



<b>Who we are</b>
Farming the Sun – Lismore Community Solar
<b>What and how are we doing it?</b>
<p>The purpose of Lismore Community Solar is to create two 100kW solarfarms through a partnership between local community members and <a href="#">Lismore City Council</a> ~ with funding provided by local community ‘impact’ investors and operation of the solarfarms by <a href="#">Lismore City Council</a>.</p> <p>It is intended for each of the two solarfarms to be funded by up to 20 impact investors (i.e. 40 investors in total) by way of two \$180,000 loans to Lismore City Council via two proprietary companies established as investment vehicles, one for each 100kW solarfarm. Each community company will raise the capital for the loans through a private impact investment share offer.</p> <p>Council has approved the loan structure. Each loan will be used to procure and construct the solarfarm, with any surplus funds to be applied to other projects under Council’s <a href="#">2023 Renewable Energy Master Plan</a>.</p> <p>As possibly Australia’s first ever council operated and community funded solarfarms, Lismore Community Solar will create significant potential to leverage public profile as well as the leadership, enhanced capacity and engagement of the numerous people and partners involved.</p>
<b>Why are we doing it?</b>
<p>These projects will further the Lismore’s community vision of being a model of sustainability, with outcomes across each of the three domains of sustainability: environmentally benign renewable energy from solar power; strengthened community leadership and capacity in sustainable energy; plus an innovative local finance model.</p>
<b>What we want from you? What can we offer you?</b>
<p>Sign up for our general email newsletter: <a href="http://farmingthesun.net/news">http://farmingthesun.net/news</a> OR: If you are genuinely interested in becoming an Impact Investor for these pioneering community energy projects, please join our “pledge” list to know more about the private share offer: <a href="http://farmingthesun.net/register-genuine-interest/">http://farmingthesun.net/register-genuine-interest/</a></p>