Delivering community benefits to Elong Elong and Ballimore

Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

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EnergyCo is delivering the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to provide a clean, affordable and reliable power supply for energy consumers across NSW. We recognise that hosting renewable energy infrastructure represents real change for those living and working in REZs across NSW. That is why we are providing funding to communities in the REZs to deliver lasting, tangible benefits.

Golden Highway, Elong Elong

Aerial view of Elong Elong

The Community and Employment Benefit Program will contribute to the long-term prosperity of regional communities hosting renewable energy and transmission lines by funding community-led initiatives, public infrastructure and First Nations projects.

More than $70 million has been delivered in the first round of program grants to community initiatives across the Central-West Orana REZ. This includes more than $700,000 to the following successful projects to benefit the residents of Elong Elong and Ballimore.

- **Elong Public Hall: $667,980** to upgrade the hall which is the centre of activity for the Elong Elong community. The upgrade will make the hall a more modern and comfortable space and improve the community's disaster preparedness.
- **Elong Elong Rural Fire Service (RFS): $20,999** to install water hydrants in two locations in the village of Elong Elong. One water hydrant at the front of the RFS shed and the other at the front of the community hall. Both locations are community meeting points during an emergency.
- **Ballimore Recreation Reserve: $15,250** for a new food and drinks fridge and new freezer to simplify catering for community and fundraising groups who use the facility.

The Community and Employment Benefit Program ensures that the benefits of renewable energy investment are shared with the community and create lasting legacies for the region.

More funding will be made available to communities over the next three decades, generated from fees paid by projects with an access right to connect to the REZ network infrastructure.

To find out more about the Central-West Orana REZ and the Community Employment Benefit Program scan the QR code or visit **energyco.nsw.gov.au/our-projects/central-west-orana-rez/community-benefits**

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