

ZEN chosen for first round ARENA Community Battery Grant

Community-based renewable energy solutions are key to building climate resilience, ZEN Energy CEO Anthony Garnaut said following confirmation today the company has received conditional approval of an Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) Community Battery Grant.

ZEN's community battery project is one of 370 that ARENA has chosen to fund in its first, \$143 million-dollar, round of grants. ARENA received an unprecedented amount of applications received with a total grant request of \$1.3 billion.

The Community Batteries for Household Solar program will improve access to distributed battery storage for households and community organisations across Australia.

Receiving a conditional ARENA Community Battery Grant will enable projects to prove the financial and emissions reduction benefits of integrating energy storage in and around the daily lives of people, Anthony said.

"ZEN's community battery project will help to improve community energy-independence and contribute to the knowledge necessary to become more resilient to climate damage.

"We wish to see community batteries enable cheaper, cleaner energy storage for households and businesses, and provide valuable knowledge that can be shared across Australia to fast-track the implementation of these local batteries."

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