

Coalition energy roadmap for gas over coal

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The Morrison government has highlighted gas as a crucial energy source to back up renewable power generation over the next decade.

Gas and pumped hydrogen are nominated as keyways to shore up the reliability of solar and wind as the economy shifts to cleaner power generation.

"Gas is one of many technologies that can play an important role here. It's very important in the short-term," Mr Taylor told ABC Radio National.

The paper builds on a survey of more than 140 technologies including hydrogen, carbon capture and storage and soil carbon sequestration.

Mr Taylor said the government's approach would focus on technology rather than taxes.

"We want many horses in this race. Any horse that can win the race, we want it in there," he said.

The shift from coal to gas to underpin renewable generation between now and 2030 is significant and could rankle some conservative MPs within the coalition government.

The report also references the potential for small modular nuclear reactors while acknowledging challenges with cost, the environment and social acceptability. The roadmap, which looks at power generation and emissions in the short, medium and long-term, has been released for consultation until June 21.

Labor's resources spokesman Joel Fitzgibbon said the government had acknowledged renewables and gas would be crucial into the future and accused the coalition of "raising the white flag" on coal. The roadmap has divided clean energy and environmental groups, with some criticising it for focusing on gas while others see it as a positive step forward. Alongside the roadmap, chief scientist Alan Finkel is developing Australia's first low emissions technology statement.

The two documents will be the centrepiece of Australia's long-term emissions reduction plan to be released before the next major UN climate conference. The Australia Institute's Richie Merzian says the UN has asked countries to attend the COP conference with more ambitious emissions reduction plans.

"The UN climate framework already has a template for a technology strategy, but it's seen as a means to an end, and the end is to raise a country's climate ambition," he told AAP.

"If Angus Taylor is expecting to receive applause for delivering a technology strategy at the next COP, the next question will be where is our additional ambition. There's no point having a roadmap without a destination."

Tech Plan Positive for Our Future Grid

ENA 21 May 2020

The release of the Commonwealth Government's Technology Investment Roadmap Discussion Paper is a positive step towards planning Australia's future energy grid.

Energy Networks Australia CEO Andrew Dillon welcomed the release of the discussion paper by Energy Minister Angus Taylor and said networks were looking forward to continuing to work with the Commonwealth on shaping Australia's energy transformation. Read more [here](#)

BSI Launches the first Hydrogen Fired Gas Appliances Guide

FuelCellsWorks 18 May 2020

BSI launches the first Hydrogen fired gas appliances guide, helping to Bring zero-carbon heating and cooking appliances to homes and commercial buildings. Read the full article [here](#)

Real Energy pursuing hydrogen

The Australian Pipeliner 26 May 2020

Real Energy will assess the commercial viability of a hydrogen fuel plant in Queensland through a new wholly owned subsidiary.

Real has established Pure Hydrogen Corporation to undertake a detailed scoping examining the feasibility of building, owning and operating a large-scale hydrogen plant with a minimum annual production capacity of 36 million kg – enough to power 240,000 Hyundai Nexos for one year. Read more [here](#)



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