ADDITIONAL ITEM

Item No: 8.4

Title: Notice of Motion - Green Power Blackout

Department: Councillor

28 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Author: Greg Best, Councillor



Councillor Greg Best has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 October 2019 he will move the following motion:

- 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 request the General Manager to furnish a report to this end for Council's consideration.

Councillors 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 pub test, the reasonable man test or the common sense 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

Nil