



## **Sydney councils call for innovation to bring clean, efficient energy to their communities**

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Councils in Sydney's South and Inner West are planning a large step towards enabling their communities to reduce energy bills and emissions after member councils of Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) invited expressions of interest for 'Community Energy Services' to the market.

SSROC General Manager Namoi Dougall welcomed the development. "This will be an exciting opportunity for communities to access innovative services to reduce their energy bills and their carbon emissions. It's also a unique opportunity for businesses to collaborate to deliver services in partnership."

The expression of interest is the first phase of a longer project involving up to 16 councils in southern Sydney, and with the potential to expand more broadly.

The proposed Community Energy Organisation could offer a wide variety of services including home energy audits, independent advice, product vetting and discounts and a variety of other services.

The ultimate outcomes councils are working to achieve are:

- (i) reducing energy consumption
- (ii) enabling savings in energy costs and reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- (iii) increasing the proportion of energy consumed in the area that is derived from renewable sources.

"SSROC is proud to be a key player in helping communities take their energy consumption into their own hands. We want to see businesses putting their case forward with innovative and creative solutions to pressing challenges", Ms Dougall said.

The Expression of Interest process is being run through the City of Canterbury Council tenders and can be found at: [www.tendersonline.com.au/canterbury](http://www.tendersonline.com.au/canterbury)

SSROC is an association of councils in the southern Sydney area, support council joint projects across council area. Members include Ashfield, Bankstown, Botany Bay, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, City of Sydney, Hurstville, Kogarah, Leichardt, Marrickville, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley and Woollahra councils.

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