

JUST TRANSITION



SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Architects of Our Own Future

A Just Transition is about moving away from a fossil-fuelled society. Because the transition touches on nearly every aspect of our lives, it also gives us a chance to address the many social issues we face. How do we ensure, for example, access to affordable housing and health care, decent work and secure food for all in a changing climate?

To decarbonise, we need to reassess the ways we produce and reproduce ourselves and our communities. For the transition to be just, however, it must meet the needs of the many rather than the few. And the way to do that is to build the transition democratically and from the ground up. The idea is to create a platform that gives all South Gippslanders a say in creating the future of the region.

With this in mind, a Just Transition for South Gippsland is made up of two parts:

1. The need to decarbonise by moving away from fossil fuels.
2. Ensuring the transition is just by making it democratic and participatory.

Making Plans for Tomorrow

If the overall goal is to decarbonise and contend with a changing climate, we are only going to achieve that outcome if we organise. There is already so much incredible work going on across the region and the globe when it comes to dealing with climate change and social inequity. By bringing all that work together, we have the chance to build the kind of political power that can bring large scale change.

As an interim step, Just Transition South Gippsland is working towards creating a strategy produced by and for South Gippslanders that can be a roadmap for the region to move away from fossil fuels.

To arrive at a strategy, and create a platform for all, several working groups have been formed to look at everything from farming and food production, to work, education and energy, amongst others. The working groups are where we can begin putting a Just Transition into practice by bringing people together to work out what things are already working and what things we need to be doing to make the transition.

The transition is a years long project, but as we build, from the ground up, we can create the power and the vision that will ensure a liveable future for the many. We have nothing to lose, and a planet to win.

If you are interested in joining one of the working groups or finding out more about Just Transition South Gippsland, visit jtsouthgippsland.org or email contact@jtsouthgippsland.org.