



Australian Alliance to Save Energy (A2SE) Newsletter – August 2015

The 2xEP Steering Committee kicks off

The inaugural meeting of the 2xEP Steering Committee was held in late July. Committee members are listed below. They are leaders in various fields and industries who support the program and have offered to contribute to its success. Their job is to:

- Refine 2xEP strategy and review progress
- Support the operation of 2xEP working groups
- Provide leadership to engage their firms, sectors, networks in the program; and
- Assist in communicating our message.

The first focus for the Committee is to develop input to the National Energy Productivity Plan (see below for more information about the NEPP). The Committee has established nine working groups; for key sectors of the economy plus *research and technology, finance and communications*. The six sectors are: *agriculture, built environment, manufacturing, mining, passenger transport and freight transport*. There is some urgency about this work. Input to the NEPP is due early October to late September. The working groups are now convening with a mission to identify measures most likely to succeed in improving energy productivity. If you're interested in participating, please drop a line to 2xep@a2se.org.au

- Laurie **D'Apice**, President Human Resources, Linfox
- Penny **Barker**, Group Manager, Environment and Sustainability, Asciano
- Graham **Bryant**, Deputy Chair, Energy Users Association of Australia
- Kate **Carnell**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Tony **Cooper**, Chief Executive Officer, Energetics
- David **Eyre**, General Manager, Research & Development, NSW Farmers
- Chris **Greig**, Fellow, Australian Academy of Technology, Sciences and Engineering
- Travis **Hughes**, Head of Energy Services, AGL Energy
- Jonathan **Jutsen**, Chairman, Australian Alliance to Save Energy
- Andrew **Lamble**, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Envizi
- Romily **Madew**, Chief Executive Officer, Green Building Council of Australia
- Luke **Menzel**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Efficiency Council
- Brian **Morris**, Vice President, Energy & Sustainability Services, Schneider Electric
- Matt **Mullins**, Chairman, Advisory Board, Resource Governance International
- Gordon **Noble**, Managing Director, Inflection Point Capital
- John **Osborn**, Director of Economics & Industry Policy, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Glenn **Platt**, Group Leader, Energy Technology, CSIRO
- Tennant **Reed**, Principal National Adviser – Public Policy, AiGroup
- Duncan **Sheppard**, Director Communications and Policy, Australian Logistics Council
- Fiona **Simson**, President, NSW Farmers
- Anna **Skarbek**, Executive Director, ClimateWorks Australia
- Antony **Sprigg**, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia
- Scott **Taylor**, Executive General Manager - Living Utilities, Lend Lease
- Kane **Thornton**, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Energy Council
- Suzanne **Toumbourou**, Executive Officer, Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council

- Laura Van Wie **McGrory**, Vice President, International Policy, Alliance to Save Energy [USA]
- Stuart **White**, Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures
- Bruce **Wilson**, Syndicate Chair, CEO Institute
- Richard **Wilson**, Director, Government Affairs, Australia & New Zealand, EnerNOC
- Oliver **Yates**, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Energy Finance Corporation

COAG Energy Council: Energy Productivity Statement

At its recent half yearly meeting the COAG Energy Council released a [statement](#) “outlining an agreed set of shared objectives for the [National Energy Productivity Plan]: to reduce costs for household and business energy users; maintain our competitiveness; grow Australia’s economy; reduce carbon emissions; and improve our sustainability. The Council tasked officials to develop a workplan, in consultation with stakeholders... for agreement at its December 2015 meeting. The Communique is [here](#). A2SE and 2xEP aim to inform development of the workplan through the 2xEP Steering Committee and Working Groups.

Federal government announces emissions reduction target

In early August the Commonwealth announced its intention to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28% below 2005 levels by 2030. There is a range of views about the adequacy of this target and currently proposed measures to achieve it. What is unarguable, however, is the critical role to be played by improvements in energy productivity. Modelling undertaken by A2SE for the 2xEP program suggests that doubling Australia’s energy productivity by 2030 (from a 2010 base year) would contribute nearly half of the intended reduction.

More information about the target, action towards the target and international approaches is available [here](#)

Greenhouse gas emissions, energy productivity and the Emissions Reduction Fund

Modelling for the 2xEP program suggests that doubling energy productivity by 2030 would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from business as usual. The Commonwealth Government is contributing to the energy productivity effort through the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF). The ERF is supporting Australian businesses and households to take practical, direct action to reduce emissions and improve the environment. Its objective is to help achieve Australia’s 2020 emissions reduction target of five per cent below 2000 levels by 2020. For more information about the Fund, click [here](#) For more information about sector-specific methods, please click [here](#) The Clean Energy Regulator (CER) is responsible for a range of administrative tasks in support of the ERF and has announced that it will hold the second ERF auction for carbon abatement contracts in early November of this year. The auction guidelines will be published on Friday 21 August. For more information about the role of the CER and the forthcoming auction, click [here](#)

2xEP has its own website at 2xep.org.au

The site holds background material, sector overviews and summaries, links for contact. Over coming months it will be built into an interactive resource collection. Comments and contributions are welcome.



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