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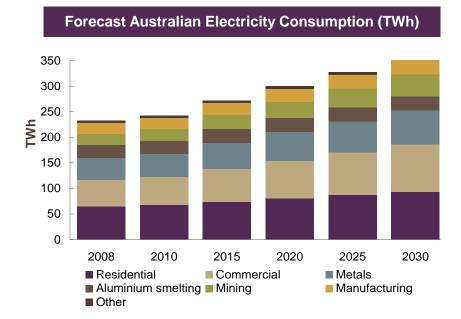
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# Growth in Electricity Demand in Australia

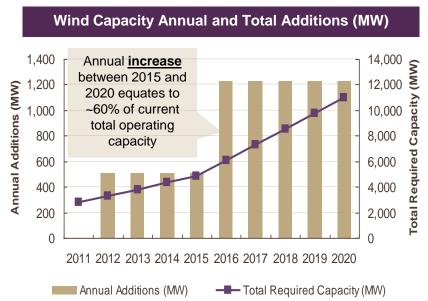


Renewable energy target is complementary to long term growth in electricity demand



Source: ESAA Fact Sheet and ABARE Australian Energy National and State Projections to 2029-30

- Demand driven by robust outlook for economy
- Average electricity consumption in the NEM is forecast to grow by 2.1% per annum over the next decade

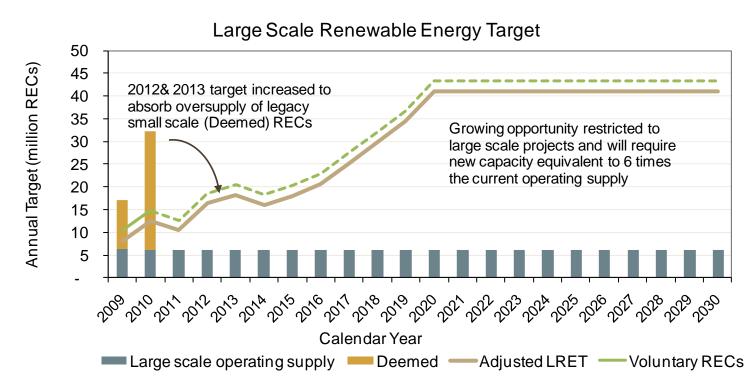


Source: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000. Amended up to Act no 69 (2010) Note: Assumes 32% average capacity factor, wind contributes 75% of total LRET

- RET legislation underpins the mandated increased demand for renewable energy
- Wind energy expected to increase to >11 GW by 2020 from ~2 GW today
- Significant demand for carbon free electricity supply contracts driven by anticipation of a price on carbon and increase in voluntary green energy uptake

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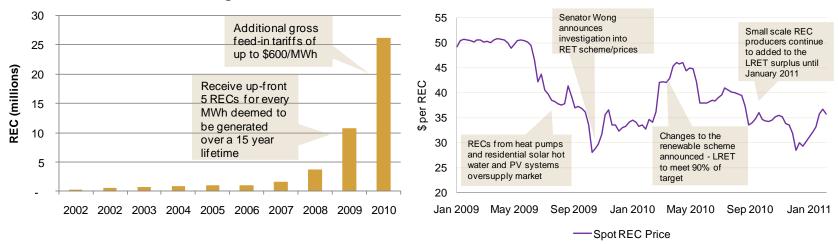
# Renewable Energy Target has bipartisan support



- Significant capacity required from large scale supply sources
- REC surplus working its way out of the system over the next 18 months to 2 years impedes early start
- The LRET ends in 2030. Without a carbon price to support zero emission technologies beyond 2030, insufficient returns will diminish the chances of building enough projects to achieve the target in the timeframe
- Current wholesale electricity prices will be insufficient to justify new-build renewables
   economics beyond the LRET scheme

# Good intentions - unintended consequences

Subsidies and incentives to encourage residential PV systems have temporarily increased electricity tariffs, depressed LREC prices, and stalled investment in large scale generation



