

I support the development and use of renewable energy and are passionate about generating jobs for communities across rural and regional Australia.

The Walla Walla Solar farm and others like it across Australia, will do both.

Where solar farms are approved and progress/are built.... they will be generating local jobs and supporting local communities. The flow on affects are numerous but one key one I can see is bringing younger people back to these communities (often, they have grown up and love and want to move back but need a job) so by having projects like these to generate a range of skilled and unskilled jobs, it will attract more young people and their families back and will mean that there are more people who might choose to volunteer with the local fire brigade, SES Unit, Red Cross etc.

I would also like to encourage the State & Federal Governments lobby for and access infrastructure funding/rebuilding our nation funding from COVID-19 to upgrade the powerlines (and any other infrastructure needed) where these solar farms are being built to help move the energy that is created to where it is needed on the grid. By doing so they will be supporting the use of renewable technology.

By approving solar farms, the Local, State/Territory and Federal Governments can work together to provide cheaper and cleaner alternative energy and they can power and encourage more businesses to move their offices to rural and regional areas. It will strengthen the ability of current businesses in rural and regional Australia to be competitive, provided they can access the quantity of renewable energy needed, at a cost-efficient price.

By all levels of Government supporting new solar projects and assisting with the large infrastructure projects needed to support it they will refresh small towns /communities and allow them to flourish for future generations.