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Hawkesbury's renewable energy agreement to deliver lower costs, less emissions

Hawkesbury City Council has taken a major step towards its goal of achieving net-zero emissions, with the signing of a long-term energy contract with ENGIE, underpinned by renewable energy.

The 10-year Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) will reduce the Council's carbon emissions by about 67,000 tonnes (the equivalent of removing more than 1,000 cars off our roads) and will deliver significant ongoing cost savings through reduced rates on Council's electricity bills.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council, Councillor Barry Calvert said: "Rising electricity costs are affecting communities across Australia. Businesses and government organisations also feel this cost pressure, including local councils.

"Through our agreement with ENGIE, we were able to reduce our costs, while also standing by our commitment to renewable energy."

ENGIE Executive General Manager of Energy Management, Mr Andrew Hyland, said the renewable PPA was the latest example of ENGIE using its understanding of the wholesale energy market to design solutions for customers transitioning to a zero-carbon future.

"There is a growing number of forward-thinking councils, such as Hawkesbury City Council, who are actively seeking greener energy," he said.

"The ENGIE renewable PPA model is a simple solution for any organisation looking to reduce carbon emissions, secure stable energy supplies and keep costs down.

"The increasing support for renewable energy also helps companies like ENGIE to invest in renewable generation capacity.

The Hawkesbury City Council PPA came into effect from January 1, 2020. As the largest council area in Metropolitan Sydney it's great news that 100 per cent of electricity consumption for its largest facilities will be matched against the equivalent volume of energy taken across generation output from two solar farms.





ENGIE's existing energy portfolio will ensure continuity of a firm and reliable energy supply, even when renewables may not be available.

The Hawkesbury renewable PPA was delivered via a tender conducted by Renewable Energy Hub, the energy market advisory arm of Tradition Financial Services Australia (TFS), a company with a history spanning two decades in wholesale energy and environmental market transactions in Australia and part of the global Tradition group.

About ENGIE Australia & New Zealand

In Australia, the company has about 1,200MW of low-carbon generation capacity and more than 800MW of renewable energy under development. Our retail brand, Simply Energy, has more than 720,000 customer accounts in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia and Queensland. ENGIE Services ANZ provides multi-technical solutions for industrial, public and commercial building sectors as well as developing and implementing cost-saving smart energy and environmental efficiency services and solutions for precincts.

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