



# Carol Berry MP

## Member for Whitlam



Ms Clare Savage  
Australian Energy Regulator  
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Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Ms Savage,

I am writing to express support for Ausgrid's Community Power Network "sandbox" proposal.

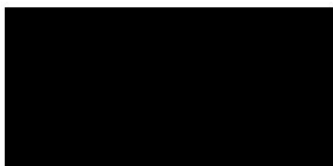
While this will not take place in my electorate of Whitlam, I am a strong supporter of renewable energy and I am very interested in this proposal's aim to solve equity issues in accessing the benefits of solar and storage. This would help accelerate our transition to renewable energy and lower the costs of energy for homes and businesses.

I am particularly keen to see if this concept can:

- Activate untapped potential rooftop space, especially on large warehouses and buildings;
- Enable retailers to lift feed-in tariffs provided to homeowners;
- Generate an annual dividend that gets equitably shared across all members in the community, regardless of whether they have solar and storage;
- Increase network utilisation to generate long term electricity cost reductions if scaled through creating a smarter, more efficient grid; and
- Transfer more of the benefits that large-scale orchestration can deliver to end users, less controlled by large multi-national conglomerates taking commercial profits.

I commend the Australian Energy Regulator for exploring innovative models such as this, I reiterate my support and I will be monitoring the proposal's progress.

Yours sincerely,



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