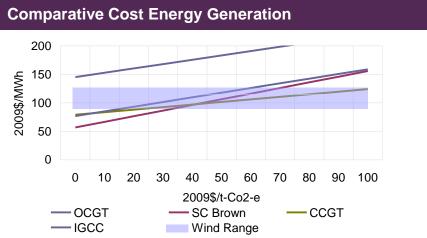
#### **Small Scale REC generation**

- Large and rapid increase in small scale generation reflective of overly generous subsidies
- Volatility introduced into the REC market where certainty once existed. Market participants react to supply/demand balance and proposed legislative solutions
- Exponential growth in solar PV installations resulted in the acceleration in delivery of the SRES target with temporary cost increases reflected in recent tariff determinations
- Large scale investment has stalled due to uncertainty and overhang of small scale RECs in scheme
- Large scale projects can deliver the majority of the target at a reasonable cost with the support of good policy

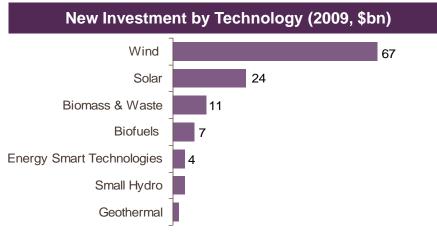


# Wind Energy leads RE Generation Technologies

Wind energy is by far the most cost effective and proven utility scale renewable technology



Source: ACIL Tasman: Fuel resource, new entry and generation costs in the NEM. April 2009; Wind Range - Infigen



Source: United Nations Environment Program (ENEP), Global Trends in Sustainable Energy Investment (2010)

Long term economics of wind energy are supported by:

- Low technology risk
- Zero carbon emissions
- Rising fossil fuel prices
- Mandated renewable energy targets
- Introduction of a carbon price

Investment in wind generation is substantially greater than competing technologies

- Demand and investment will improve economics and efficiency
- Solar investment is predominantly small scale residential and highly subsidised
- Other marginal technologies are fuel and/or geographically constrained

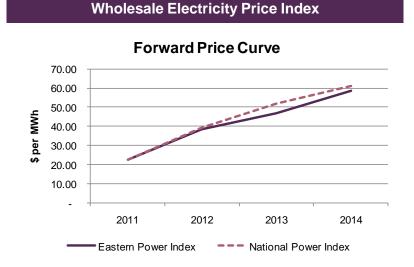
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# LREC and Electricity Price Outlook in Australia

A bundled LREC and Electricity price signal above \$100 per MWh is needed to support investment

Large Scale Renewable Energy Certificates **Forward Price Curve** 70.00 60.00 50.00 LREC 40.00 per 30.00 ⇔ 20.00 10.00 0.00 Spot Cal 11 Cal 12 Cal 13 Cal 14 Cal 15 Mid of Bid/Offer Spread



Source: Mercari Environmental ECN Closing Rates on 19 April 2011

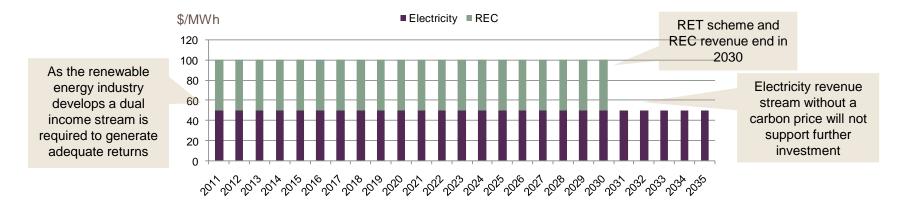
- Spot prices have recovered from the high \$20's in December
- Forward prices reflective of the cost of carry and support new build in 2014
- Forward traded volumes are thin and insufficent to support investment decisions
- Carbon price uncertainty is a contributor to stalled renewable investment

