

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to and feedback on this report which is critical to best practice decision making in meeting Australia's commitments under the Paris Agreement, and placing the country in a strong, sustainable, energy position moving forward.

While I was pleased to read the breadth of initiatives being implemented by the various states, and opportunities identified in the report, particularly under the Green Energy Exports scenario, there remain aspects on the report which I find most concerning.

1. Reliance Upon Carbon Offsets and Sequestration. (p. 45 of report)

Given that carbon sequestration has historically underperformed expectations, with carbon capture and storage, in particular having come under criticism on the grounds of cost and inefficiency, it is concerning to see the high reliance upon these in all models, and in particular Green Energy Exports.

Likewise, the emphasis placed on carbon offsets which were originally intended as last measures when all other genuine reductions had been exhausted, is of grave concern as they do not represent genuine emissions. Indeed some governments are now committing to excluding carbon credits from their strategies and policies for this reason.

2. The Passive Approach to Developing Social Licence

While the report acknowledges the important role of community acceptance and uptake of new technologies and associated behavioural changes, it fails to capitalize on opportunities to positively influence these changes through interventions and incentives, particularly at a national level.

Whether through greater promotion and incentivisation of uptake of home/ community battery storage and EV's through to nationally coordinated land use planning and supportive legislation, there would appear to be a raft of cost-effective initiatives that would support and enhance social licence.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input which I trust may contribute to the achievement of agreed targets with a much greater than 50% probability of success as noted in the report.

Kindest Regards,

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