

# EXPANDING THE ROLE AND REACH OF NET ZERO ECONOMY AUTHORITY

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH FAIR AND INCLUSIVE TRANSITION PLANNING

The Isaac region is one of the largest resource-producing regions in Australia.

Our towns support the workers, families and supply chains that drive national energy security, steelmaking and export revenue.

As the country moves toward a net zero economy, regions like ours will feel the impacts first and hardest.

The Net Zero Economy Authority is an important step forward, but its scope must reflect the real needs of the communities that host and support the resource sector.

Transition planning must include the full footprint of resource activity or regional Queensland will be left behind.

### ↓ WHY IT MATTERS?

In Isaac, nearly three quarters of all jobs are connected to the resource economy.

Mines and associated industries shape housing, services, skills, population trends and community stability.

Planning for change must happen with resource regions, not for them.

The current Bill focuses heavily on power stations.

For regions like ours, the impact comes from mine closures, workforce change and supply chain shifts, all of which have significant and long lasting effects on our towns.

A transition process that does not fully recognise these realities risks leaving resource communities without the support they need to remain liveable and economically strong.

### ➔ WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

Transition impacts extend well beyond power generation sites. Mine closures have flow on effects across housing, local business, community services and long term population stability. These must be recognised in the Act.

#### 1. **Local government representation**

Councils are the closest level of government to community. We understand the workforce, housing and service demands created by change. Local government must have a formal seat at the table.

#### 2. **Mandatory community consultation**

Communities deserve to be heard in every major transition decision. Consultation must be required, not optional, to ensure practical, grounded planning.

#### 3. **Regular review and adjustment**

Regional transition is not a one off process. The Authority must report, review and adapt to ensure support keeps pace with change on the ground.

#### 4. **Clear cross departmental coordination**

Transition affects housing, education, health, transport, workforce supply and local services. These responsibilities sit across many government agencies, which often work independently of one another. The Authority must have a clear role in coordinating whole of government planning so resource regions receive consistent, aligned and practical support.

### ↓ WORKING TOGETHER

Isaac communities have powered Australia for decades. We are committed to shaping a future that builds on this strength, supports our people and prepares our towns for the opportunities ahead. Strengthening the Net Zero Economy Authority is essential to making that possible.