

## **Built environment sector calls for Distributed Generation Commissioner**

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Australia's peak body of organisations committed to a sustainable built environment has called on federal, state and local governments to work together to maintain the Renewable Energy Target and appoint a Commissioner to support the rollout of distributed generation in Australia.

"Significant opportunities exist to make energy more affordable, improve energy productivity, increase system diversity and resilience, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, through distributed generation," said the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council's President, Tom Roper.

Distributed generation includes solar photovoltaic, cogeneration, trigeneration and district energy systems.

"In addition to maintaining the Renewable Target, a Commissioner should be appointed to focus on the removal of regulatory barriers and inconsistent standards, and create a viable market for renewable and distributed generation resources."

Reforms to energy market regulations and other policies are essential to unlock the potential of distributed generation and ensure that benefits are delivered to consumers.

"If they are rolled out in an effective way, a diverse mix of distributed generation technologies would protect homes and businesses from rising fuel costs and reduce energy bills."

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