
COAL TRANSITION: POWER SECTOR, REGIONAL ADJUSTMENT AND POLICY

Centre for Climate and Energy Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

24 July 2019 Venue: Centre on China in the World auditorium, ANU

8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-9.10	Introduction: Coal transition challenges and priorities Frank Jotzo and John Wiseman
9.10-9.40	Coal exit strategies: Learning from Germany Andreas Loeschel, Muenster University.
9.40-11.00	Power sector developments and coal exit: Australian trends and challenges Frank Jotzo, ANU: Coal plant exit scenarios for Australia Nicola Falcon, AEMO: Building power system resilience to earlier than expected coal closures Mark Williamson, Clean Energy Regulator: The renewables investment pipeline Chris Briggs, UTS: Employment in the coal and renewable energy industries Chair: Paul Burke, ANU
11.00-11.30	Morning tea
11.30-1.00	Power sector developments and coal exit: Regional challenges and opportunities <i>Latrobe Valley:</i> Karen Cain, Latrobe Valley Authority (by video): Building on the Past for a New Future in the Latrobe Valley Lars Coenen, U Melbourne (by video): Regional economic diversification and smart specialisation strategies <i>Hunter Valley and Port of Newcastle:</i> Richard Bush, U Newcastle: Regional transition in the Hunter Valley Andrew Macintosh, ANU: Economic diversification – the Port of Newcastle <i>Queensland:</i> Amanda Cahill, The Next Economy: Working with coal communities in the transition Chair: Paul Wyrwoll, ANU
1.00-1.40	Lunch
1:40-3:00	Accelerating a just and well managed coal exit: a discussion on priorities for policy, engagement and research John Wiseman, U Melbourne/ANU Colin Long, Victorian Trades Hall Council Bec Colvin, ANU Sangeetha Chandra-Shekeran, U Melbourne Emma Aisbett, ANU Extended discussion among all participants in the forum John Hewson, ANU: summing up

This forum will hear and discuss the latest research and stakeholder perspectives on power sector developments and transformation in coal regions in Australia, and an update on Germany's energy transition. It will provide an opportunity for discussion of policy and regulatory approaches and the role of business, unions and civil society in coal transition as well as priorities for future research, policy, and action. It is convened by the Centre for Climate and Energy Policy at ANU Crawford School, under the Energy Transition Research Hub.

The forum will be held under Chatham House rules: no attribution of anything said to any of the participants.

Speakers and chairs

Dr Emma Aisbett is Associate Director, Research for the Grand Challenge 'Zero Carbon Energy for the Asia Pacific' and Fellow at RegNet, ANU

Dr Chris Briggs is Research Principal in the energy group at the Institute for Sustainable Futures and Technical Director, Business Renewables Centre-Australia

Dr Paul Burke is Associate Prof at ANU Crawford School and project leader under the Energy Transition Hub

Prof Richard Bush is founding Global Innovation Chair to the International Centre for Balanced Land Use at the University of Newcastle

Dr Amanda Cahill is the CEO of the organisation The Next Economy

Karen Cain is the CEO of the La Trobe Valley Authority

Prof Lars Coenen is the inaugural 'City of Melbourne Chair of Resilient Cities' of the Melbourne Sustainability Society Institute at the University of Melbourne

Dr Rebecca Colvin is a social scientist at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy

Nicola Falcon heads the Australian Energy Market Operator's Forecasting division

Prof John Hewson is with the ANU Crawford School

Prof Frank Jotzo is with the ANU Crawford School and a co-director of the Energy Transition Hub.

Prof Andreas Loeschel is chair of microeconomics and energy economics at Muenster University, Germany and chair of Germany's expert commission for monitoring of the energy transition

Colin Long is just transitions officer at the Victorian Trades Hall Council

Prof Andrew Macintosh is the director of research at the ANU Law School

Dr Sangeetha Chandra-Shekeran is deputy director of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute at the University of Melbourne

Paul Wyrwoll is postdoctoral fellow with ANU Crawford School

Prof John Wiseman is a research fellow at the Energy Transition Hub at University of Melbourne and ANU and at the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute

Mark Williamson is an Executive General Manager within the Clean Energy Regulator



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