

6.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - SOLAR HEROES NON DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ADVOCACY TO STATE GOVERNMENT

COUNCILLOR: Cr Bruce Clarke

NOTICE OF MOTION:

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2016:-

"That Council write to the Hon. Mark Bailey, Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply, to encourage the Minister to sign a NDA, (Non-Disclosure Agreement) which is in his possession, in order to allow the company "Solar Heroes" to present to State Government a full disclosure and presentation of a Complete Renewable Energy Power Unit which would be suitable for installation to the communities north of the Daintree River."

BACKGROUND:

A proposal to sign a NDA has been sent some time ago by Mr. Jason Birke of Solar Heroes to Minister Mark Bailey. As yet there has been no response. The signing of the NDA would allow the full presentation of the Renewable Energy Power Unit to the State Government.

These Power Units have been installed in India and Asia where location is remote. The capacity of these units in these countries is up to 30Mw. The unit proposed for north of the Daintree River is 3Mw. This unit is guaranteed to produce 26.8 million watts of power per year. This is enough power to support the communities north of the river and also feed some power back into the grid if a grid situation was ever taken north of the river.

The power committee north of the river has been in contact with Mr. Jason Birke of Solar Heroes for quite a long period of time, and have accumulated a great deal of information from not only Solar Heroes, but also the American Designers of these units.

We are led to believe that these units are very cost effective, but full details of the technology used and costing can only be presented to the State Government if the NDA is signed by the Minister.

We have also been told that these units do not require a backup generator. This in itself is reason to have this Technology presented to the State Government. It would be a feather in our caps if we were able to eliminate all generators from the World Heritage Area north of the river, with the exception on private generators used for a natural disaster situation.

There is no costs to the DSC associated with the presentation to the State Government. All construction and installation costs are the responsibility of the State Government, and also a large World Heritage component by the Federal Government.

OFFICER'S COMMENT:

Council does not have any knowledge of this company or the technology it is promoting and it is not Council's position to investigate/analyse the company's operations and technology. Accordingly, it is not sound corporate governance for Council to be advocating to the State Government on behalf of a third party where a commercial transaction is involved.