



# WIMMERA AND CENTRAL HIGHLANDS BIOENERGY PROJECT

## BIOENERGY PROJECT UPDATE , ° 2012

The Building Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change through Distributed Bioenergy (Bioenergy Project) Project Control Group has completed the first milestone for the project and appointed Daryl Scherger as Project Manager. Daryl has been involved with bioenergy for some time at Ararat Rural City and will drive the project forward.

With a great deal of assistance from Pyrenees Environment and Sustainability Officer, Thea Laidlaw, the PCG has finalised the Project Plan and completed a scoping study for the project. The scoping study was written by consultant Joy Modistach and has confirmed that the project is achievable within the current budget including a smaller subproject located in the Wimmera. The study also found there were no planning or emission restrictions that would prevent the Beaufort installation proceeding as recommended and that the payback period for the installation could be less than six years.

The next stage of the project will focus on identifying opportunities for bioenergy in the Wimmera and develop feedstock supply strategies for both the Beaufort installation and Wimmera option. The PCG and Project Manager will also finalise the type of system to be installed at the Beaufort site and develop tender specifications for the installation.

During this period, feedback and suggestion will be sought from members of the Project Reference Group on possible locations for the Wimmera project, technology and suppliers for both sites as well as feedstock options. Preliminary planning will begin on forums to showcase the installations, raise the profile of bioenergy and publicise project learnings and results.

With the Project Officer in place there will be further communication on the Bioenergy Project and the progress being made.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the project please contact Daryl on (03) 5349 1100 or email: [daryl.scherger@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:daryl.scherger@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

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