

Energy White Paper consultation

The Federal Government is in the process of developing an Energy White Paper. Addressing both Australia's energy security and climate change demands, the White Paper aims to provide a comprehensive policy framework through to 2030. The Energy White Paper will also provide short- to mediumterm recommendations for government and industry, focusing on investment and employment in the resources and energy sectors. Ultimately, the aim of the Energy White Paper is to set durable policy directions to ensure Australia's long-term economic prosperity and energy security. The Government says broad consultation is fundamental to the development of the Energy White Paper and this will involve State and Territory Governments, industry, nongovernment organisations and the Australian community. A series of discussion papers has been released for consultation: Realising Australia's energy resource potential; Governance, institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks and community engagement; International energy; Investment, competitive markets and structural reform; Maximising the value of technology in the energy sector; and, Our people – demographics, workforce and indigenous participation. The discussion papers are available at:-

http://www.ret.gov.au/energy/facts/white_paper/Pages/default.aspx.

Submissions are due **by 29 May 2009** to Secretariat.ewp@ret.gov.au.

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