



Hon David Littleproud MP has announced that the Expression of Interest period for the **Federal Coalition Government's new \$10.2 million Powering Communities Program** is now open.

The Powering Communities Program provides each of the 151 Federal electorates with **\$67,700** to fund small projects which aim to **assist community organisations to improve their energy efficiency practices and lower their energy bills**.

Minister Littleproud recognises the great work that many community groups across Maranoa do and knows that many have done it tough during COVID19. This program will help community organisations to do what they do best, which is serve and support the community.

The Powering Communities Program will **help community groups across Maranoa get control of their energy use**, while helping to play a part in reducing global emissions and ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

Eligible activities under the program include: installing solar panels or a battery, upgrading air conditioners, hot water systems or a refrigerator with more efficient models, replacing lighting with LEDs or conducting an energy audit.

Up to 12 projects can be funded across Maranoa with **grants between \$5,000 to \$12,000** available to eligible community organisations, with no co-contribution required.

Projects under the Powering Communities Program will have up to 30 June 2022 to be completed.

To be eligible you must:

- Complete the attached Expression of Interest form (attached)
- have an Australian business number (ABN)

You must also be one of the following incorporated entities:

- an incorporated not for profit organisation
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust with responsibility for a community asset or property

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations can include:

- incorporated associations
- non-distributing co-operatives
- companies limited by a guarantee
- Indigenous corporations
- religious organisations incorporated under legislation

For more information on the program, including eligibility guidelines, visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46.

Community organisations with projects eligible for funding under the Powering Communities Programme should complete the EOI nomination form (click link below) and submit before 5pm on 28th May 2021. Forms should be emailed to David.Littleproud.MP@aph.gov.au.

Should you have any questions, or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to make contact with one of Minister Littleproud's electorate offices.