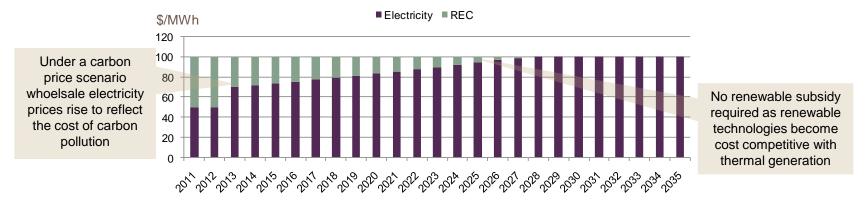
Source: d-cypha on 21 April 2011

- Expected increase in wholesale electricity prices is due to demand and rising fuel costs
- LNG industry in Queensland progressing strongly and contributing to current and near term price softness
- New domestic coal and natural gas contracts are being priced at projected export parity levels
- Carbon tax flagged in 2012 for 3-5 years followed by a market mechanism. Few details available.

# Renewables and a Carbon Price are complementary Infigen

The expanded Renewable Energy Target and a price on carbon were always intended to be complementary measures to address climate change

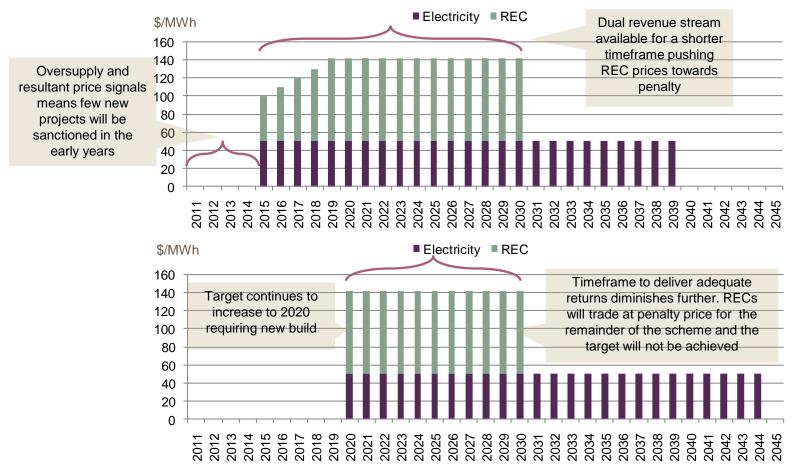




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### The cost of uncertainty...

Good policy is required as achieving the Renewable Energy Target will become difficult and more expensive unless there is investment certainty

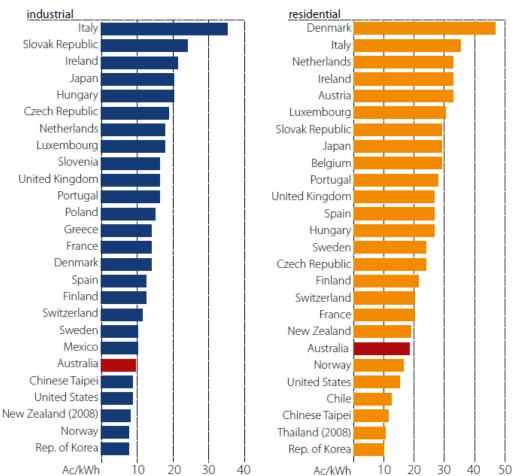


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# Electricity Price Increases – still competitive

The cost of the RET is a minor contribution to overall electricity supply prices



World electricity prices, selected countries, 2009 a

a Australian prices estimated using 2004 prices from IEA Energy Prices and Taxes, and ABS index of electricity prices for households and businesses. *Sources:* IEA, *Energy Prices and Taxes 2010*; ABS.

- Australia has low electricity prices compared with most other OECD countires
- A carbon impost will increase wholesale electricity prices but will not materially change Australia's relative competiveness
- EITE's largely compensated
- Despite network upgrade costs adding significant costs to residential tariffs the overall cost of electricty supply to Australian households remains low
- The cost of the large scale renewable energy target currently accounts for approximately 2% of the cost of residential supply



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### Leading Australian Specialist Renewable Energy Business

#### **Milestones**

- Generated >1.1 million MWh in FY10, equivalent to powering over 140,000 homes
- Completed construction of 140MW Capital Wind Farm – *largest wind farm in NSW*
- Completed 39MW expansion of Lake Bonney Wind Farm – now largest wind farm in Australia
- Construction of 48MW Woodlawn Wind Farm in NSW underway with completion expected by end 2011
- Acquired and developed in-house Australian energy markets capability
- Further progress on Infigen's large high quality and diverse development pipeline
- Established partnership with Suntech Power and short-listed for Solar Flagships program
- Operates over 2,100MW of wind energy generation globally



Source: Ecogeneration (2011) and company websites.

