

Reframing energy transitions. Renewables in regional Australia.



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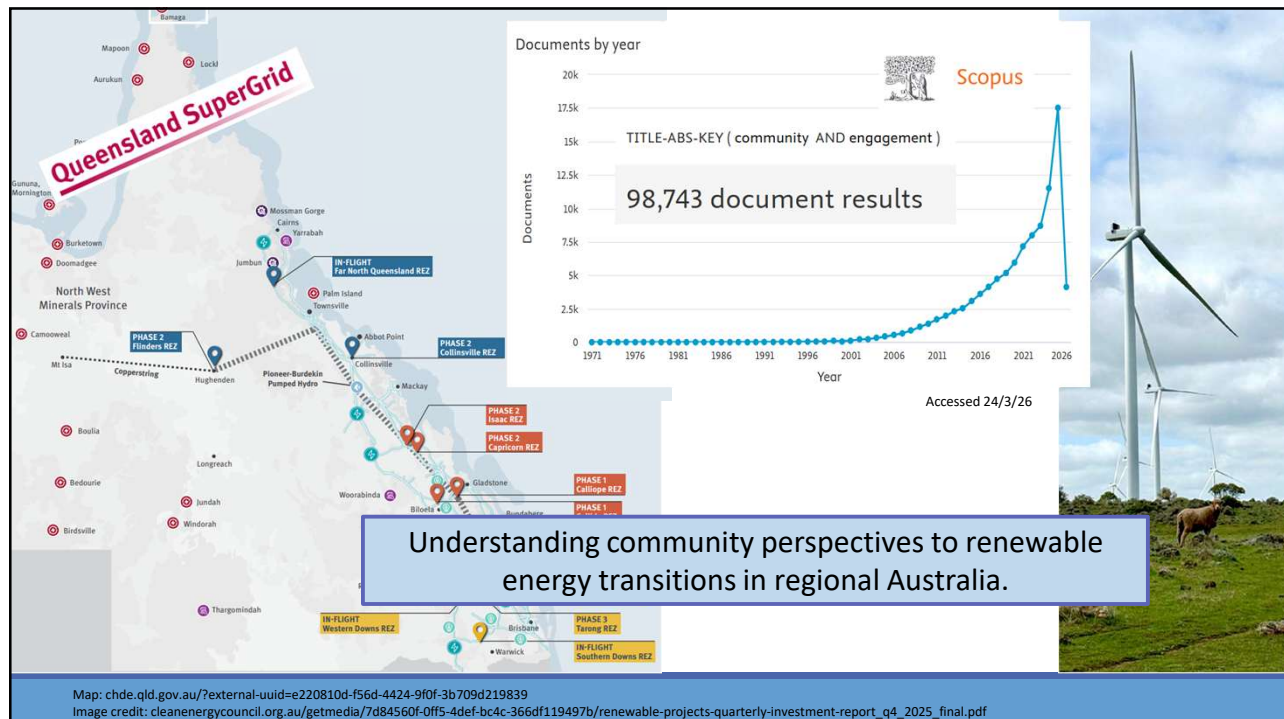
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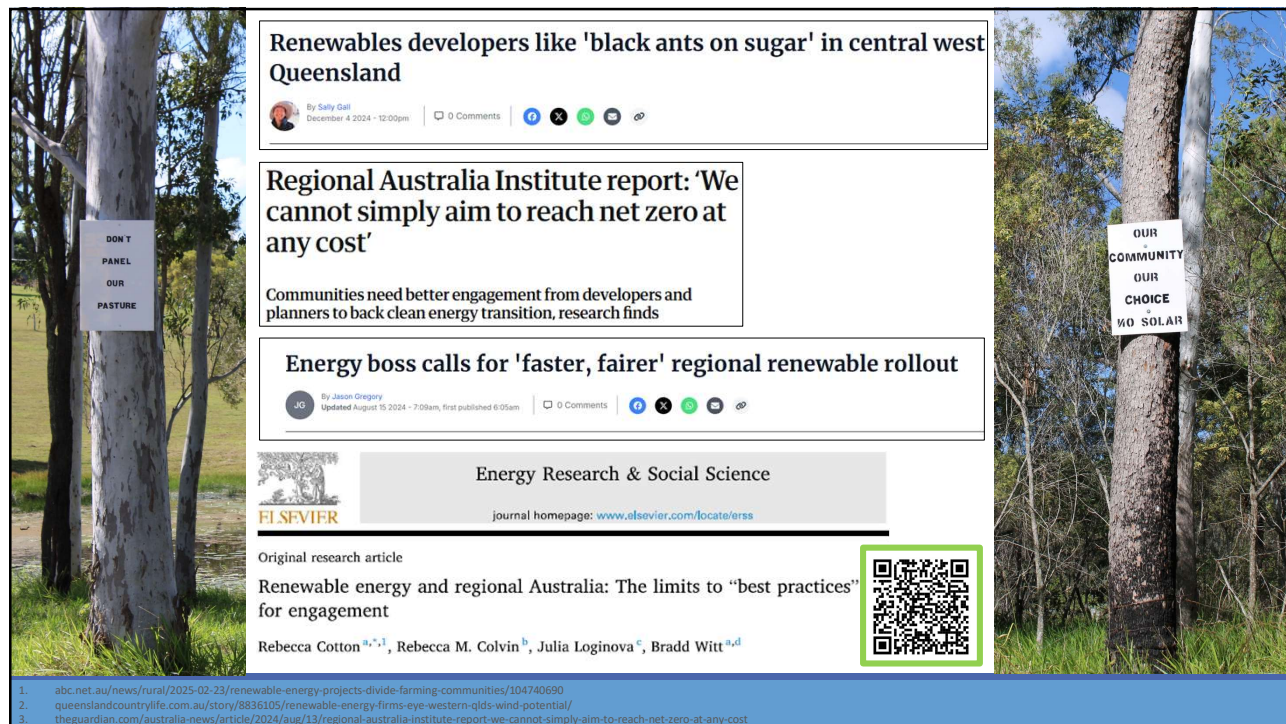


