

**Robin Saville**

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Unfortunately in the current council there are outspoken councillors who are confirmed climate change and global warming sceptics. Anyone supporting the science involved has been mocked. This has been one of the most disappointing and frustrating aspects of this council. I want Goulburn Mulwaree council to develop a reputation as a leader in renewable energy. I want other states to look to us as a model of renewable energy and sustainability. If we as a council cannot undertake major projects then we should demonstrate our commitment to renewable energy by supporting valid community energy related initiatives.

5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

I am firmly in favour of solar power and a solar farm sounds great. I look with envy on what is happening in the ACT and the development of major solar farm developments only one hour away. I am quite puzzled at this sun drenched country's public sector reluctance to pursue the solar power option. It makes good financial sense and good environmental sense.

Regards

Robin

Rufina Prichard



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I have to examine all features and benefits to ensure that our community will be satisfied with the outcome of this renewable energy project.

5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

Aside from solar energy, the wind farm can be a beneficial too but there are lots of environmental issues that need to be considered in implementing all types of projects,,, I am very open minded when it comes to all things that need consideration,,,,

## **Bob Kirk**

Hello Peter,

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes and no - case by case - will keep my options open.
4. Depends on what "support" is sought. Any project will be considered on its merit
5. I have been working toward establishment of a large (50+ acre) solar farm, and an eco-tourism project at the Council owned farm, over the past couple of years. Also have had some progress toward establishing a tree off-set plan. Still early days, but I expect to see these proposals come to fruition during the next Council term.

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Bob Kirk

Peter Walker



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| <b>Need to look at location, council lands, funding support and time frames.</b>                     |                                     |                          |
| 5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?                  |                                     |                          |
| <b>Have an open mind and look at all proposals.</b>  |                                     |                          |

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Peter,

Please contact Peter Walker on 0400 305774 to discuss further if you need to.

PETER FINKLE



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...I would, & would expect Council to approach any community energy projects in a supportive manner whilst still dealing with each matter on its merits.

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5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

...Whilst renewable energy & renewable energy projects are not an area in which I can claim a substantial knowledge base, I feel I am approachable, able to listen & to learn, & to base any decision I make in a balanced & rational way based on consultation & the projects merits.

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## **Leah Ferrara**

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Council should provide as much support for projects like this, including

- Financial support: including grants, waver on fees, become an investor and provide interest free loans.
- Other support: Helping to find grants for the projects if they can't be provided by local council and providing council staff and resources to help with any part of the projects.

Moving our city into a more sustainable and profitable future should be very high up on the council agenda. Council should provide all the support they can for projects that help move us into a better future.

5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

I am open to any initiative that will help us reach the ultimate goal of 100% renewable energy.

Renewable energy is a big part of the answer if we are to combat climate change before the damage is too great. It is also important, that while we move towards renewable energy, we should look into energy saving options as well. Installing LED street lights would be one example where council could be more sustainable and save large sums of money.

**Alisa Stephens**



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| 4. If "Yes" to 3 and elected, what support would you urge council give to community energy projects?<br>I'd urge Council to join the 21st century and support community energy project! I'd like to see Council opt-in to CE4G and actually be invested in CE4G and subsequent projects – be that financially and/or socially. Wouldn't it be fantastic for our Council to be one of those leading the way in this field?  |                                     |                          |
| 5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?<br>As far as I can tell, GMC doesn't have a renewable energy target. That's the first thing that needs to change. (20% of local councils across the country are aiming for 100% renewable, and here are we not even getting started down that track. This has to change.) I'd like to look at requiring new developments to go beyond BASIX, especially commercial developments. I'd also like to look in to how Council could encourage existing premises to opt-in to participating in renewable energy schemes; a rebate on rates could be an option worth investigating for example. |                                     |                          |

Alisa Stephens. 24 August 2016

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*..Mil. cost by Council for first 12 month*  
*reversed every 12 months*

5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

*Solo Farms*



**ANDREW BANFIELD**  
(from interview)



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.....Community grant funding.....  
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5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?

.....Battery storage, Solar energy.....  
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Caron Casey



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>People vote for council to be a voice for them!</b></li><li>• <b>I would urge the Council members to encourage funding and government support.</b></li><li>• <b>Encourage other supports that can reduce costs to community energy projects such as the waive of DA fees.</b></li><li>• <b>Transparency and consultation</b></li></ul> |                                     |                          |
| 5. What other renewable energy initiatives would you support if elected to Council?   |                                     |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Solar Farms</b></li><li>• <b>Wind Farms</b></li><li>• <b>bioenergy</b></li><li>• <b>Open to further ideas for discussion</b></li></ul>   |                                     |                          |

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be a voice for Community Energy for Goulburn if I am elected. Please feel free to contact me on 0435881189 or email [caroncasey@live.com.au](mailto:caroncasey@live.com.au)  
Warm Regards, Caron Casey (It's time for change!)

## Barry McDonald

Peter  
I find

the questionnaire somewhat biased towards your group and its ideologies with its blunt yes/no answers. I get the impression you feel everyone should support your projects. I respond as follows:

1. Global warming and cooling has occurred in varying cycles over thousands and millions of years. The extent of recent human contribution to the warming side is probably caused by the growing world population - more people need to be kept warm and cool as we live as fed and this requires resources. Until world population slows or reduces then more energy will be needed to keep us all comfortable and living a lifestyle we enjoy.

2 The development of renewable energy is fine. I have no problem with it as long as developments are compatible with their location - this includes any impacts on neighbours. There have been many contentious issues with wind tower locations in the region as you would know. Solar does have benefits and I believe will emerge as the dominant renewable energy source in time as I previously stated (GP post 17 July 2015 p8).

3 & 4 . I am not clear what business model community energy projects operate under - to me it sounds like ideology. Energy supply and production is the domain of State and Federal government portfolios, not the Council. The Council has obligations to deliver the regular municipal services that we are familiar with and I believe that some improvements could be made - like better recycling being achieved. That would be a plus for the environment . If the community wants to contribute to "community energy" projects as you describe them then that's fine but I don't favour additional Council resources being tied up in them. I don't see the Council being obligated to partner or subsidise your projects. The Council should assess any energy generation developments on their merits as per their development assessment obligations. The Council has already supported your project to date (detail I am not aware of) and contributed to renewable energy issues by solar panels on the roof of the Council offices and providing space for Tesla recharging points at the Tourist Centre . It has probably done some other support that I am not aware of.

5. I would be happy to support initiatives that were cost neutral to Council. As I said above, energy production is the domain of State and Federal Governments. This includes renewable energy. I don't intend supporting any further Council resources towards it unless it is cost neutral or the Federal and State Governments compensate the Council. There are lots of unsealed rural roads and other community projects the Council has committed in forthcoming capital works which Council resources should be applied towards. I support development application fees for all development proposals - everyone has to pay. I agree with the Council's recent decision to charge CE4G with DA fees for your development proposal and I don't see why any project should be exempt from DA fees nor should other ratepayers or developers carry the cost of development assessment for others.

Kind regards

Barry McDonald  
Candidate for Goulburn Mulwaree Council