



Who we are
Byron Shire Council – Local Electricity Trading (LET) Trial
What and how are we doing it?
We have now started the virtual trial which aims to assist all proponents - Councils, retailers and the networks - to understand the implications, costs and benefits of both a local network credit and LET. The trial will specifically be assessing the feasibility of trading energy from our solar PV system on the roof of the Cavanbah Sports Centre to the West Byron Sewerage Treatment 2.7km down the road.
Why are we doing it?
We want to facilitate the introduction of LET because of these key benefits; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New financial incentive for generating renewable energy in the Byron Shire. Imagine the industrial estates or CBD's as renewable energy hubs – generating and selling energy to business/residents around them.2. Increased energy resilience & reduced greenhouse gas emissions hence helping to meet our Zero Net Emissions target. Our energy system becomes more resilient by the multiple types of generation happening on our grid and less reliant on it all travelling all up from the Hunter Valley.3. Social equity – LET will help to mitigate the potential effect of spiralling customer loss from the network. If we can provide a way to incentivise local generation we then reduce the social inequity caused by people who can afford it going off grid, leaving those that can't behind.
What we want from you? What can we offer you?
LET can happen tomorrow if the retailers and networks allow it. To help convince retailers and networks that there is an appetite for this from their customers, call them up or send them an email and ask them when will LET become available. Contact details: Sandi Middleton Sustainability Officer, Byron Shire Council Sandi.middleton@byron.nsw.gov.au