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Original research article
Renewable energy and regional Australia: The limits to "best practices" for engagement

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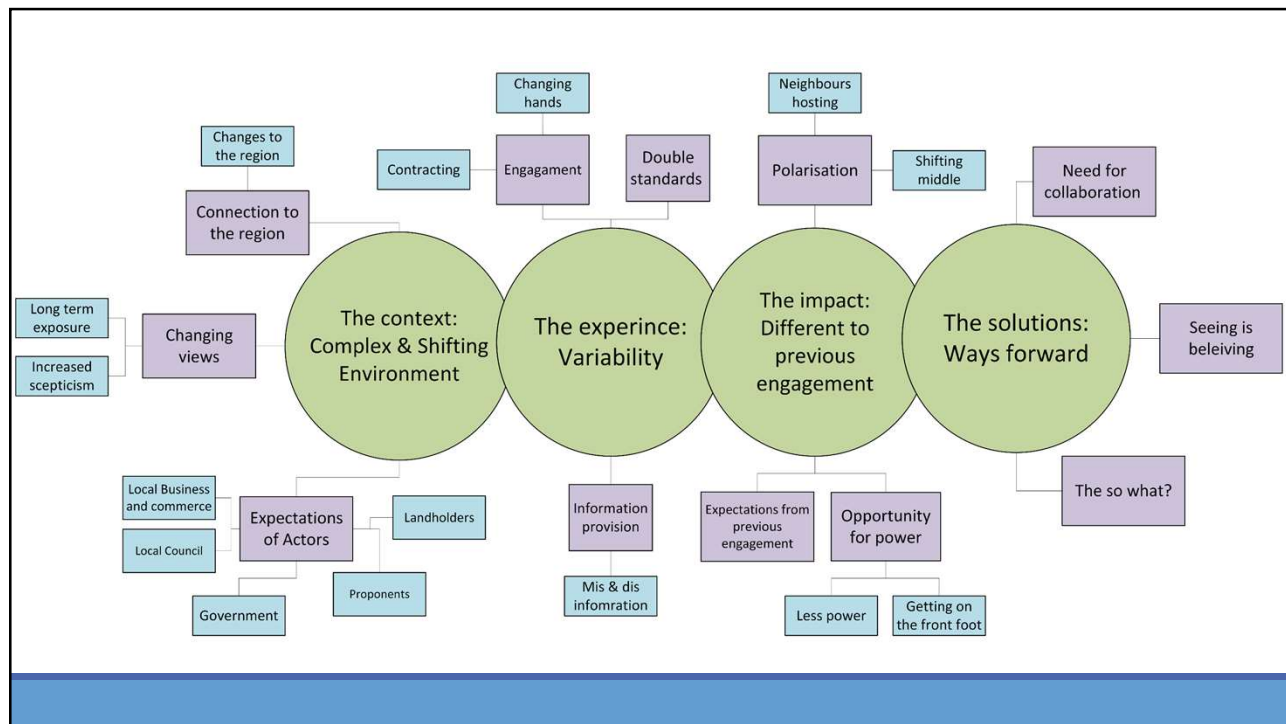
Aims: Understand how conflict surrounding renewable energy development in regional Australia can be understood in a way that opens opportunities for more effective conflict management.

