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Sunshine State to cash in on its natural renewable energy advantage

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The Queensland Government's leadership on renewable energy will allow the state to take full advantage of its world-class sunshine and natural resources, the Clean Energy Council said today following the release of a draft expert panel report into the state's 50 per cent renewable energy target.

Clean Energy Council Chief Executive Kane Thornton said it was great to see a long-term strategic plan put forward that could drive the greater uptake of renewable energy in Queensland.

"While ambitious national energy and climate policy would be an ideal outcome, states and territories such as Queensland are helping to both fill the policy vacuum and transition the country to a cleaner, modern energy system," Mr Thornton said.

"Renewable energy like wind and solar power has fallen massively in cost, to the point where it is now the cheapest kind of new electricity generation that can be built today.

"The world is speeding towards a low-carbon economy, and most of our coal-fired power stations are now at or beyond the age at which we would expect them to be shut down. The choice we have is what we will replace them with.

"The Queensland Government has made clear that renewable energy is the future. Queensland has a proud mining tradition, and now that includes mining the sky and the wind to get the maximum benefits from its outstanding natural advantages," he said

Mr Thornton said the renewable energy industry would welcome better harmonisation of renewable energy policy throughout the country, so long as the process builds upon the stronger ambition shown by state governments, introduces long-term stable policies and ensures investments made to date are not negatively affected."

The Clean Energy Council released the **Power Shift blueprint** this year, which contains a suite of policy initiatives to help Australia deliver a zero-emission electricity system no later than 2050.

Gas resources must be opened up: APGA

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Governments must take action and ensure Australia has the natural gas it needs to drive economic development, rather than focus on simple policy changes that do little to increase gas supply, Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA) President Shaun Reardon has said.

Dr Reardon said that history has shown that gas drives growth and prosperity, delivering lasting economic benefits and improving quality of life.

"This is more important than ever given that growth in Australian living standards is forecast to be more subdued over the next decade and growth in real wages has been in decline since 2012," Dr Reardon said.

"Fortunately, Australia is sitting on a huge opportunity for economic development. Our abundant gas reserves are a massive opportunity to provide significant energy security for our nation and contribute meaningfully to social and economic development where it is needed most."

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 15 December - GAMAA Technical Committee meeting & Christmas Lunch

We are planning to hold our next Technical Committee meeting and Christmas Lunch on 15 December at the Sandringham Yacht Club with the Technical Committee meeting commencing at 9.30am. The Christmas lunch is schedule to commence at 12noon. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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