

Quarterly update

Welcome to our latest newsletter - Edn 3, Dec 2010.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES



ClimateWorks analysis of commercial buildings abatement report released

The “Australian Carbon Trust Report: commercial buildings emissions reduction opportunities” produced by ClimateWorks Australia was launched at the annual Energy Efficiency Council (EEC) conference in Sydney on December 2nd and provides in-depth analysis, insights and research.

As part of its development of the Low Carbon Growth Plan for Australia, ClimateWorks undertook a detailed study for the Australian Carbon Trust of the abatement opportunity in buildings, presenting a segmented analysis across different building owners, sectors and technologies.

The Australian Carbon Trust recently

announced a set of agreements to invest up to \$23.7 million over the next 3 years through innovative energy efficiency financing programs in commercial buildings across Australia. These programs will leverage private sector funding to make available over \$300 million in new financing for Australian businesses, large and small to improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings.

Download analysis [here](#)

Read press release [here](#)

ClimateWorks Wins Two Awards

Ethical Investor

Sustainability Research Award

Our [Low Carbon Growth Plan for Australia](#) has won the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Research Award at the 10th Australian Sustainability Awards held in Sydney on December 1st.

Presented annually by the Ethical Investor magazine, the Award rewards those companies, institutions and individuals that ESG behaviour into Australia’s corporate and investment

culture.



[Read our 1 page submission](#)

Eureka Prize for Innovative Solutions to Climate Change

Our award nomination for the Eureka Prize mentioned in the last newsletter also culminated in a win with ClimateWorks receiving the 2010 Eureka Prize for Innovative Solutions to Climate Change.

Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the fields of research & innovation, science leadership, school science and science journalism & communication.

The ClimateWorks report was described by the Australian Museum as a 'national can-do carbon plan'.



[Read our press release](#)

Howard Bamsey joins ClimateWorks Board

We are delighted to welcome Mr Howard Bamsey who recently joined the Board of ClimateWorks Australia.

Howard has a deep understanding of the issues

and policies in the climate field and has extensive government and international experience. He was, until recently, Deputy Secretary of Australia's Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and Australia's Special Envoy on Climate Change. Earlier this year he led the work of the Prime Minister's Energy Efficiency Task Group.

Howard was Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Environment and Water Resources from 1997 to 2002 and head of the Australian Greenhouse Office until 2006. In 2006-07 he co-facilitated the United Nations Dialogue on Long-term Cooperative Action on Climate Change, which formed the basis for negotiations under the Bali Action Plan. He is also a former Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and Ambassador for the Environment.

ClimateWorks on the Federal Government's NGO Roundtable on Climate Change

ClimateWorks Australia's Executive Director and Chairman have been appointed to the Federal Government's Non-Government Organisation Roundtable on Climate Change (NGO Roundtable). The first NGO Roundtable was held last week in Canberra and was attended by the other appointed member organisations representatives, which include:

1. Australian Conservation Foundation, Don Henry
2. The Climate Institute, John Connor

3. World Wide Fund for Nature, Dermot O’Gorman
4. Greenpeace Australia Pacific, Linda Selvey
5. ClimateWorks Australia, Anna Skarbek
6. Monash Sustainability Institute, John Thwaites
7. Australian Council of Trade Unions, Ged Kearney
8. Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Tony Maher
9. Australian Workers’ Union, Paul Howes
10. Australian Manufacturing Workers’ Union, Dave Oliver
11. Electrical Trades Union, Peter Tighe
12. Australian Council of Social Service, Cassandra Goldie
13. World Vision, Tim Costello
14. Brotherhood of St Laurence, Tony Nicholson
15. Coast and Climate Change Council, Tim Flannery
16. National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, Ann Harding
17. Australian Landcare Council, Snow Barlow
18. North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, Joe Morrison
19. Australian Local Government Association , Geoff Lake
20. Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Amanda McKenzie

The next meetings of the NGO Roundtable are February, April, June and then monthly for the rest of 2011. ClimateWorks Australia is pleased to have the opportunity to contribute in this important forum.

[Read Aust Government media release](#)

ClimateWorks is recruiting

ClimateWorks Australia is growing! We are currently seeking to recruit a Project Manager to join our expanding team. The primary focus of this position is to contribute to developing and implementing projects for ClimateWorks Australia. The successful applicant will be responsible for the planning, development, organisation, implementation of and reporting on a range of high-profile projects for ClimateWorks Australia.

Applications close on December 10.

[Download position description](#)

Continued application of the Low Carbon Growth Plan

Low carbon growth plans have as much relevance at a state, regional, community or business level as they do at a national level.

Due to strong interest in our national Low Carbon Growth Plan we are working with

partners on the development of localised low carbon growth plans.

Geelong

We are currently preparing the first regional Low Carbon Growth Plan, for the City of Greater Geelong in Victoria. The project is being supported by the State government and intends to deliver a comprehensive, economy wide plan specifically tailored to the Geelong region, outlining how the area can achieve emission reductions at low cost.

[Read more](#)

Gippsland

A Regional Low Carbon Growth Plan for Gippsland (commencing early 2011) in Victoria will also be underway shortly.

In Gippsland in October, Victoria's Regional and Rural Development Minister announced that the Government would be investing \$300,000 in the development of a Low Carbon Growth Plan for the Gippsland area, as part of Government's broader response to the Gippsland Regional Strategic Plan. ClimateWorks will work with the Latrobe City Council and Regional Development Victoria to involve data and participation from across the Gippsland region. The project will calculate the emissions reduction potential in Gippsland from buildings, industry, transport, agriculture, forestry and power, and present a roadmap for how to implement these opportunities.

[Read more](#)

Project Implementation - Cogeneration

Cogeneration is represented in our National Low Carbon Growth Plan as being a key action to enabling emission reductions – but it has also been identified as one where significant barriers to implementation exist.

We have therefore prepared a project proposal which aims to accelerate deployment of cogeneration. The outcome of the project will enable deployment for a portfolio of industrial and commercial building cogeneration plant proposals and provide information to inform future policy.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from relevant parties to participate in this exciting project, including cogeneration plant proposal owners, energy retailers, distribution companies and State and Federal Government. We look forward to facilitating the implementation of more projects based on the opportunities identified nationally as well as through these projects.

**Thank you,
ClimateWorks Team**

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