

Old Passes Clean Energy Bill

New laws have been passed in the Queensland Parliament which the government says will boost the state's coal seam gas industry, promote the use of electricity powered by the sun and help make mining safer for workers. The government says the Clean Energy Bill will implement an energy conservation program for businesses that use a lot of energy, and will: fast track the state's 13 per cent gas scheme target to 15 per cent by 2010; kick start a solar bonus scheme; and make mining companies produce information about serious or fatal accidents. The government also says the Bill will pave the way for a new solar bonus scheme where households and small businesses would be paid 44 cents for every surplus KWh fed into the electricity grid from solar power systems.

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