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Zero or hero — that is the gamble of every politician. Your humble scribe is now in the zero brigade having failed miserably to keep his job as a peoples' representative.

Not to worry, I will lament no more and get on with the rest of my life. Sadly, this edition of *BWD* has been delayed by the election shenanigans but anyway, here it is.

Are we going to be adequately represented in the new-look QPRC? That remains to be seen. The day-to-day running of a council is the job of the staff and resources should be allocated on an as-needs basis.

My suggestion is for Braidwood to form a liaison group that calls for a meeting with councillors and senior staff once or twice a year to compare notes. We will always get part of the council budget spent in these parts, it's up to us to ensure it's on things we identify as priorities.

So, getting back to the magazine. Lyn is doing a great job keeping us in good with town businesses and Margaret has been collecting stories from here, there and everywhere. If you have a story needing to be told, or you have a great desire to tell one, drop us a line.

At the end of the magazine in my *Time & Energy* column, I've started the conversation about electricity supply options for Braidwood and surrounds. This is a very topical and worthwhile area of exploration and further study.

A small, informal group of locals has been looking at energy options for a number of years now, following on from a 2013 options study paid for by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Local author, Geoff Davies, has produced an excellent paper that puts meat on the bones of the idea. The next *BWD* will have the story in more detail and then we can set about gauging community opinion.

If the reactions are positive, it'll be a case of getting politicians on side to help with regulatory hurdles and then construct a financial model to see if it all stacks up.

We live in exciting times, mixed with terrifying times; but a time of great opportunity nevertheless.

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