

The independent member for Indi Cathy McGowan believes:

- Rural and regional Australia holds the key to renewable energy. In my electorate of Indi, individuals, communities and businesses are leading the way by installing solar and other renewable energy systems.
- Working with government to take active steps to reduce atmospheric carbon, safeguard industry in regional Australia and pursue an equitable approach to climate policy for everyone.
- To hand on a precious and productive natural environment to future generations of Indi means taking leadership and action on climate change at a personal, local, and regional level.

Parliamentary actions have included:

- Presented statements to Parliament on the work of renewable energy groups such as Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY).
- Asked the Government to listen to the voices of the many Indi residents who support retaining or increasing the Renewable Energy Target (RET)
- Invited the Minister for the Environment to visit local renewable energy businesses and households in Indi to see the real benefits of the RET

A long community consultation process in Indi recently culminated with the creation of the Community Summit Report. Outcomes of what Environmental success would look like in Indi include:

- Creation of a Totally Renewable Indi action group.
- Broader environmental awareness with local and coordinated regional actions.
- Community energy production.
- Energy efficient housing suited to our local climates and conditions including passive solar design.
- Reduced household consumption of energy, and chemicals, and reduced waste to landfill.
- Strong systems for sharing knowledge and good practice between communities and across the region.
- Our good practice exported and learning from others.
- Public and private partnerships.
- Community understanding and ownership of Indi's surface and groundwater resources (quantity and quality) that balances the needs of local people with long term environmental needs and the Murray Darling system.
- Utilisation of heritage assets and infrastructure to develop strong and sustainable, cultural, social, environmental, educational and economic benefits.