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Origin

Australian Wind Farm Owners (operating MW)



### **Major Australian Projects**

Owner and operator of long term assets – average remaining life c. 22 years



#### LAKE BONNEY 1, SA

Status: Operational March 2005 Installed Capacity: 80.5MW Revenue: Fully contracted until 2015 Warranty: Ended March 2010 Capacity Factor: 28%



#### ALINTA, WA

Status: Operational January 2006 Installed Capacity: 89.1MW Revenue: Energy contracted until 2026 Warranty: Ended January 2011 Capacity Factor: 44%

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#### LAKE BONNEY 2, SA

Status: Operational September 2008 Installed Capacity: 159.0MW Revenue: Market Warranty: Ends September 2013 Capacity Factor: 30%



#### LAKE BONNEY 3, SA

Status: Operational June 2010 Installed Capacity: 39.0MW Revenue: Market Warranty: Ends September 2013 Capacity Factor: 31%



#### CAPITAL, NSW

Status: Operational November 2009 Installed Capacity: 140.7MW Revenue: Majority contracted until 2030 Warranty: Ends January 2015 Capacity Factor: 36%



#### WOODLAWN, NSW

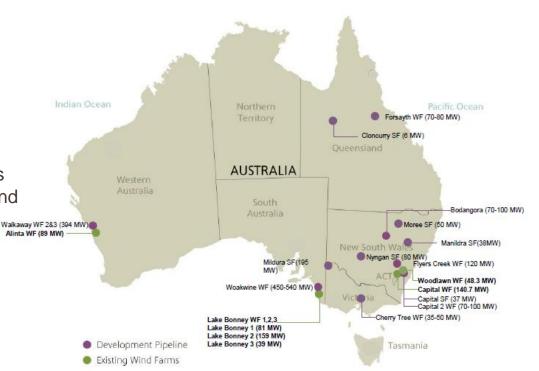
Status: Under Construction Total Capacity: 48.3MW Revenue: N/A Warranty: 5 years Capacity Factor: 39%

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# Portfiolio will benefit from rising energy prices

Higher fossil fuel prices, a rapid and large increase in REC demand and a carbon price will put upward pressure on bundled prices

- Existing merchant portfolio set to benefit from higher prices
- PPAs begin to roll off into a short market
- High quality and diverse development pipeline positioned for improved market conditions
- Consolidation of electricity retailers post NSW privitisation leaves two large retailers with large liabilities, very short positions and limitied in-house development capability
- Smaller retailers will also struggle to self supply
- Market demand for voluntary RECs continues to increase with customers totalling over 825,000 including 42,000 commercial customers



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### **Priorities & Outlook**

INFIGEN	<ul> <li>Well positioned in the Australian renewable energy industry to capitalise on expected improvement in market conditions</li> <li>Proven track record in Australia provides a competitive advantage</li> </ul>
INDUSTRY CONDITIONS	<ul> <li>Fuel oversupply in energy markets is keeping merchant electricity prices low</li> <li>REC market is showing signs of recovery but has a long way to go to provide a new build signal</li> <li>Portfolio and pipeline can benefit from the introduction of a carbon price</li> </ul>
NEAR TERM PRIORITIES	<ul> <li>Continued focus on operational cost containment &amp; corporate cost reduction</li> <li>Maintain and improve site availability above 95%</li> <li>Deliver Woodlawn on time and within budget</li> <li>Continue to progress pipeline towards a construction ready status</li> </ul>
FY11 GUIDANCE	<ul> <li>Production guidance reaffirmed (4,582 – 4,878 GWh)</li> <li>Revenue guidance reaffirmed (\$277.8 – 295.3 million)</li> <li>Operating costs currently within guidance</li> </ul>

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