



A2EP supports findings of International Energy Agency (IEA) report calling for more Commonwealth action on energy productivity

Slow progress on delivering the National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP) is increasing the challenge for Australia to meet the energy productivity target at a time of high energy prices

Sydney – 19 February 2018 - The Australian Alliance for Energy Productivity (A2EP) supports the findings in the International Energy Agency (IEA) report that Australia needs to develop and implement a comprehensive national energy and climate strategy to ensure a cleaner and more secure energy future, and that we need more rapid progress implementing our National Energy Productivity Plan.

Energy productivity is the amount of value we get from using each unit of energy. Australian business is under stress due to rapidly accelerating energy prices, which combined with low energy productivity relative to our competitors, is steadily worsening our energy cost competitiveness.

Launched in Canberra last week by IEA Executive Director Dr Fatih Birol, the [Energy Policies of IEA Countries – Australia 2018 Review](#) made several important recommendations:

- Ensure the full implementation of the National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP) and emphasise the role of energy efficiency in the transition to a low-carbon energy system
- Establish a vision for an energy-efficient and decarbonised building sector with regular updates of the national construction code
- Adopt ambitious fuel efficiency and emission standards for the transport sector
- Introduce measures for energy efficiency in business and industry.

“The IEA report found Australia is not committing enough resources and has not established a suitable forward budget for the implementation of energy productivity (EP) policies,” A2EP Chair Jonathan Jutsen said.

He added the IEA findings highlight that action is needed if the government is to meet even its modest target of a 40% improvement in EP by 2030, which is supposed to be delivered by the NEPP. A2EP favours a more ambitious doubling of EP by the 2030 target.

A2EP reviewed progress on the NEPP and assigned ‘traffic light’ indicators to each of its 34 committed measures. Our [review](#) indicates there has been limited progress on many measures and points to the fact that funding, resourcing and activity needs to be ramped up significantly from 2018. Read A2EP’s initial [comments on the NEPP](#) or visit <https://a2ep.org.au>.

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