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In the news

Clean Energy Council data shows major shift in Australia's renewable energy rollout | The Australian

Australia's clean energy rollout has experienced a second consecutive quarterly slowdown, with investment in new, large-scale wind, solar and storage projects lagging well behind the pace needed to meet the 2030 target of 82 per cent renewable generation. This has prompted calls led by the Clean Energy Council, for urgent action to progress key reforms of planning and environmental frameworks, as political focus turns to economic productivity across a multitude of sectors.

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Renewable energy targets: Investment at less than half the pace required to meet Labor's goals | Australian Financial

Review

Following a weaker second quarter for investment, Clean Energy Council policy officer Anna Freeman has said that wind and solar projects across Australia are being held back by delays to transmission projects and extended planning and environment assessments. “International and local investors are ready to invest in Australia, but assessments need to be faster, clearer and more predictable to unlock projects,” she said.

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Australia news live: investment in new wind and solar far short of 2030 goals | The Guardian

For the second consecutive quarter in 2025, investment in new wind and solar has fallen well short of the pace required to hit Australia’s 2030 renewable energy target. Only four projects – totalling 615MW capacity – reached financial close between April and June, according to data released today by the Clean Energy Council on Friday.

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Key updates



Slower start to large-scale renewable investment in first half of 2025

Our Quarterly Investment Report: Large-scale renewable energy generation and storage for Q2 2025 released last week, shows that investment in large-scale renewable energy has started slowly this year, with just \$520 million committed to generation projects in the quarter, 68 per cent below the revised 12-month quarterly average of \$1.6 billion. Only four generation projects (615 MW) and three storage projects (334 MW) reached financial close, and no onshore wind projects have been financially committed in 2025.

Two consecutive quarters of weak investment highlight the need for urgent action and the Clean Energy Council last week called on governments to boost investor confidence and address barriers including grid connection, planning and environmental frameworks, network capacity and skills shortages to keep Australia’s clean energy transition on track.

[**Download our report**](#)



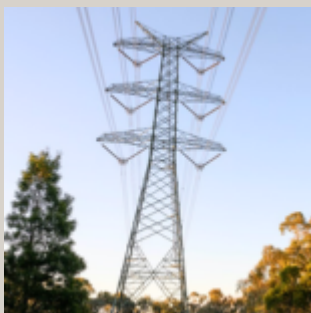
Victorian Transmission Plan released

The Clean Energy Council welcomes yesterday's release of the Victorian Transmission Plan including VicGrid's amendments to factor contingency analysis into the modelling underpinning Victoria's energy future. This will support higher levels of onshore generation and storage if the state experiences higher electricity demand and/or there is any delay to offshore wind development. While a range of renewable energy capacity is outlined in the VTP, we note that the core transmission development plan – the optimal development pathway – is based around the lower end of onshore capacity requirements.

Following feedback from the CEC and industry, VicGrid has made key changes to the proposed renewable energy zones, including expanding the total footprint of the proposed REZs. This includes expansion of the Wimmera Southern Mallee draft proposed REZ to the East, inclusion of a separate REZ area to the west of the South-West REZ and a significant reshaping of the draft proposed Central North REZ into two distinct zones to the east of both Bendigo and Shepparton.

While we welcome the proposed changes to the Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development in Victoria Guide for renewable energy developers and look forward to its release, the ability for the VTP to allow for better streamlining of the environmental and planning assessment frameworks at a regional level for multiple projects collocating within a REZ is a missed opportunity. Section 9 of the VTP provides an overview of the Access and Connections Consultation Paper and draft Grid Impact Assessment guidelines. Once those documents are released, the Clean Energy Council will run consultations with members as it prepares its formal response to government.

Find out more



Invitation to participate in feedback sessions on NEM Review Draft Report

Following the release of the NEM Review Draft Report, we are hosting a series of member feedback sessions to help shape the CEC's formal response.

Clean Energy Council feedback sessions:

Session	Register
Spot Markets Feedback Session – 19 August, 9–10:15am	Register here

Derivative Markets Feedback Session – 26 August, 9–10:15am

[Register here](#)

Long-term Investments Feedback Session – 2 September, 9–10:15am

[Register here](#)

Essential System Services and Reliability Feedback Session – 3 September, 1–2pm

[Register here](#)

Distributed Energy and CER Feedback Session – 2 September, 2–3pm

[Register here](#)

Investment Feedback Session – 3 September, 11–12pm

[Register here](#)

Members are also encouraged to participate in the public online forums hosted by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. [Find out more here.](#)

For more information, [contact Veronika Nemes](#), A/General Manager, Market, Operations and Grid. A member deep-dive session with the Panel will also be organised, more details to come.



