The Clean Energy Outlook Confidence Index provides an insight into the status of the Australian renewable energy and energy storage industry direct from the leaders and experts 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 three years?

![Investment Confidence Over Time](chart)

- **Mean investment confidence score (rated from 1-10)**: 7.3
- "Very supportive state policies and customer demand for renewable electricity supply."
- "Australia will be the hottest investment target for clean energy. The policies and government subsidies to attract private sector investment could be the key to reaching the goal."
- "Main uncertainty is a result of lack of clarity on federal climate policy. Other factor is grid."
- "2030 target would increase confidence if it had supporting policies."
- "Critical to have direction for 2030 target to both reduce impact of climate change and for economic future of nation."
- "While a stronger 2030 target wouldn’t necessarily change the renewable energy roll-out speed, it would provide stronger signals from the government to the broader economy and communities."

**TOP BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

What factors are creating the greatest challenges for your business to develop clean energy projects in Australia?

- Lack of long-term integrated federal energy and climate policy: 79%
- Under-investment in network capacity to address congestion and constraints: 60%
- Unpredictable or unhelpful government interventions in the energy market: 56%
- Undermined or weaponised state-based schemes: 44%
- Future market design uncertainty: 43%
- Consumer resistance around marginal loss factors (MLFs): 41%

**CLIMATE POLICY**

How do you expect the number of people your company employs in the next 12 months to change?

- **Increase**: 82%
- **No Change**: 18%
- **Decrease**: 0%

**EMPLOYMENT**

Companies that expect employment growth

- **December 2018**: 62%
- **July 2019**: 62%
- **December 2019**: 56%
- **July 2020**: 54%
- **December 2020**: 59%
- **July 2021**: 62%

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