



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

Doubling energy productivity in the built environment

The 2xEP program has produced energy productivity overviews for key sectors of the economy: agriculture, manufacturing, mining and passenger transport. They're all available at 2xep.org.au. We've just published an overview for the built environment. Authored by Anita Stadler, Mike Smith and Alison Alcock, the report is available [here](#)

As with the other papers, this overview explores the significance of the sector in the economy, the potential for energy productivity improvement, barriers to that potential and measures to overcome those barriers. The overview is published as a draft for consultation. Your comments, questions and contributions are welcome (write to 2xep@a2se.org.au)

2xEP and the National Energy Productivity Plan

Through the [2xEP Steering Committee](#) and its [working groups](#), we're developing a contribution to the [National Energy Productivity Plan](#). The Plan is a project of the [COAG Energy Council](#). The Council will consider a draft in December. We're focused on high level measures, supported by business, which could significantly lift energy productivity.

The working groups will develop roadmaps for achieving 2xEP in their respective sectors (if not uniformly across sectors) and across the economy through business-led initiatives, through changes in policy at federal and state levels and from collaborative actions between business and government (like infrastructure investment and research and development). The working groups are up and running and rapidly growing in size to provide strong coverage across each sector. The effort is driven by expert volunteers from diverse backgrounds and organisations; we're indebted to them.

New horizons for energy efficiency

The latest research report from our colleagues at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) identifies measures that could collectively save 22% of projected energy use in 2030. ACEEE asks "have we reached the limit of how much energy efficiency we can squeeze out of our economy?" The report is available [here](#).

Think insulation – Energy saving tips online

Earlier this year, Knauf Insulation launched a website for households. thinkinsulation.com features information about insulation and other steps to increase comfort and reduce bills.



Taking out the story

The A2SE team has been presenting to government and business organisations, spruiking the 2xEP message. Jon Jutsen spoke recently to the Water Supply Association of Australia and a conference with a focus on energy efficiency productivity in local government. Jon is on the program for significant forthcoming industry events including **All Energy Australia 2015** (presented in partnership with the Clean Energy Council, detail [here](#)) and the annual conferences of the **Energy Users Association of Australia** (detail [here](#)) and the **Energy Efficiency Council** (detail [here](#)).

Summer Study on Energy Productivity – February 2016, Manly

A joint venture between A2SE and the Institute for Sustainable Futures, the next [Summer Study](#) will be presented over three days early next year. The organisers have [called for abstracts](#) of presentations – due next Thursday, 24 September – and are offering sponsorship opportunities (email kate.norris@uts.edu.au or call 02 9514 4949).

A boost for A2SE and 2xEP

The Commonwealth Government has extended its support for A2SE and our work towards doubling energy productivity. The Department of Industry and Science has contracted A2SE to contribute findings from our engagement with stakeholders to its development of the National Energy Productivity Plan. The other elements of the project are development of governance and resourcing options for a voluntary commitment and recognition program, and provision of an overview of international developments in energy productivity.

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

The site holds background material, sector overviews and summaries, links for contact. Comments and contributions are welcome.



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