

## Quarterly update

Welcome to our latest newsletter - Edn 4, Apr 2011

### 2011 Update Report to the Low Carbon Growth Plan - measuring the cost of delay

Since we released our major report last year, the prize-winning Low Carbon Growth Plan for Australia, new data shows forecast emissions have risen, not fallen, and the abatement task has become larger and more expensive. Our 2011 Update Report was released on 7 April and received national media coverage. It was also presented the following day at the Australian Government's NGO Roundtable on Climate Change in Canberra. Click [here](#) for the press release and report and media coverage. Its key findings include:

- Meeting Australia's 5 per cent reduction target by 2020 is achievable entirely within Australia using technologies available today and through opportunities below \$32/tCO<sub>2</sub>e.
- A carbon price of \$20 to \$30/tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2013 would vastly increase the volume of actions that are profitable to undertake to reduce emissions, respectively doubling or nearly tripling it.
- Delaying action on climate change to 2015 would increase by \$5.5 billion the cost for businesses and households of reaching Australia's 5 per cent reduction in 2020—the minimum bipartisan commitment.
- In the last year, Australia has already lost energy savings worth \$5 million per week of delay by not taking up low cost opportunities such as shifting to more efficient new vehicles and replacing old appliances by more efficient equipment. By the end of 2011, the potential to avoid 5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent —equal to taking 1 million cars off the road—will be lost. This will rise exponentially if we delay.

### Tracking Progress research underway

We have commenced a longer-term Tracking Progress research project, addressing questions such as: are we on track to achieve the necessary emissions reductions; which sectors are achieving relatively more/less and why. We hope that this can become a multi-year program of analysis with regular update reports.

### ClimateWorks Update

The first few months of 2011 have been busy for ClimateWorks! We have released an update to the Low Carbon Growth Plan, measuring the cost of delay in taking action to reduce emissions, as part of longer term research on Tracking Progress to a low carbon economy. We have completed the first local-level Low Carbon Growth Plan (Greater Geelong) and precinct-level Plan (business park in NSW) and commenced the first regional-level Low Carbon Growth Plan (Gippsland). In addition, we have actively contributed to the national debate on carbon pricing and commenced a unique project on unblocking barriers to cogeneration. Also we have taken up office space in the Melbourne CBD and added three new staff. See below for more details.

If you are interested in attending a briefing event on our projects in coming months please email [info@climateworksaustralia.org](mailto:info@climateworksaustralia.org)

### Regional Low Carbon Growth Plans



We have worked with the City of Greater Geelong Council and key local stakeholders (including Geelong Manufacturing Council, Barwon Water, Deakin University, Alcoa, Shell, Ford, Godfrey Hirst, Barwon Health, Corrangamite CMA, Master Builders Association and HIA) to produce the Low Carbon Growth Plan for Greater Geelong. The report and plan for its implementation will be launched next month. Its key findings show that significant abatement is available within the local economy at low cost, primarily through energy efficiency and local generation of cleaner electricity.

We are now underway with a Low Carbon Growth Plan for the Gippsland region, covering six local council areas including the Latrobe Valley.

## Involvement in national carbon price debate

There has been significant activity amongst our sector since the Prime Minister's announcement of the carbon price design framework and the escalation of the public debate and media coverage. Our activity has included collaboration with other organisations in coordination of policy development and communication, and preparation for the NGO Roundtable meetings as both ClimateWorks' Chairman and Executive Director are members of this national group of 20 leaders. Click [here](#) for our submission on carbon price design in February.

### New staff and CBD office:

ClimateWorks now has three project managers, a project officer and executive assistant. We will also soon be hiring for a communications manager. Click [here](#) for staff profiles.

Also we have taken office space in the Myer Family Office at 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, in addition to our base at Monash Sustainability Institute at Monash University in Clayton

ClimateWorks has begun initial data collection and modelling and run the first series of workshops to review data with local experts. Click [here](#) for the first newsletter outlining our project approach.

## Cogen project: Design Solutions to Unblock Barriers to Cogeneration

Using a portfolio of five 'live' Victorian-based commercial cogeneration proposals, we are facilitating the development of short- and long- term solutions to the regulatory, policy and procedural barriers to cogeneration. The working group spans the supply chain - with customers, market participants, regulators, operators and policymakers agreeing to come together over three months coordinated by ClimateWorks with support from Seed Advisory. Click [here](#) for project outline.

## Anna Burke MP joins ClimateWorks Board

We are delighted to welcome Anne Burke MP who recently joined the Board of ClimateWorks Australia. Anna Burke has been Federal Member for Chisholm since 1998 and also sits on the Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts, amongst other committee roles.

Thank you,  
ClimateWorks Team

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We look forward to your continued support and we wish you a safe and happy Easter break.

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