

# VOICES FOR POWER

Organising migrant and religious communities to find solutions for AFFORDABLE & RENEWABLE ENERGY!

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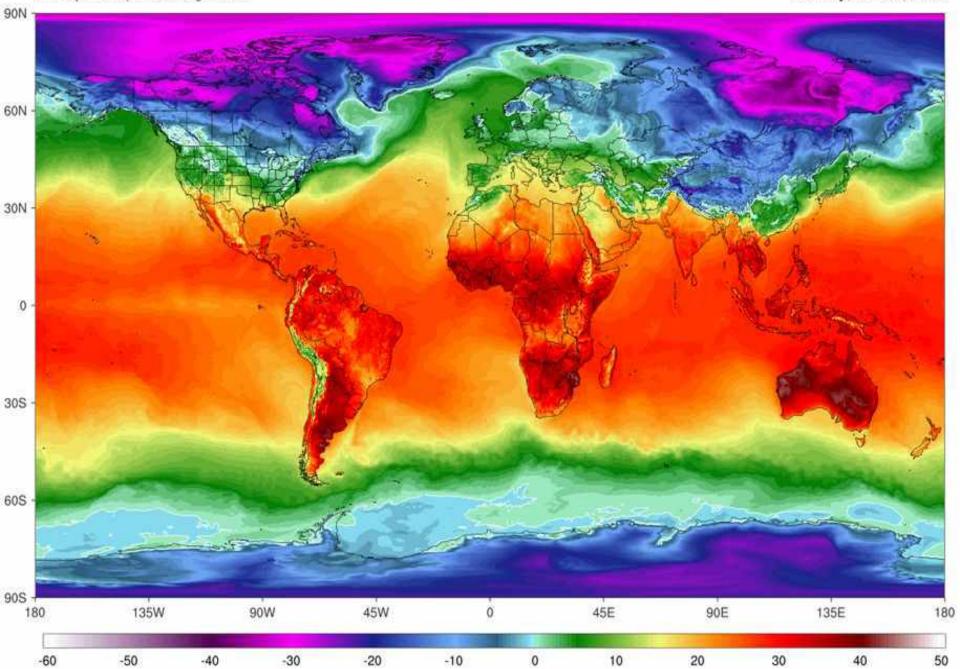
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# VOICES FOR POWER OUTCOMES

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RESEARCH: VOICES FOR POWER LEADERS MEET WITH ENERGY EXPERTS



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# **OUR PARTNERS**

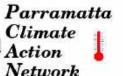






























### **ISSUES WE'VE HEARD:**

- 1. Upfront cost of solar are a major barrier
- 2. Already installed solar but not benefiting the people.
  - 3. Cost of living pressures as bills rise
- 4. Don't know enough about technical side, or subsidies available.
- 5. Renters have no control over energy efficient solutions or renewable options.
  - 6. Public housing, living in strata similar
    - 7. Batteries are too expensive
- 8. Fees due to late payment of bill or disconnection for non-payment of bills.
- 9. Language barrier prevents capacity for negotiations with Energy retailer 10. No incentives for solar for landlords
  - 11. Australia going backwards on renewables
  - 12. Access to solar increase the gap between rich and poor
    - 13. People being scammed by dodgy solar operators
  - 14. Changing behaviour to save electricity but bills still increase
- 15. Physical access to rooftop solar i.e. trees being in the way, or shaded by neighbours.

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## **SUMMARY OF ROADMAP OF SOLUTIONS**

(Subject to be modified and refined throughout year 2 & 3)

- 1. Funding for a Community Energy Hub in Western Sydney (State/Federal);
  - 2. Tax Incentives for Landlords for efficiency upgrade on their property negatively geared (Federal);
- 3. Grant Scheme for Landowners to make energy efficient upgrades (State & Federal);
  - 4. Mandatory Efficiency Standards for Rental Property (State & Federal)
  - 5. Community Organisational Housing Providers to access grant funding to make energy efficient upgrades (State)
    - 6. Review & Reform currently existing Government Assistance/ Rebate Programs (State)