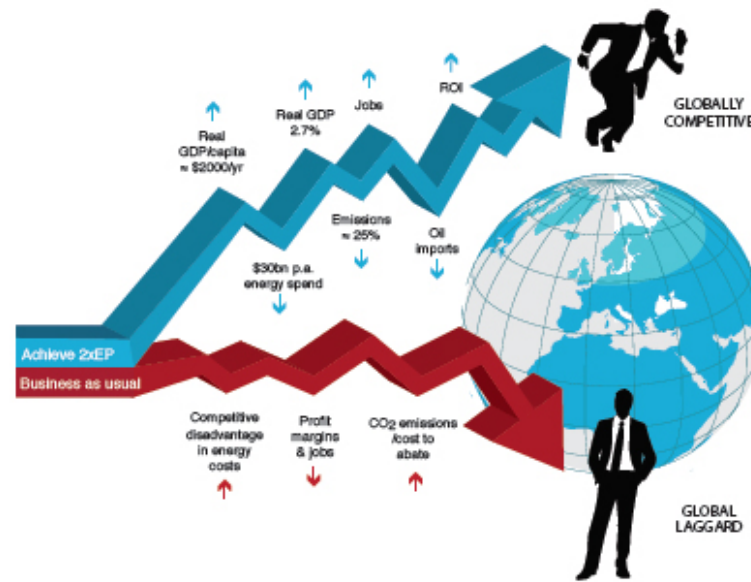




May 2018 Newsletter



Hello colleagues

Unfortunately, as expected, the Federal Budget on Tuesday did not provide significant forward funding to drive the National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP) to make up ground toward the government's modest 40% by 2030 improvement target. The [Budget](#) allocated \$28.7 million over 5 years to the design of the [National Energy Guarantee](#), implementation of the Finkel review, a better energy modelling and to support the COAG Energy Council to deliver energy market transformation (law changes for a decentralised energy grid) as well as energy productivity.

As a result, we are pushing forward at pace with design of a Communications Program to highlight the value of using energy better for homes and businesses, and to put pressure on the Commonwealth (as well as States) to address energy productivity in policy

commitments for upcoming elections. Focus groups are underway this week to help guide the messaging and we will deliver some preliminary outputs in our June newsletter. We will engage a broader stakeholder group for final design and delivery phases.

On other key developments, we are pressing ahead with UTS and partners to prepare our bid for a Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for business energy productivity and network integration. It is coming along well, with research partners committed, government interested to support, and now we are working to secure the business funding which is crucial for our success.

A2EP also continues to receive high praise for our recent [Innovation X-Change on Energy Productivity](#) summit, and we are planning to hold another X-Change with new topics in Melbourne in early August. Stay tuned for more details.

Cheers, Jon

Jonathan Jutsen, Chair

In the News

1. One bright note from the Commonwealth – phase out of halogen downlights

The State Energy Ministers met on April 20 in Melbourne. The big development from the meeting was around lighting standards. Ministers agreed to further improve lighting energy efficiency regulation by phasing out inefficient halogen light bulbs and introducing minimum standards for LED light bulbs in line with European Union standards. For more information, [click here](#).

2. CRC (RACE for 2030) bid update

The CRC bid is moving ahead at pace and we plan to submit our EOI by the deadline of July 3. Should we be shortlisted (around October), we will then develop our full bid for submission by the end of the year, and with a great deal of effort and luck we would have a function operational by July next year. What a difference we could make to push forward energy productivity innovation in this country! Please see the draft brochure [here](#), and if you would like to participate please contact us and we will discuss your needs and provide you with an investment prospectus.

3. HealthShare provides clean energy leadership

At the X-Change, Fergal Barry from HealthShare NSW announced an ambitious initiative called the Future Energy Challenge – a novel approach seeking ideas and partners to help Linen Services transition to fully renewable energy, via substantially enhancing its energy productivity.

HealthShare Linen Services is part of NSW Government and is the largest public supplier of linen services in Australia with a large fleet and staff of 870. The Challenge covers all of Linen Services' activities, from washing and drying to fleet and logistics.

Submissions for the first round close on Friday 18 May, but the requirements aren't onerous: a few pages to describe your idea, product or service, and to respond to a few criteria. You can find out more at this [link](#), or visit the NSW e-tendering website

and search for HSNSW_183531.

4. Energy requirements update to the Building Code

The ASBEC and ClimateWorks Australia have released [*The Bottom Line*](#) report, which shows that stronger energy efficiency standards for residential buildings could save households up to \$150 per year in energy costs. The report showed that a delay of just three years in implementing stronger energy performance standards for new homes risks locking in \$1.1 billion in energy costs by 2050.

5. Victorian farmers - smarter energy for agriculture

The Victorian Government has advanced its \$30 million Agriculture Energy Investment Plan and called for applications for on-farm energy assessments. The assessments are free of charge and a precursor to grants that will become available later in the program. Further information and guidelines are available [here](#).

6. Energy Efficiency Council lunchtime forum

The Energy Efficiency Council will hold a lunchtime Forum featuring a keynote address from Audrey Zibelman, CEO of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), on Monday 21 May 2018 in Melbourne. For more information, click [here](#).

A2EP – 2xEP Working Groups

Our 2xEP program operates through stakeholder working groups. We are ramping up for a program of advocacy. Your participation is warmly welcomed. Contact details for each group's convener is listed below, if you have any queries or would like to get involved:

Built environment: 18 May, contact [Tony Westmore](#)

Innovation: 5 July at 4pm, contact [Liz Hutton](#)

Industry: 21 May, contact [Jonathan Jutsen](#)

Agriculture: contact [Tony Westmore](#)

Metrics: contact [Tony Westmore](#)

Freight Transport: 29 May at 11am, contact [Mark Gjerek](#)

Upcoming Events

- [EE Global 2018 Forum: 21-22 May](https://eeglobalforum.org)
(<https://eeglobalforum.org>)
 - Digital & Energy Summit 2018: 21-22 May
(<https://www.informa.com.au/event/digital-energy-summit-2018/>)
 - Australian Energy Storage: 23-24 May
(<https://australianenergystorage.com.au>)
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