



Central BESS Community Reference Group Expression of Interest (EOI)

About the Community Reference Group (CRG)

The Central BESS Project (the Project) is establishing a Community Reference Group (CRG) to inform the development and support the implementation of the Project's Community Benefit Fund. The Central BESS is a 500 MW BESS project located north of Bouldercombe, Queensland.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) serves as a formal declaration of a community member's commitment to contributing to the CRG's objectives as outlined in the Central BESS Community Reference Group Terms of Reference.

We kindly ask that applicants complete the questions below and submit the completed form via email to info@thecentralbess.com.au, or through an online form (<https://form.jotform.com/ACEnergy/CRG>).

CRG Selection Process

To support transparency and ensure the CRG reflects a representative cross-section of the Bouldercombe community, this EOI explains how CRG members will be selected.

The inaugural CRG will be formed through a structured selection process led by an ACENERGY panel. Councillor Edward Oram will chair the panel to provide oversight of the process.

If more EOIs are received than positions are available, the panel will assess all applicants using published criteria (see in Table 2). This includes local representation, diversity of perspectives, community involvement, and ability to contribute constructively. The panel will also seek to ensure the CRG reflects the diversity of the local community. A short report on the selection process will be made publicly available following CRG appointment to ensure transparency.

The selection process will include the following steps:

Table 1: Selection process timeline

Steps	Timeline
1. Call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) Community members will be invited to submit an Expression of Interest to join the CRG.	4 May – 29 June 2026
2. Submission of EOI forms Interested applicants submit a completed EOI form.	

<p>3. Evaluation by the selection panel</p> <p>The selection panel will evaluate the submissions in line with the published selection criteria to support a fair and consistent process. Based on this evaluation, the panel will prepare a list of recommended candidates.</p> <p>The selection panel will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) community engagement representatives from the Project team • One (1) Project Manager 	<p>30 June – 02 July 2026</p>
<p>4. Independent review and confirmation</p> <p>The appointed Councillor Chair, Cr Oram, will review the recommended candidates to ensure the selection process was fair.</p> <p>Final decisions will be made together with the selection panel.</p>	
<p>5. Notification of applicants</p> <p>The selection panel will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally notify and appoint the successful applicants to the CRG • Formally notify unsuccessful applicants 	<p>From 03 July 2026</p>

Information about the CRG and the EOI process will be promoted through local community groups, social media, and the Project website. Where appropriate, information may also be shared through Council channels to support transparency and broad community awareness.

CRG Selection – Selection criteria

Panel members will evaluate EOI applications independently using the selection criteria in Table 2. Each criterion is scored on a **1–5 scale**, with scores combined to provide a **final overall score** for each applicant.

This approach is intended to reduce individual bias and support a fair and consistent evaluation process. Any significant variance in scoring between panel members will be reviewed to confirm that scores are based on evidence provided in the EOI.

Table 2: Selection criteria

Criterion	Description
<p>Local connection & representation</p>	<p>You live in the area and have a strong and meaningful connection to the local community or the Project area</p>
<p>Diversity of perspective</p>	<p>You bring a perspective, lived experience or viewpoint that adds to the overall diversity of the CRG (e.g. age, background, occupation, sector, interests), helping ensure no single perspective dominates</p>

Community involvement & local knowledge	You have demonstrated involvement in local community activities, groups or issues, and their understanding of community needs, priorities and challenges
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Ability to contribute constructively	Your ability to participate respectfully and collaboratively in group discussions, listen to different views, communicate clearly, and contribute positively to collective decision-making
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Judgement, fairness & community-first thinking	You have demonstrated ability to act impartially, manage conflicts of interest appropriately, and make decisions based on the broader community's interests rather than personal affiliations or preferences
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Expression of Interest (EOI) Form

Completing this EOI Form confirms your availability to actively participate in the CRG meetings and your commitment to supporting the CRG's objectives as outlined in the CRG Terms of Reference.

Your details

Full name

Phone number

Email address

Questions

Connection to the community

Please describe your connection to the Bouldercombe community (e.g. resident, business owner, local organisation).

Motivation

Please tell us why you are interested in joining the CRG and what you hope to achieve.

Judgement & fairness

Imagine a funding application comes from an organisation or group you personally support or are involved with, but other CRG members disagree with the application. How would you approach this situation and participate in the decision-making process?

Skills

Please provide details of any relevant knowledge, skills or experience you bring that may be helpful for overseeing a community benefit fund (e.g. governance, finance, community services, evaluation)?

Conflict of Interest (Disclosure)

Do you have any current or potential interests that could reasonably be seen as influencing your role on the CRG? This may include involvement with community groups, sporting clubs, not-for-profits, businesses, or organisations that may apply for funding.

- No, I do not have any relevant interests to declare
- Yes, I have interests to declare (please outline below)

If yes, please briefly describe the nature of the interest:

***Having a conflict of interest does not automatically exclude you from joining the CRG. What matters is openness and a willingness to manage conflicts appropriately, including stepping aside from discussions or decisions where required.*

Acceptance of Terms of Reference

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Terms of Reference for the Central BESS CRG.

Name

Signature

Date