

SURVEY

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

1. Environmental damage

- Destructive impacts on native flora and fauna.
- The value of the environment to rural and regional communities is being ignored.

2. Renewable energy infrastructure

- Lack of consideration for alternative infrastructure options.
- Doubts regarding the benefits and long-term reliability of renewables as a baseload power option.
- Energy mix not being fully considered.
- Renewable energy projects will not deliver energy security.

3. Community division

- Negative impacts on rural communities being ignored and undervalued by government and energy corporations.
- Impacts are borne by rural and regional communities.
- Social cohesion in rural communities are being fractured by government and energy companies.

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4. Lack of trust in government and political parties

- No consideration from government on the negative economic impact in the regions such as tourism and a decline in property values.
- Government behaviour considered deceptive.
- Major political parties are not listening to rural communities.
- Renewable energy projects are being rushed through without regard to community concerns.
- Very limited trust in government, and (6) renewables driven by political ideology.

5. Damage to the food production system

- Loss of agricultural land.

6. Health and social implications

- Unknown mental health and social impacts on rural communities.
- Health and social implications are not being adequately considered.

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7. Community consultation

- Lack of transparency in community consultation processes.
- Rural community concerns are being ignored.

8. Climate change agenda

- Energy transition driven by climate ideology.
- International climate policy agendas are driving energy policy in Australia.

9. Corporate greed

- Perception of corporate greed over community liveability and cohesion.