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The following Notices of Motion have been received from Cr Jones: -

1. COUNCIL MEETING AUDIO AND LIVESTREAMING

That a report be provided to Council regarding the enhancement of the audio system in Council Meeting Chambers and the potential to livestream future Council Meetings.

2. CORPORATE WARDROBE

That a report be provided to Council regarding the provision of a corporate wardrobe to Councillors.

Response from the General Manager

Council is required to consider the Councillor Payment of Expenses Policy within 12 months of the election. The Councillor Payment of Expenses Policy must comply with the OLG guidelines. The reviewed policy must be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with all written submissions considered prior to final endorsement.

It is intended that the Policy will be reviewed and presented to Council at the April Council Meeting.

The following Notice of Motion has been received from Cr Smith: -

3. RENEWABLE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY PROJECTS

That all renewable and circular economy projects (including those proposed) along with big battery storage and transmissions lines that feed these projects be mapped, with size notations and placed on public view.

Note: - this will allow the community to visualise the environmental and social impacts of these proposals in conjunction with advertising on social media and local media outlets in the interests of transparency.

Response from the General Manager

The NSW EnergyCo interactive map provides information on all renewal energy projects within the Central-West Orana Renewal Energy Zone. This includes existing transmission networks, battery energy storage systems, solar farms, windfarms, energy hubs etc.

Projects identified in the Narromine Shire Local Government Area are: -

- Wallaby Creek Windfarm
- Narromine Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Wahroonga Solar Farm
- Narromine Solar Farm (Dubbo Solar Hub)
- Burroway Solar Farm

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Council's Community Participation Plan identifies the level and extent of community participation depending on the community, the scale of the proposal under consideration and the potential impacts of the decision.