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Gympie council cuts 90k tonnes of CO₂ with LGI Australia's help

A Queensland council dump has been turned into a green success story and hailed a 'blueprint' for other 'progressive councils' across the country in the push for a cleaner, greener future.



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LGI Australia CEO Adam Bloomer (inset) says he is thrilled about a partnership with Gympie Regional Council that has cut carbon emissions at the Bonnick Rd dump by 90,000 tonne.

The Gympie dump might not be the prettiest location in the region nor the best smelling, but its role in paving the way for a greener, cleaner future is nothing to sneeze at.

Renewable energy group LGI Australia has revealed more than 90,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions have been cut from the Bonnick Rd site on the back of its partnership with the Gympie Regional Council.

A company spokesman said in a statement on Wednesday the reduction was the equivalent of taking 5000 cars off the road, or planting 1.5million seedlings across a decade.

The company and council have been working together since 2018.

LGI has created technology to recover biogas from landfills, and reduce methane emissions, the statement said.



Ben Bloomer (LGI) and Mark Harper (LGI), Alex Stengl (Gympie council) and Trish Ellis (council) are part of the team which helped transform the Bonnick Rd dump into a green success story.

Founder and CEO Adam Bloomer said in the release his company was thrilled with the partnership.

“LGI has been working with Gympie Regional Council since 2018 in the design, installation, expansion and operation of the biogas collection and flaring unit at council’s Bonnick Road landfill,” Mr Bloomer said.

“The partnership has seen 9m cubic metres of biogas captured and 31,000 Australian Carbon Credit Units created from a single landfill site.”

He said the council’s approach was a “blueprint” for how other progressive councils should move forward.

“More and more councils are looking to deliver meaningful environmental outcomes, in line with the Australian government’s ambitious target of cutting emissions by 43 per cent by 2030.



LGI Australia said in a media release it had helped Gympie Regional Council cut 90,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the Bonnick Rd dump since the pair started working together in 2018.

“Gympie Regional Council is setting an impressive benchmark of what can be achieved if communities and civic leaders are serious about transitioning to a cleaner, greener future.”

The council’s Environment and Waste manager Alex Stengl said the partnership came at no cost to ratepayers..

“Council is proud of the steps it has taken with the help of LGI to reduce its CO2 emissions which help protect the environment,” Ms Stengl said.

“The initiative is the Council’s Environment Strategy 2018-2023 in action and is proof we are achieving sizeable emissions reductions.

“Council is proud to be an example of what can be achieved when the environment is prioritised.”

