

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT

GOULBURN COMMUNITY ENERGY CO-OP LTD

REGISTRATION No. NSWC32904

ABN 90 995 420 381

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This Supplementary Information Statement (“SIS”) supplements and should be read together with the Disclosure Statement For The Formation Of A Distributing Co-operative (“FDS”), approved by the NSW Department of Fair Trading and by the Board of the Goulburn Community Energy Co-operative (“Co-op”) on 28 July 2020.

The SIS is effective from 7 February 2022 (the Issue Date).

The purpose of this document is to seek additional investments into the Co-op and to provide investors with the reasons for seeking those additional investments.

Section 2.1 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

Background to forming the co-operative

In 2015, The Goulburn Group provided the auspice for a feasibility study into the Goulburn Community Solar Farm. Community Energy 4 Goulburn was set up as a subcommittee to coordinate the study and engage community support for a 1-megawatt (MW) community owned solar farm and was subsequently incorporated as a separate association - Community Energy for Goulburn Inc (CE4G). The study was funded through the NSW Government’s Community Energy Grants Fund and supported through community-business-government collaboration.

The capacity of the proposed solar farm was increased early on from 1 MW capacity to 1.2 MW AC output during the study because of advances in solar PV technology and adjustments to the site. The study supported the proposition that a community owned solar farm in Goulburn was feasible, based on the assumptions and projections available during the study. Public meetings have shown considerable support from the local community for the solar farm and many in the community have expressed interest in becoming investors.

Initially, the model was to set up an unlisted public company to attract investment and own the farm. However, CE4G became concerned about the voting structure of a company and the potential for one or more shareholders to form a bloc and dominate the project. After much research, the committee decided that the more democratic model of a co-operative was more suitable for the governance structure.

In 2020, the Goulburn Community Energy Co-operative Ltd was formed and successfully raised \$1.84 million dollars from 239 members to match the \$2.1 million grant received from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (“DPIE”) to build the farm. During the preliminary tender and design process, it became clear that a larger battery would improve the business case for the Solar Farm and a further \$600,000 is needed to fund this battery.

The larger battery offers the following advantages:

- Easier connection to the energy grid (hence an easier approval process with Essential Energy)
- Easier installation at the Solar Farm site (hence lowering construction costs)

- Increased revenue for the farm of between \$55K and \$90K per annum (based on the last 12 months' National Energy Market prices). While it's not possible to predict future revenues with any certainty, we have modelled the business case around a mid-range projection of future performance.

This disclosure statement provides the necessary information to allow potential and existing members to decide whether to commit additional funds to this project.

Section 2.3 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

Preconditions

As the co-operative has already been formed, there are no preconditions for this SIS. The co-operative will commence activities once the Solar Farm has been built.

The first paragraph of Section 5.1 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

Carrying on primary and other activities

CE4G has been successful in obtaining a \$2.1 million grant from the NSW government through the Regional Community Energy Fund for the construction and commissioning to commercial operation of a community-owned 1,800kW DC/1,200kW AC solar farm with a 2,300kWh battery on a site in Bridge Street, Goulburn.

Section 5.2 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

Details of any pre-registration contracts that have been entered into before construction of the solar farm

CE4G has a contractual arrangement with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to receive funding upon completion of certain milestones.

CE4G has also entered into a development agreement with Komo Construction for the solar farm, including the appointment of an EPC company.

It is agreed that both of these agreements will be novated to the co-operative when it is registered. A deed of novation has been finalised and will be activated prior to the commencement of the actual construction of the farm.

There are no pre-registration contractual obligations, guarantees and indemnities, contingent liabilities, unresolved or pending law suits that would require ratification or assumption of any liability by the co-operative once formed.

Section 6.3 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

First directors and officers

The names and experience of those who have been elected as directors are:

Andrew Bray, B App Sc (Computing) (Monash), BA (Music) Hons – National Director at RE-Alliance

Kerry Connors, BA (ANU), Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade (ANU), Associate Director - Research at Energy Consumers Australia

Roger Lucas B Com (UNSW) - retired

Virginia J King, B Sc (Macquarie), Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment (Securities Institute of Australia)

Ben Elliston, Bachelor Engineering (Hons) (UCA), Master Engineering (ANU), PhD (UNSW), Former Director International Solar Energy Society

Edward Suttle: BA, FAICD. Company Director and General Manager; Committee member of Community Energy For Goulburn Incorporated

Peter Fraser: B.A., B.Div. Dip Ed. Company Director and General Manager. President of Community Energy For Goulburn Incorporated

Gretchen Alt-Cooper: FIPA, SSA, CFP. Company Director, Public Accountant, Committee Member of Community Energy For Goulburn Incorporated. Gretchen has also agreed to be Secretary and Treasurer for the co-operative.

Section 7.1 of the FDS is hereby removed and replaced with the following:

Start-up funds

The capital raised to date by the Co-operative is \$2,018,690

Internal Source of Funds:

The number of persons, who qualified for membership of the co-operative and have invested into the Co-operative is 243.

The total number of shares subscribed by these persons is \$2,018,690.

Total share capital subscribed is	\$2,018,690
Total entrance fees are	\$2,430
Total initial subscriptions or levies are	\$2,430
Total other charges are	\$0

External Source of Funds:

The co-operative does not initially have any external source of funds from operations and will not until the farm is built.

An income and expenditure statement for the first year of operation of the co-operative and a balance sheet as at the end of the first financial year follows.

Financials for the year ended 30 June 2021

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>	\$
<u>Income:</u>	
Joining fees	2,220
Annual fees	2,100
Interest received	880
Merchandise sale	36
Donation	10
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>5,246</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Bank fees	122
Interest expense	1
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>123</u>
<u>Net Profit for year</u>	<u>5,123</u>
 <u>Balance Sheet</u>	
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash at bank	1,811,343
Loan by CE4G	2,600
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>1,823,943</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Shares issued to members	1,818,700
Amounts to be allocated or refunded	117
GST liability	3
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>1,818,820</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>	<u>5,123</u>

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned, certify that this is a copy of the information statement which was presented to the Board meeting on ___/___/___ for the purpose of raising further funds for Goulburn Community Energy Co-operative Ltd.

_____ Chairperson of meeting

Signature

_____ Secretary of meeting

Signature