

## AMENDED ITEM



**Item No:** 6.2  
**Title:** Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Green Power  
Blackout  
**Department:** Councillor

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11 November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

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### Summary

At its meeting held 28 October 2019, the Council resolved as follows;

*1063/19 That Council defer consideration of this matter to the Ordinary Meeting being held on 11 November 2019.*

### Recommendation

- 1 That Council notes the Community outrage at the 'growing' Solar Blackout now occurring across the Coast due to Council's Tree DCP that prohibits vegetation removal over residential Solar Panels.**
- 2 That further Council notes that many thousands of responsible Central Coast Residents have been encouraged by this Council to invest millions in supporting Solar Green Energy.**
- 3 That Council as a matter of urgency investigate and review our DCP / Policy Settings to reflect a more common-sense approach around Vegetation Policy and Energy initiatives.**
- 4 That Council also investigates possible education and partnering initiatives with regard to over boundary/neighbouring solar blocking vegetation issues.**
- 5 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer furnish a report to this end for Council's consideration.**

### Councillor Note:

Colleagues, this is an outrageous situation that Council has allowed to develop. Local residents are investing tens of thousands of dollars, with millions being invested across the region, only to find their new solar system is useless/blacked out because of Council's Tree Policy/DCP. In no way does this pass the reasonable man or woman test. It is simply an outrage. For Ratepayers to be told they cannot prune or remove a tree that is blacking out their solar system defies logic and the irony of this is, that this Council actively encourages the public to install solar. Enough is enough.

**Attachments**

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