

ReD4NE ‘Responsible Energy Transition and Securing Social Licence in the NE’.

ReD4NE has intentionally chosen a DNA based on advocacy of ‘*responsible energy development*’. We have identified our core protocols directed at delivering on responsible development outcomes and the requisite creation of social licence.

ReD4NE advocates that the following **eight (8) protocols** should form the standards which underpin the New England’s energy transition . We promote these protocols as environmental social and governance -ESG guidance for Governments state and local ,for developers and for investors who respect need to facilitate genuine socio -economic outcomes acceptable to the community .These protocols present as **fiduciary benchmarks** for **responsible investment** in renewable energy development in the NE REZ

ReD4NE seeks a just and equitable transition based on the following ‘*responsible development protocols*’;

- **Protocol 1 - ‘Genuine Social Licence’** based on genuine community equity and expectations, based on real community acceptance and inclusion within ‘*top down-bottom up decision making*’,–based on real benefit sharing for the community and respect for the physical and *mental wellbeing* of the community.
- **Protocol 2 - ‘Strategic Land Use Planning’** more inclusion for the Community on robust infrastructure planning and placement including the avoidance of land use conflicts and transmission route planning.
- **Protocol 3- ‘ More balance in ‘Food v Fuel’ rollout** – many of ReD4NE members are involved in agricultural production – they appreciate firsthand the savages of climate change. ReD4NE acknowledges the urgency emerging from the IPCC 6 Report -particularly in relation to the stability of food supply which is projected to decrease as the magnitude and frequency of extreme weather events that disrupt food chains increases. ReD4NE opposes the use of good productive agricultural land for large scale renewable energy generation and transmission.
- **Protocol 4 –‘Aligning project developer ‘business values and ethics with the community expectations on;**
 - supply chain standards -recognising the protection of human rights in manufacturing.
 - the elimination of potential toxic pollution from the deployment of sub-standard technologies.
 - respect for indigenous landowners and their rights and cultural heritage.
 - the adoption of clearly defined, and guaranteed, ethical standards when dealing with impacted communities
- **Protocol 5 - ‘The ‘protection of the New England’s natural environment and landscape’** The promotion of infrastructure which synergises, protects and promotes for;
 - biodiversity conservation- habitat objectives.
 - catchment health and management protection for water quality for downstream MRC coastal communities and the wider MDB.
 - public enjoyment National Parks and existing heritage assets.
 - better management of bush fire risks; and
 - the protection of native vegetation and habitat objectives .
- **Protocol 6 ‘ Promoting Product Stewardship’** which promotes for stronger demonstrable responsibility and scientific certainty for ‘end of project life’ liabilities including provision for decommissioning surety bonds and clear accountable waste stream management planning.
- **Protocol 7 ‘Promoting right size development’** consistent with the need to avoid oversizing projects and cumulative impacts.

Protocol 8 ‘Ensuring real socio -economic advantage’ which facilitates for development which builds real and tangible job creation and economic opportunity for Regional Communities.

ReD4NE are available to expand on the importance of these protocols – and their consistency with its objectives see website <https://red4ne.com.au>