

## Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding

### 1. Introduction

[RE-Alliance](#) is an independent, not-for-profit advocacy organisation working to secure an energy transformation that delivers long-term benefits and prosperity to regional Australia. It starts with the needs of local communities, collaborates with industry to deliver social outcomes, and advocates for meaningful benefits for regions through government policy.

The [Energy Charter](#) is a national CEO-led collaboration that supports the energy sector towards a customer-centric future. Its core values of “Be invested, make a difference”, “Be open, learn and improve”, and “Think big, be bold” are brought to life through [#BetterTogether](#) initiatives focused on delivering better customer and community outcomes for all Australians.

### 2. Collaboration MoU

The purpose of this Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to create a high-level commitment to collaborate for #bettertogether customer and community outcomes between RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter through the energy transformation. The MoU seeks to deliver those outcomes through collaboration, co-design and harnessing mutually beneficial opportunities.

The MoU aims to:

- **Build trust** between RE-Alliance, regional community stakeholders and the Energy Charter signatories and collaborators
- **Drive collaboration** through sharing data, research and insights on lived regional community experience in the energy transformation
- **Leverage innovative opportunities** to support regional communities impacted by the energy transformation
- **Foster a culture of listening and learning** from each other, particularly around the lived experience of regional communities and showcasing examples of better practice

### 3. Independence

This MoU does not compromise RE-Alliance’s independence as a non-profit organisation and advocate for regional communities. The Energy Charter and its signatories respect the importance of RE-Alliance maintaining its independence.

### 4. Ways of working together

We agree:

1. The Energy Charter supports RE-Alliance’s advocacy on the energy transformation and position as an independent voice linking energy development/developers with regional communities to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.



We agree:

2. RE-Alliance will share insights and emerging trends:
  - a. In challenges and opportunities for regional communities and their representatives in the energy transformation
  - b. In engagement within regional communities, as well as outcomes and issues being experienced across Australia as part of renewable energy development
  - c. Into community partnerships and investment opportunities and innovation as part of renewable energy developments.
3. The Energy Charter will share insights and emerging trends:
  - a. In challenges and opportunities for the energy sector (particularly transmission companies) in the energy transformation
  - b. In engagement within communities, as well as outcomes and issues being experienced across Australia as part of renewable energy development
  - c. Into community partnerships and investment opportunities and innovation as part of renewable energy developments.
4. RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter will facilitate access to their respective networks into regional communities, stakeholder groups and the energy sector to each other.
5. RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter will provide each other with a platform to raise awareness on issues and opportunities for regional communities and the energy sector in the energy transformation, with a focus on encouraging better outcomes.
6. RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter will co-design joint workshops and/or roundtables between regional community representatives and the energy sector on areas of strategic importance to the energy transformation. For example, social licence and biodiversity.

## 5. Sharing and progress

This Collaboration MoU can be shared with any relevant stakeholders, including partners, community representatives, regulators, government and industry. Any media releases, or media statements, concerning the other party are to be pre-approved by the other party. The high-level Strategic Roadmap can be presented to the RE-Alliance Board and Energy Charter CEO Council on a yearly basis, with appropriate and regular reporting on progress and outcomes for customers and communities due to this MoU. This MoU will be reviewed yearly to ensure continuous improvement.

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## Strategic Roadmap 2023

The Strategic Roadmap for the Collaboration MoU provides a one-year high-level roadmap of the priorities and initiatives between RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter. It also provides accountability and a framework for reporting.

Strategic Objective	Actions for 2023	Measures of success 2023
<b>1. Increased awareness of regional community issues in the energy transformation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a clear narrative reinforcing the importance of regional communities in the energy transformation and the opportunities for better outcomes through collaboration</li> <li>• Sharing of data, research and insights on lived regional community experiences for those impacted by the energy transformation</li> <li>• Participation in joint awareness raising activities on regional communities and the energy transformation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear narrative on the collaboration between RE-Alliance and the Energy Charter</li> <li>• Understanding across RE-Alliance and Energy Charter stakeholders of the importance of their collaboration</li> <li>• Tangible insights sharing through regular engagement opportunities</li> <li>• Joint communications for awareness raising e.g. blogs, socials, speaking opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>2. Tangible collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map high-level opportunities for shared value and joint initiatives e.g. landholder co-existence and biodiversity and renewables</li> <li>• Regular sharing of strategic priorities and outcomes from activities through monthly meeting between CEOs</li> <li>• Opportunities for collaborative initiatives explored on ongoing basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE-Alliance community research and insights leveraged for better outcomes by Energy Charter signatories</li> <li>• 1-2 collaborative activities undertaken e.g. through the #BetterTogether initiatives - Biodiversity and Landholder Social Licence initiatives in 2022/23</li> </ul>
<b>3. Showcase better community outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight examples of better community outcomes</li> <li>• RE-Alliance and Energy Charter to share relevant “lighthouse” activities in the energy sector or other sectors to inspire change for regional communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Charter and RE-Alliance to leverage and communicate case studies to generate better outcomes for communities</li> <li>• Impact assessment on the MoU done at end 2023</li> </ul>