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CLEAN ENERGY OUTLOOK

The Clean Energy Outlook confidence index is the only index of its kind that provides an insight into the status of the Australian renewable energy and energy storage industry direct from the leaders and experts from within the industry. The key themes of the index cover investment confidence, employment trends and business challenges.

INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE

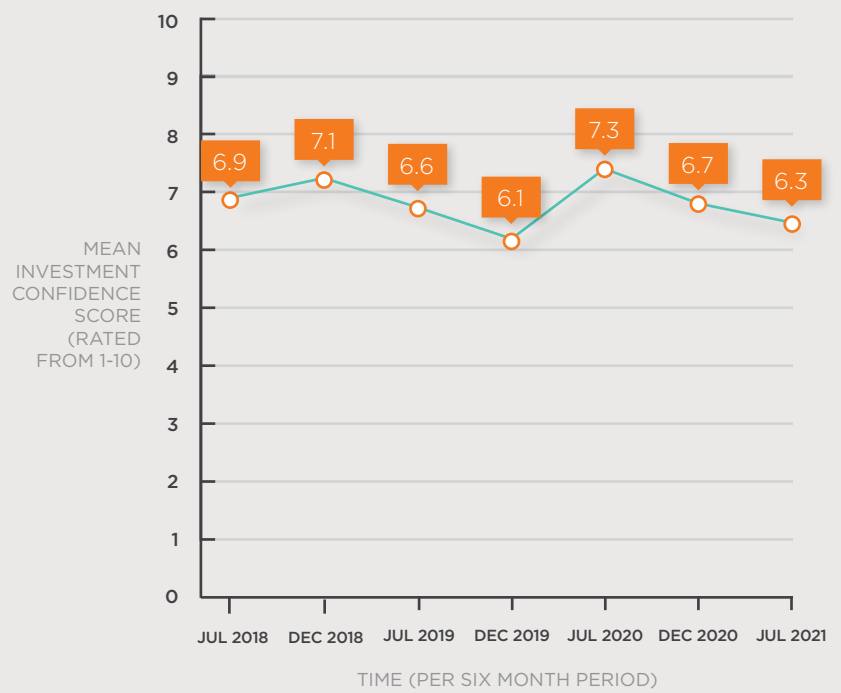
What is your level of confidence to make investments in clean energy in Australia in the next 3 years?



"We have capital ready to deploy and projects ready, but the grid remains the single biggest barrier to investment."

"Regulatory change, political interference, and grid connection (the latter being the most critical), mean investment will dry up."

INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE OVER TIME

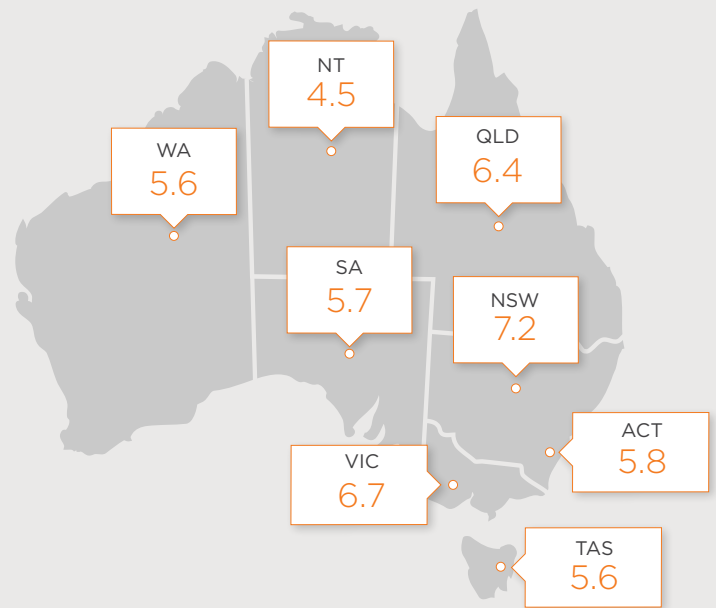


"The regulatory environment is too complex and unsupportive. The market is broken, cannot make 20-year investment decisions without assuming too much risk."

"Grid connection certainty is still the greatest dampener when it comes to investment confidence."

INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE ACROSS STATES

Does your investment confidence vary across Australian states?

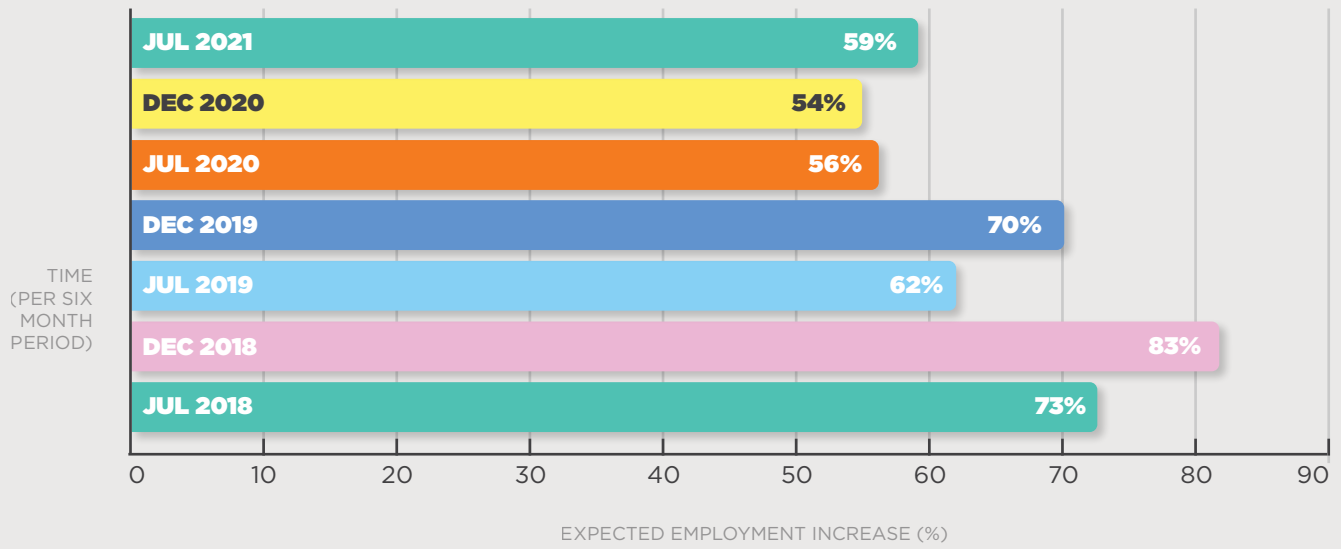


EMPLOYMENT

HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE YOUR COMPANY EMPLOYS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS TO CHANGE?



EXPECTED EMPLOYMENT INCREASE OVER TIME



"Investment is difficult and slow, but inexorable. It is a transition that needs to happen and a tipping point must come in the next 5 year horizon."

TOP BUSINESS CHALLENGES

WHAT FACTORS ARE CREATING THE GREATEST CHALLENGES FOR YOUR BUSINESS TO DEVELOP CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA?

- Concerns and challenges related to grid connection process and technical requirements
- Unpredictable or unhelpful government intervention in the energy market
- Under-investment in network capacity to address congestion and constraints
- Lack of long-term integrated federal energy and climate policy
- Future market design uncertainty
- Concerns and uncertainty around marginal loss factors (MLFs)

"We have in the past invested in projects that on paper seemed like a "safe bet" only to be frustrated by red tape, policy indecision, regulatory changes and slow decision making. We are now highly sceptical."