

## Press Release – Renewable energy in the NT – Michael Brand 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate Candidate with Warren H. Williams.

An NT Greens Senate candidate today exalted the huge potential renewable energy offers to the NT.

Michael Brand, the second senate candidate for the NT Greens, says renewables have already proven to reduce the cost of living in our remote areas and in our cities.

"The Australian Greens have launched a fully-costed initiative to promote communityowned renewable energy projects with a \$100 million seed-funding program for feasibility grants, project management and specialist expertise", said Mr. Brand.

"The NT is blessed with world-class renewable resources in solar, geothermal and tidal power. Solar generation is now proven to be economically viable over a full lifecycle of operation, and is in evidence on many NT roof tops. Solar generation saves money now, saves transmission costs, and offers security against future electricity price increases"

"Here in the NT we are world leaders in small-scale power generation. We have come up with innovative approaches, to power our remote communities through programs such as Bushlight and the Centre for Appropriate Technology"

"The NT also has an existing industry in conventional gas. If we can harness more renewables, and use more solar to run our homes and our grid, we can see a greater economic return from the existing gas developments, without Fracking the Territory".

"Energy is the biggest game on earth; let's not allow Abbott to force us to rely on redundant, expensive fossil fuels. The Territory is already a net exporter of energy (Gas and Uranium). Let's take the initiative and work towards being a renewable energy power house – it's an obvious choice. Vote Green".

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