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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the recent extension granted to our group, CQ Collective. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute more meaningfully to this vital process and commend the Committee for recognising the importance of community-led input. As a network of regional Queenslanders, we have collaborated across diverse environmental fields to develop a shared framework - the 21 Principles of Energy and Environmental Justice (attached) - that we believe can provide consistent, practical guidance for assessing all energy proposals moving forward.

Grounded in lived experience and a deep connection to place, these principles reflect a unified approach to ensuring energy developments uphold the values of environmental stewardship, cultural respect, social equity, and long-term accountability. We believe this framework can help decision-makers navigate the complexity of energy projects while delivering better outcomes for communities, ecosystems, and future generations alike.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. We look forward to continued engagement and hope these principles serve as a constructive tool for shaping a more just and sustainable future for Queensland.

Warm regards,

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## 21 Principles of Energy & Environmental Justice

1. Transition away from new coal & gas projects to ensure a sustainable energy future.
2. Prioritise renewable energy over fossil fuels.
3. Establish an independent ombudsman to uphold transparency & accountability.
4. Mandate developers invest in wildlife rehabilitation.
5. Provide mental health support for communities affected by energy projects.
6. Protect vital habitats & ban energy projects in sensitive ecological areas.
7. Integrate energy project designs with sustainable agricultural practices.
8. Prioritise energy projects on degraded or unused lands.
9. Build climate-resilient energy systems to enhance community adaptability.
10. Install underground transmission lines to address aesthetic & land-use concerns.
11. Safeguard waterways & avoid new large-scale dam construction.
12. Conduct community consultations with a trauma-informed inclusive approach.
13. Honour & uphold Indigenous land rights at every stage of project.
14. Support a just & equitable transition for communities affected by energy shifts.
15. Strengthen regulations to ensure all energy projects meet high environmental standards.
16. Guarantee fair & equitable distribution of project benefits across communities.
17. Protect land & resources from excessive corporate control.
18. Create Australian jobs by supporting strategically placed energy projects.
19. Assess & mitigate the cumulative impact of clustered renewable projects on people & nature.
20. Minimise noise, light, & pollution to safeguard the well-being of nature & nearby communities.
21. Site projects thoughtfully to maintain rural character & scenic value.