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Cr Ambrose Doolan
Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council
Via email to: ambrose.doolan@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ambrose,

Invitation to join the Coalition of Energy Mayors (CoREM)

On behalf of the Board, I write to formally invite you to join the Coalition of Energy Mayors (CoREM).

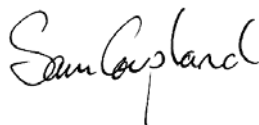
As the Mayor of Warrumbungle Shire Council you will be well aware that the imposition of a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) on a Local Government Area (LGA) will have a significant impact, both positive and negative. To date, LGAs have not been sufficiently engaged or consulted by state government bodies such as the Energy Corporation, Department of Planning & Environment or the renewable energy proponents, yet we are the ones who will bear the social and financial burden.

By joining together as a coordinated group of LGAs hosting renewables projects we will benefit by sharing information of what works and what does not. We will have greater clout in terms of lobbying government and government departments. Most importantly, by adopting a coordinated approach, we will be better able to shape the way renewable energy proponents operate in our LGAs.

I welcome you to join us in this Coalition. Please find attached the Terms of Reference for your consideration. To accept this invitation, please formalise your acceptance in writing by return email to executiveoffice@armidale.nsw.gov.au. Upon receiving your acceptance, an invoice for your initial contribution of \$5,000 to CoREM will be sent for payment by Armidale Regional Council.

Please contact me on 0402 024 120 or by email at scoupland@armidale.nsw.gov.au if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



Sam Coupland
Mayor

Encl: Terms of Reference - Coalition of Energy Mayors