- ❖ Conflict is not simply a product of opposition to change.
- ❖ Reflection of deeper social, economic, and place-based dynamics.
- ❖ Process of polarisation, uncertainty and unfamiliarity

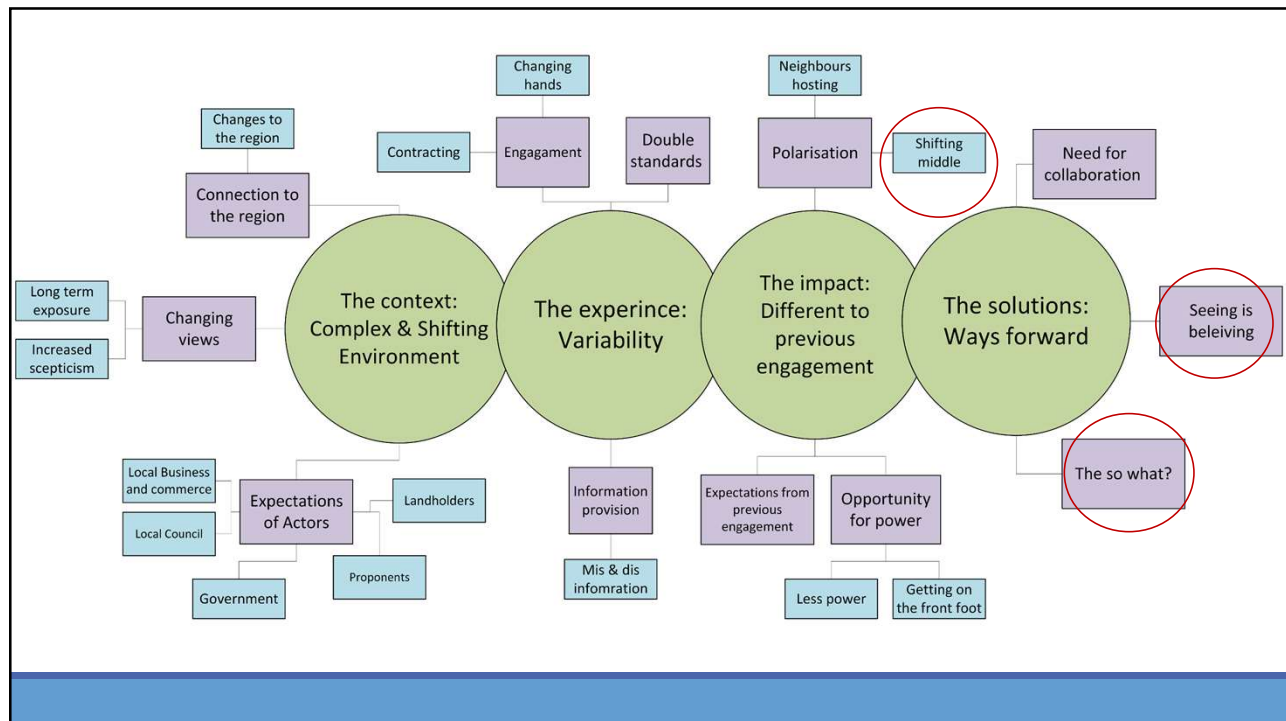


Reframe energy transitions as a
socially embedded, place-based transition paradigm.

