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1. Purpose

This Policy outlines how alternative energy systems may be accepted on newly created allotments in lieu of provision of reticulated (grid connected) electricity.

2. Scope

This Policy relates to all development applications for new or realigned lots in the Rural and Industry Investigation Zones which do not involve the opening of a new road.

This Policy applies specifically to the application of section 8.2.1.2 Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and Table 8.1 Reconfiguring a lot code, within the Gympie Regional Council Planning Scheme 2013 Version 2.0.

3. Related Legislation

Gympie Regional Council Planning Scheme 2013 Version 2.0

4. Related Documents

NIL

5. Definitions

To assist in interpretation of this policy the following definitions apply:

- Alternative energy – provision of electricity to a dwelling that provides a high standard of reliable services, without the need for reticulated electricity (such as a photovoltaic solar power generation system with appropriate battery storage).

6. Policy Statement

6.1. With respect to meeting Council's requirement for the provision of electricity to a newly created allotment, Council:

- Recognises the growth and increasing popularity in alternative energy options;
- Acknowledges the dramatic and rapid improvements in alternative energy technology;
- Welcomes the relative cost effective nature of solar energy systems in comparison to reticulated grid connected electricity and the potential long term financial savings for new dwellings;
- Defines alternative energy provision as the provision of electricity to a dwelling that provides a high standard of reliable services, by way of a photovoltaic solar power generation system with appropriate battery storage, without the need for reticulated electricity.

6.2. Council will accept in lieu of provision of reticulated (grid connected) electricity, the provision of alternative energy systems consisting of a photovoltaic solar power generation system with appropriate battery storage.

6.3. Application of this policy is limited to the subdivision and/or realignment of a common boundary within the Rural and Industry Investigation zones.

6.4. Council requires that any allotment created utilising the provisions of this Policy be subject to a notation on its property records to alert any prospective purchaser that no reticulated electricity connection is available to the allotment.

6.5. Council requires that any Development Permit issued utilising the provisions of this Policy include advice to the applicant that Council's property records have been notated to alert any prospective purchaser that no reticulated electricity connection is available to the allotment.

7. Review Trigger

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation/documents are amended or replaced.
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.
3. As initiated by the CEO or Executive Team.
4. Periodic Review – within 4 years from date of adoption.

8. Appendices

NIL