Don't miss our free webinar on home battery programs, this Wednesday

Federal and state programs are driving an incredible surge in home battery installations. We want to hear what's working for installers, retailers and industry and what can be improved.

Join us for a free webinar on the federal Cheaper Home Batteries Program and the WA Residential Home Battery Scheme on Wednesday 20 August at 4pm AEST, featuring representatives from organisations involved in the design and delivery of the programs. Presenters will share updates on the programs since they launched, and answer questions from the audience.

[Register for free](#)



Update following Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council

On Friday, Energy and Climate Change Ministers met to discuss a range of issues at what is a critically important time in the energy transition. The energy transition, the impact on consumers and community benefits, achieving net zero, addressing climate change, securing the energy grid and waste management/environmental stewardship were key topics of discussion.

At the meeting, Ministers agreed to six strategic priorities and to update the *National Energy Transformation Partnership* to reflect these priorities. Click the link below to read more.

[Read more](#)



Nominations open for CER/DER representative on the AEMC's Reliability Panel

The Australian Energy Market Commission is conducting a nomination process to appoint a member representing consumer/distributed energy resources to its **Reliability Panel**.

The panel plays a critical role in supporting the reliability and security of the National Electricity Market, and the consumer/distributed energy resources representative will bring valuable insights on how distributed energy can help meet these objectives. Candidates should have strong expertise in consumer/distributed energy resources and a clear understanding of its role in maintaining system reliability.

To nominate, complete **the EOI nomination form** by 5pm, Thursday 21 August.

[Nominate today](#)



New Capacity Investment Scheme workforce reporting requirements

AusEnergy Services Limited has released a market briefing outlining changes to upcoming CIS Tenders 5 and 6. Among other changes, successful tenderers will now be required to publicly report on key labour and workforce arrangements, including those of key sub-contractors.

Reporting requirements may cover employee entitlements over and above legislated and award-minimum conditions, employee engagement arrangements during the project construction phase, the proportion and use of fly-in/fly-out or drive-in/drive-out workforce and justification for use instead of employing regional/local workers, flexible working arrangements available to employees and measures to maintain better practice workplace health and safety above minimum requirements.

[Find out more](#)



ASL publishes 2025 Infrastructure Investment Objectives report

Last week, AusEnergy Services Limited released the latest Infrastructure Investment Objectives report, outlining ambitious targets and a timetable of capacity auctions to support low wholesale electricity prices as coal-fired generation is retired. Key highlights include 16 GW of new generation by 2030, 42 GWh of long-duration storage by 2034 and upcoming tenders for firming and storage infrastructure. The Clean Energy Council will coordinate a briefing for its Market, Operations and Grid Directorate. Contact [our membership team](#) for detail on how to join a directorate.

[Read the report](#)



Applications for the 2025 Chloe Munro Scholarship close next Monday

The Chloe Munro Scholarship for Transformational Leadership honours the legacy of the late Chloe Munro AO by supporting emerging and mid-level female leaders in renewable energy, energy management and carbon abatement.

Delivered in partnership with [Women & Leadership Australia](#), the scholarship provides a fully funded place in either the Executive Ready course for mid-level leaders or the Leading Edge for those with no previous leadership experience or women in the early stages of their leadership career.

Both courses are designed to strengthen leadership capability and foster valuable networks across the sector. Applications close at 11:59 pm on Monday 25 August.

[Apply now](#)



Developer Rating Scheme launches

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said farmers and regional communities will get clearer, independent information about companies seeking to develop renewable energy projects on their land following the launch of the Australian-first Renewable Energy Developer Rating Scheme last week.

With the help of Equifax Australasia Credit Ratings Pty Ltd, the Government will design and operate the scheme to assess large-scale renewable energy and transmission companies vying to develop projects on land across rural and regional areas. Sixty developers have signed up to be the first to pilot the scheme and will test the business performance and community engagement assessments before the scheme launches in March 2026.

Find out more



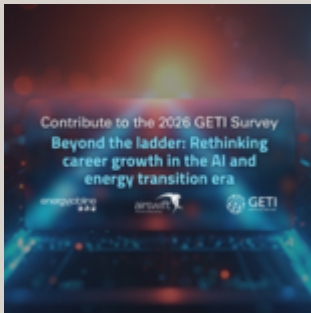
Updated inverter product standard comes into effect on 23 August

The updated inverter product standard, AS/NZS 4777.2:2020 Amd 2:2024, comes into effect on 23 August.

