only to the generation component (solar/wind), rather than being applied to both generation and storage. Clear guidance on this point would help ensure consistency and avoid ambiguity.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Council as the policy is refined.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Way'.

Catherine Way
Director of Development
OX2 Australia

[REDACTED]

From: Chester Li [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 June 2026 2:59 PM
To: Melissa Marschall
Cc: Michael Thompson; Danielle Davis
Subject: Re: OCORR3536-26 - 3/POL/RENERGY/2 - Revised Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Hi Melissa

Thanks for sending the revised draft below.

We agree with the proposed changes. Our only recommendation is to include a clarification in the policy that the contribution amounts include both contribution to the council, as well as developer's self-administered community benefit sharing funds.

Thank you!

Regards,

Chester

Chester Li
Regulatory Affairs Manager
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Kendra Radford [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 June 2026 11:34 AM
To: Melissa Marschall
Subject: IEM10298-26 - 3/POL/RENERGY/2 - Re: OCORR3625-26 - 3/POL/RENERGY/2 - Revised Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Hi Melissa,
We found the policy wording confusing regarding the division of funds

"As well as Proponents providing benefits to local communities in proximity to Renewable Energy Infrastructure"- are these benefits separate from the agreement?
a set percentage of Community Benefit Sharing funds may be placed in a Council Managed Fund (CMF),- what happens to the remaining percentage?
negotiated via a Community Benefit Agreement to provide for a more equitable distribution of benefits across the council area.

The concept is great though.

Kind regards
Kendra Radford
Walker Flat and District Progress Association

From: Social Pinpoint <noreply@socialpinpoint.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 3:41 PM
To: DES
Subject: ICORR9775-26 - 3/POL/REENERGY/2 - Feedback Form - Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy - Revised Form Submission

Feedback Form - Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy - Revised Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Feedback Form - Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy - Revised through your Mid Murray Your Say website.

First and Last Name

John Kain

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb

Sedan

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

As Chairman of the Sedan Recreation Park incorporated, I agree with the draft policy for the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy

Mr Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer
Mid Murray Council
PO Box 28
MANNUM SA 5238

Cc: Mayor Simone Bailey, Cr Kirsty MacGregor

26 June 2026

Re: Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy Vers. 2

Dear Ben,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2026 on a revised draft of Mid Murray Council's (MMC) Renewable Energy Community Benefit Sharing Policy. Rockleigh Progress Association appreciates council's careful consideration of our and others' submissions on the first draft of the policy.

We are glad of the change to Mid Murray Community Benefits fund being governed by the council. As per our previous submission we feel there could be a further advantage in establishing such a fund with the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

The outstanding concern we still have is the mixed messages the draft policy has as to whether funds raised are spread across the council area or are targeted mainly to the 'Host Community'. As per our previous submission, the policy should not be a mechanism for MMC, or indeed communities distant from such developments, to fund their priorities at the expense of those directly impacted by renewable energy developments (REDs). We note your letter also identified this as a key theme of submissions received ("Priority for "host" or directly impacted communities compared with broader distribution of benefits.")

The definitions clearly recognize the potential impacts of REDs on host communities and that they should be deriving benefits from the proposed fund (as per definitions 3.1. Community Benefit Sharing, 3.2 Community Benefit Agreement, and 3.3 Host Community). However, this is contradicted by:

- the policy purpose (1.1) of "benefits to the broader community" (which we interpret as all of MMC area)
- scope 4.1.3 which refers to "all residents share in the benefit"
- the Policy statement calling for a "distribution of benefit across the council area"

Further, there is no mention under the Mid Murray Community Benefits Fund section (5.3) that priority should be given to host communities directly impacted by REDs in distributing the fund to community projects and groups. An additional dotpoint under 5.3.7 is needed to clarify this priority.

Thanking you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'BPym', is centered on the page.

Barbara Pym

President, Rockleigh Progress Association Inc.

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Pauline Brennan

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Morgan

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

I agree. The benefits should be shared around the whole region not just
Mannum

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Anne Burgess

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Tungkillo

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

In regard to the Palmer Wind Farm, the benefits from this project should be shared entirely within the regions that will be directly impacted by its construction and operation — specifically Palmer, Tungkillo, and the

surrounding areas. These communities are the ones who will experience the greatest impact, and therefore they should receive the full share of any associated community benefits.

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David Roediger

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Morgan

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

I do feel this is a really excellent proposal. One of the better thoughts to be put

forward for many a long year. Well done.

The devil will be how the distribution will be handled.

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Morgan

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

I admire this proposition. I do believe the recipients should/must be District wide.

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Rebecca Fettke

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Morgan

Would you like to make any comment on the revised draft Policy?

It needs to state that a person, or persons, will not be forced or coerced in to having this put on their land.