



BALLARAT RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ZERO EMISSIONS INC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Incorporated Association is established are:

- (1) To protect and enhance the natural environment and increase environmental sustainability within the region by promoting and developing renewable sources of energy and significantly reducing the regions contribution to greenhouse gas emission.
- (2) Solely for the purpose of furthering those purposes the Association shall have power to:-
 - (a) Invest and deal with monies of the Association not immediately required in such manner as is from time to time thought fit.
 - (b) raise or borrow money upon such terms and in such manner as it thinks fit.
 - (c) Secure the repayment of monies so raised or borrowed on the payment of a debt or liability of the Association by giving mortgages, charges or securities upon or over all or any of the property of the Association.
 - (d) To purchase, hire, sell and deal in all kinds of merchandise required or used by the Association in furtherance of its objectives.
 - (e) To ensure that no person shall receive a greater profit or benefit or advantage from the Association than that received by every member thereof other than remuneration or honorarium approved by the Committee of Management for work done by the Secretary or other Members.
 - (f) To employ staff or contractors upon such terms and in such manner as it thinks fit, within federal and state regulations.

- (3) The purposes of the Association shall be achieved by:-
- (i) focusing on climate change and the need to initially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ultimately restore atmospheric balance;
 - (ii) involving community, including businesses and other organisations, in energy sustainability programs;
 - (iii) operating education and awareness programs, including community capacity building programmes,
 - (iv) conducting research and development into ways in which our society can become more energy sustainable;
 - (v) networking with, and, where appropriate, supporting local, national and international organisations with similar objectives;
 - (vi) supporting sustainable locally-based businesses;
 - (vii) working with the media to promote sustainability and sustainable energy practices;
 - (viii) conducting advocacy on the energy-related public policy issues (e.g. built environment, transport, urban form); and
 - (ix) establishing a public fund called Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions Fund.
- (4) Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercises of the powers of the Association including any application for taxation exemptions and deductibility and charitable status.