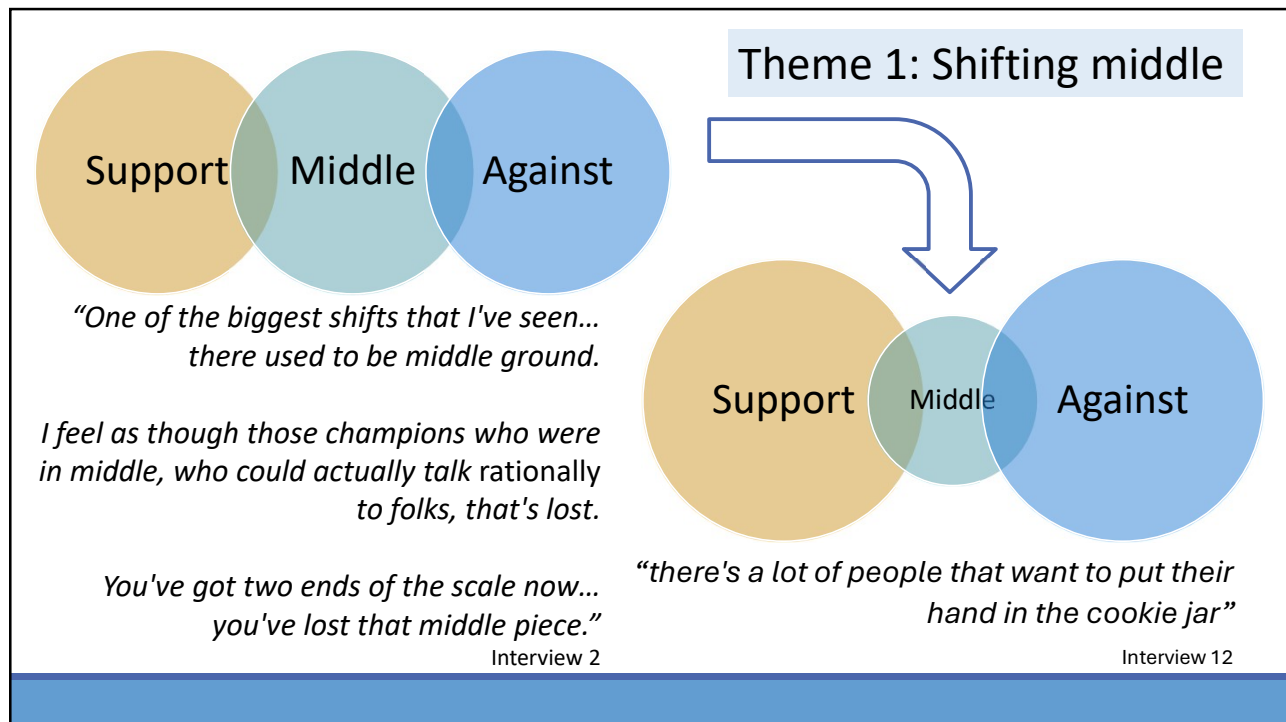
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Theme 2: So What?

"People need to have their 'so what' when it comes to renewables."

Interview 2

"If you are going to drive a net zero outcome, then push that. But for us, this is a different story."

Interview 13

Theme 3: Seeing is believing

"No one in our community has seen an operational wind farm, no one's been to an operational solar farm. We're not aware of the components, the maintenance it will require. What the opportunity is like. Why haven't we had a series of immersive experiences?"

Interview 8

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Let's continue the conversation!



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Study 3: the dynamic nature of community acceptance during the life of a renewable energy development.



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