More than 1,200 listed inverter models will remain on the product list after 23 August 2025.

We expect more manufacturers to provide evidence of compliance with the updated standard over the coming week and will continue to update the table accordingly. If you cannot see the inverter models that you use on the list, contact the manufacturer or importer to understand when they will provide the required evidence of compliance to the Clean Energy Council.

View the list of compliant inverter models

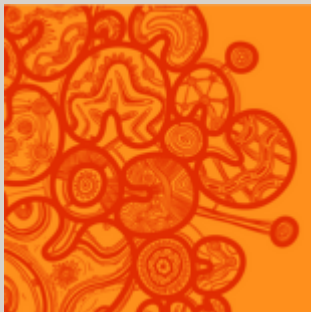


Share your insights in the 2026 Global Energy Talent Index survey

This year's Global Energy Talent Index survey explores the future of career growth in the energy sector, with a focus on how AI is shaping professional development, whether traditional career paths remain relevant in the age of automation and what career progression looks like for energy professionals today.

For every completed survey, Airswift will donate to a charity supporting skills development. The survey closes Thursday 25 September.

Complete the survey



Two weeks left to complete our 'Leading practice: First Nations engagement' course free-of-charge

Growing meaningful, mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations peoples is critical to the success of clean energy projects and protecting cultural stewardship of Country. Our 'Leading practice: First Nations engagement' course guides participants through the principles of genuine engagement and partnership with First Nations communities on clean energy projects.

The course is available at no cost to participants for those who enrol and complete it before 31 August.

Enrol today



Beware of phishing scams using the Clean Energy Council's identity

We are aware of recent phishing attempts, with scammers using the Clean Energy Council's name, logo, employee and director details to request funds from members. Please be vigilant, check email addresses align with those of our organisation and, if in doubt, please contact the Clean Energy Council at info@cleanenergycouncil.org.au.

Upcoming events

Clean Energy Council presents

Perth Member Mixer

The Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson
WA Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation

10 September 2025
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Hear from WA's Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation at the Perth Member Mixer

We're thrilled to announce that the Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Western Australia's Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation, will be joining us at the Perth Member Mixer, proudly sponsored by Jacobs, on Wednesday 10 September.

Minister Sanderson has led major reforms and held senior portfolios spanning health, mental health, environment, climate action and commerce. Appointed to her current role following the March state election, Minister Sanderson is steering WA's transition to net zero while developing new clean energy industries and building a highly skilled local workforce.

From the recently launched WA Residential Battery Scheme to new large-scale storage investments, offshore wind proposals and hydrogen developments, there's plenty to explore.

Open to members and non-members alike - secure your spot today.

Register now

Clean Energy Council presents

Queensland Clean Energy Summit

featuring large-scale solar and storage

15–16 September 2025
Brisbane



Plenary panellists



Mayor Andrew Smith
Western Downs
Regional Council



Leeanne Bond
Chair of the QLD Energy
Advisory Board
Breakthrough Energy



Joseph O'Brien
Founding Partner VisiR
Co-Founder Copperstring 2.0



Katie-Anne Mulder
Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Renewable
Energy Council



**Mayor Greg
Williamson**
Mackay Regional Council



Margie Johnson
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Aluminium Council





David Scaysbrook

Co-Founder & Managing Partner
Quinbrook



Jo Sheppard

Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Farmers Federation



John Cole

Founder and Executive Chairman
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Less than one month to go: register for the Queensland Clean Energy Summit featuring large-scale solar and storage

The Queensland Clean Energy Summit featuring large-scale solar and storage will bring together the leaders and technical specialists from across the Sunshine State's renewable energy community and Australia's utility-scale solar and storage sectors for two days of thought-leadership and impactful discussion. [The program is now available on our website.](#)

Speakers will tackle key topics shaping the energy transition, including the state of the clean energy sector, large-scale solar and storage developments, domestic and international market opportunities, policy changes, industrial growth, regional perspectives and social license.

Partnership opportunities remain available for organisations seeking to boost their profile and connect with industry leaders. [Express your interest here.](#)

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Women in Renewables Lunch

Registration now open

Network with over 500 industry leaders at the Women in Renewables Lunch at All Energy Australia

Registrations for the Women in Renewables Lunch at All Energy are now open. The lunch will be held on the first day of [All Energy Australia](#) on 29 October.

This event always sells out, so be sure to register early and join over 500 industry leaders for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and inspiration as we celebrate the impactful role of the women powering the transition.

Limited sponsorship opportunities are available for the Women in Renewables Lunch, contact partnerships@cleanenergycouncil.org.au for more information.

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