



Renewable Energy

Renewable energy technologies are rapidly transforming the energy industry in the Capricorn Coast. With an average of 300 days of sunshine a year, the region is extremely well positioned to take advantage of the growing solar power revolution at a broad-scale level, to reduce local energy costs and environmental impacts, and create new local jobs. By focusing on high quality urban design, adoption of renewables, a greener region and smart use of resources including water sensitive design and recycling/re-use of waste we can create more regional opportunities for new industries, economically sustainable businesses or other innovation opportunities.

Council is committed to tackling climate change, joining the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership program in 2018. Council works with the Mackay Materials Recovery Facility, which plays a vital role in minimising our environmental footprint, ensuring that recyclable materials are not sent to landfill, but are processed and reused.



Opportunities

The Clarke Creek Wind Farm is a current renewable energy project in the development phase, located in the Isaac Shire and Livingstone Shire areas. The project is set to develop up to 195 wind turbines with a power output over 800 MW, between 2000 MW and 400 MW of solar power, and battery energy storage. Operation is anticipated in late 2022, which will see the powering of approximately 590,000 Queensland homes. Council and Timber Milling Services (TMS) are also currently exploring the potential establishment of an innovative renewable energy gasification power plant.



How to Invest - Where to Now?

Livingstone Shire Council offers support to projects where the nature and scale of the investment will stimulate significant economic and community benefits, job creation and value-add to the entire regional economy.

- » **Investment advice and in-kind support** are available through a variety of resources. Livingstone Shire Council can provide advice in regard to economic and demographic trends, grant opportunities and provide economic impact modelling to validate business case and grant development for projects.
- » **Flexible planning scheme** to make it easier to invest in the Capricorn Coast region. Improved measures encourage new business in centres with reduced levels of assessment allowing business to get on with business. If you're in a dedicated business zoned area, this scheme will allow you to attract tenants, within the scope of approved uses, without having to consult council every step of the way.
- » The Livingstone Shire's planning scheme allows for the accommodation of forecast population growth, with urban development expanding in proximity to established urban localities focussed around Yeppoon and Emu Park. Planning for growth will ensure cost effective and sequential provision of infrastructure.
- » **Free general planning and property advice** and access to pre-lodgement discussions for developers offering access to a range of experts across council departments.

If you are interested in a confidential discussion on the investment opportunities available, contact: