

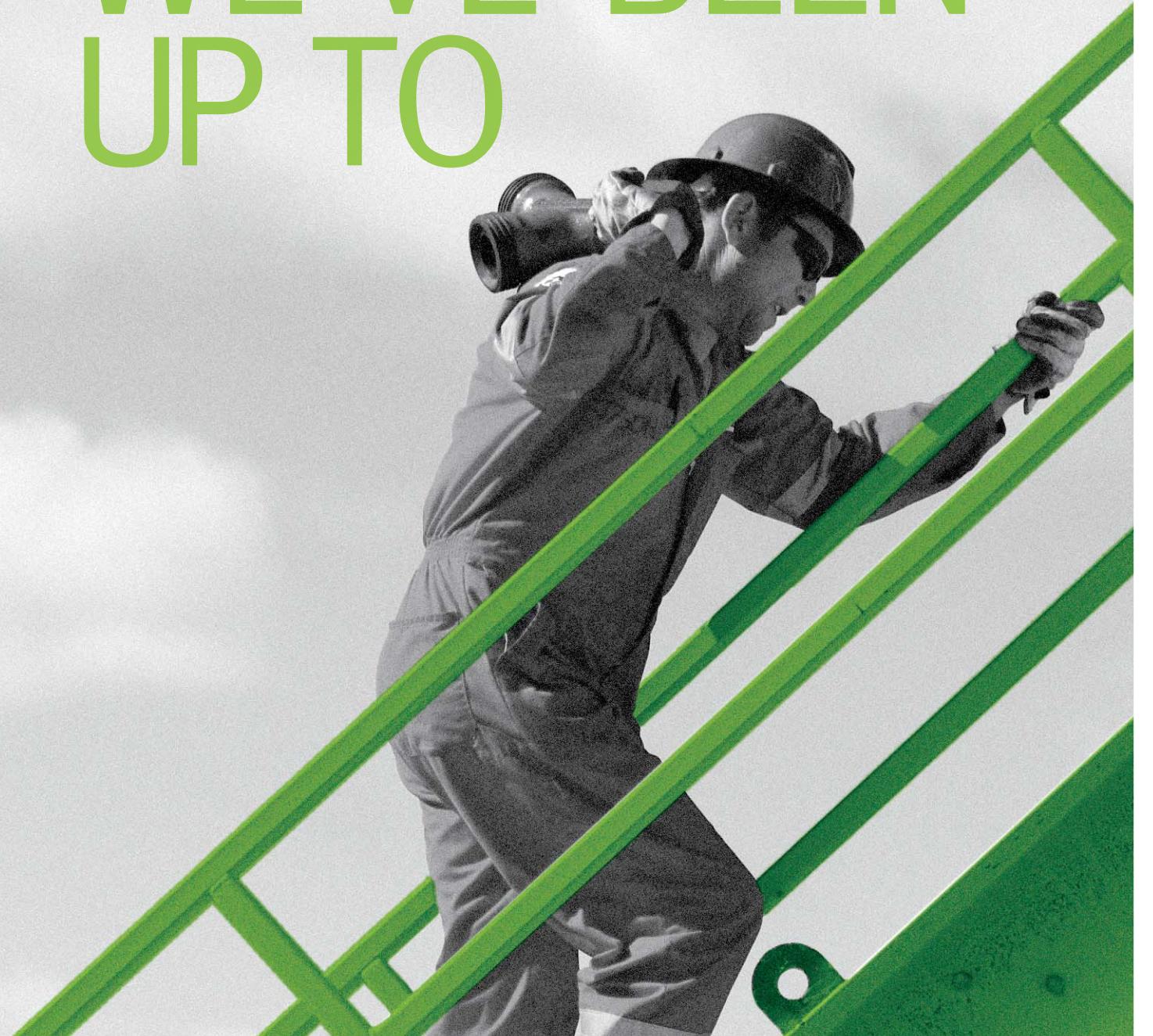


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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



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ISSUE

ENHANCED RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET

PROGRESS

The CEC was instrumental in delivering the enhanced RET separating large and household scale markets. We continue to track the market and work with our members to refine the operation of the scheme.

To equip members with the latest developments, we have commissioned the following reports:

- Analysis on the production of Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs) and future prospects for the market (March 2011)
- Analysis of the contribution of renewable energy programs to electricity prices (February 2011)
- The true costs and benefits of the Renewable Energy Target (May 2010).

CARBON PRICE

After the successful delivery of the eRET, the CEC's priority is to actively support the introduction of a carbon price in Australia.

We developed a carbon price framework for the Business Roundtable on Climate Change, the forum discussing issues in advance of a multi-party Climate Change Committee.

We established a Carbon Price Working Group to guide government on carbon pricing policy development.

We have commissioned the following reports:

- Comparing international competitiveness effects: exchange rates and carbon prices (November 2010)
- Hypothecating carbon price revenue to clean energy
- Overview of scheme design options.

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY RULES & REVIEWS

The CEC has commissioned timely and high impact reports on Transmission Congestion and Renewable Generation (ROAM Consulting).

We are also participating in the Transmission Framework Review Consultative Committee.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

The CEC is increasing engagement with the general community on behalf of our members. Having a strong media voice, engaging with local communities, producing consumer guides and other initiatives like connecting with advocacy groups, are all avenues to assist in spreading vital clean energy messages.

AROUND THE STATES

NSW The CEC is working closely with the newly-elected Liberal government on the Solar Bonus Scheme and has also commissioned a review of the AECOM Solar Bonus Scheme report. We've taken part in regional New South Wales precinct workshops on community wind issues.

QLD The CEC is contributing to a steering committee to develop incentives for renewable energy technologies.

SA The CEC is working with all parties in SA on the next steps for the FIT as we continue our long term advocacy for effective FITs around the country.

We are working with AEMO and others on fault ride through provisions, which impact on the wind industry.

TAS The CEC made a submission to the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator (OTTER) on *Amendments to the Electricity Supply Industry Performance and Information Reporting Guideline*.

VIC The CEC participated in Victoria's Medium Scale Solar Working Group. We are also building strong relationships with the new Baillieu government on key issues impacting our Victorian members.

WA The CEC provided input into the review of the FIT. We also provided advice to government about Intermittent Generation Capacity Credits and Load Following Cost Allocation, a critical issue in the State, which has the potential to negatively impact renewable energy generation in WA.

PROVIDING A STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY AND MARKET

Energy Market Reports – The CEC published quarterly reviews that are highly anticipated by the renewable energy sector and broader business and government stakeholders alike.

We also published reports on specific technologies to provide comprehensive commentary on more detailed issues and innovations.

Clean Energy Australia Report – A well-received snapshot of our industry, the Clean Energy Australia Report has become a trusted reference for the industry, government, media and public.

PROVIDING GREATER VALUE FOR MEMBERS ONLINE

The CEC launched an interactive map featuring all existing, proposed or commissioned renewable energy power plants in Australia.

We also unveiled an online REC counter to provide updates on current REC prices.

DELIVERED CLEAN ENERGY WEEK 2011

The CEC presented the inaugural Clean Energy Week, bringing together the 2011 National Conference and ATRAA, the biggest solar conference in Australia, into a week-long clean energy celebration.

RAISING THE PROFILE OF CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY DURING MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

The CEC led a delegation to COP16 in Cancun, Mexico, and together with our international partners, delivered:

- two formal interventions on the creation of a technology mechanism and the role of existing clean energy technologies in the transition to a low carbon economy
- a side event on Investment and Finance for Clean Energy at the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) Side Event Forum
- two press conferences as part of the coalition of Climate Solutions Businesses supporting:
 - the creation of a global price on carbon via strong targets and international offset mechanisms
 - business certainty by the provision of medium- and long-term targets.

THE TECHNOLOGIES

BIOENERGY

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The CEC commissioned the *Barriers facing Bioenergy in Australia* report (SKM MMA), a detailed review which was released in March 2011. It features a dedicated website - removingbioenergybarriers.com.au

The Bioenergy Industry report was released in February 2010 and an update is scheduled for August 2011.

The CEC chaired a session and presented the barriers report at the Bioenergy Australia annual conference in March.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

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The CEC released an Emerging Technologies Policy position paper drawing on a report by Ernst & Young on financing emerging clean technologies and a paper on the public good benefit of investment in emerging technologies by Andrew Wait. The Emerging Technologies Directorate is also overseeing a Policy Gap Analysis due mid-2011.

We published a Geothermal Energy report, with the 2011 update scheduled for October, along with a Marine Energy industry report, with the 2011 update scheduled for November.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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The CEC undertook regular briefings with the federal government, providing in-person advocacy alongside our submissions and input to the Prime Minister's Task Group Report consultation process. Policy proposal papers have been delivered to guide policy development for:

- a National Energy Savings Initiative
- mandatory assessment and disclosure of energy ratings for residential buildings
- education and behaviour change campaigns
- the establishment of an Energy Efficiency Authority to provide better partnerships between industry and government.

We are commissioning work into the benefits of mandatory assessment schemes, community sentiment on energy efficiency and peak demand management.

LARGE SCALE SOLAR

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Recognising the need for further differentiation amongst our membership, the CEC established a large scale solar working group as an extension of work on emerging technologies. The working group is guiding the development of a policy roadmap for the large scale solar sector.

We also conducted a workshop in December 2010 bringing together industry and government to consider future policy development for the sector. This was followed up by an industry briefing event with Minister Martin Ferguson in early April.

The Concentrating Solar Power market analysis has been published and the Large Scale Solar Industry Update is scheduled for September 2011.

SMALL WIND

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The CEC held two tailored workshops and consulted extensively with industry participants to formulate a policy position on small wind in Australia.

Alongside this, we formed a steering committee to progress CEC small wind endorsement. This is being led by Rod Menzies, Accreditation Manager, who is also developing Australian Standards for small wind products.

SOLAR HOT WATER AND HEAT PUMP

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Early this year, the CEC released the Solar Hot Water and Heat Pump industry report. We are continuing efforts to develop recommendations on the correct balance of federal and state support to ensure solar hot water continues to remain an attractive option to consumers.

We are currently exploring the development of a solar hot water consumer guide as part of building a strong suite of consumer advice products.

HYDRO

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The CEC facilitated a range of briefings on key issues in relation to hydro power, including international hydro power developments, latest climate change science and impacts on rainfall and Australian policy developments.

We released the Hydro Energy report in January 2011.

SOLAR PV

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The CEC continues to engage across the states and nationally to ensure the right level of support for solar PV.

We conducted detailed work on the operation of the SRES.

We are developing a code of conduct for solar PV retailers and exploring options for insurance schemes to protect consumers.

The CEC participated on the Victorian government Medium Scale Solar Working Group.

We launched a new accreditation website (solaraccreditation.com.au), a solar consumer guide, new accredited licences featuring photograph ID and a call centre for accreditation enquiries.

The industry report is scheduled for June 2011.

WIND

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The CEC continued policy analysis and engagement across jurisdictions.

We continued analysis of the LRET to ensure the market operates effectively.

We commissioned analysis on: noise and wind turbines, review of the Noel Deans report and impact of two-kilometre setbacks for wind development in Victoria and New South Wales.

The CEC advocated to state and federal governments on National Wind Farm Development Guidelines.

We engaged with new Victorian government on implementation of wind policy, made a submission to the Senate Committee Wind Farm Inquiry and coordinated industry input to the public hearings.

We established an industry-funded community engagement campaign - initial focus on south-west Victoria and south-east New South Wales.

The industry report is scheduled for June 2011.