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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.

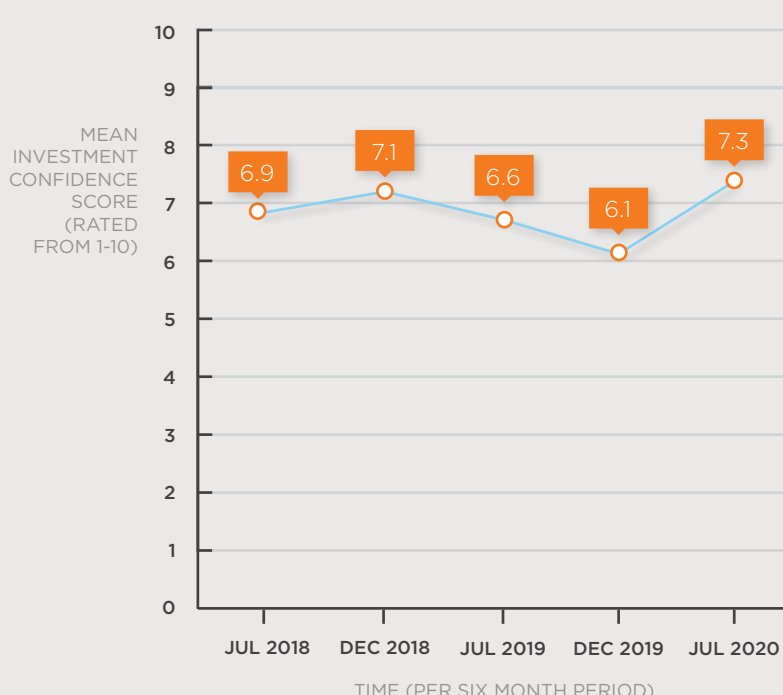
INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE

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



"The market is only going to grow."
"Recent forward curve reductions make investment more challenging than 6 months ago but renewable investment is inevitable."
"Need to sort connection certainty - currently there is no process."

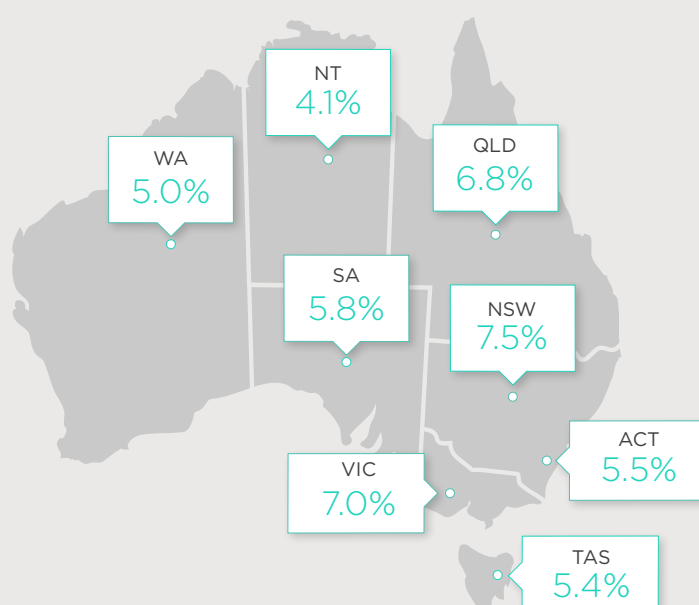
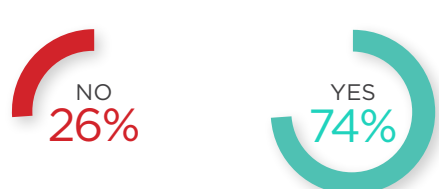
INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE OVER TIME



"State-based targets remain supportive of investment despite lack of clarity around emissions or energy policy at a national level."

INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE ACROSS STATES

Does your investment confidence vary across Australian states?

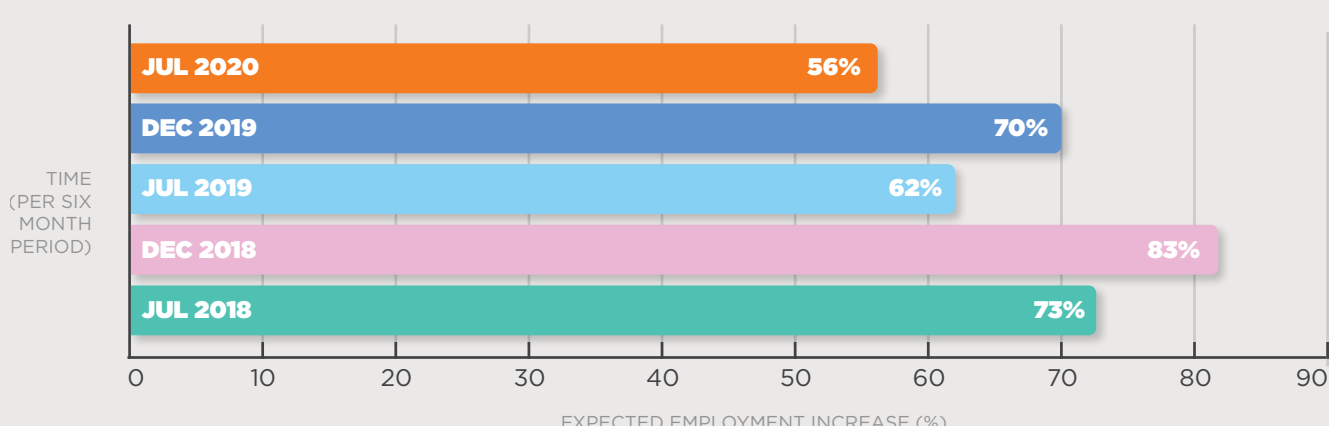


EMPLOYMENT

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



EXPECTED EMPLOYMENT INCREASE OVER TIME



"Things are slowing on some projects, but there is also a lot of continuing interest, so I believe that we will maintain status quo over next 12 months."

"We were looking to open a plant but all on hold for last 6 months."

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)

"Grid connection remains a critical risk for site selection."

"There is no overarching emissions reduction policy which gives direction on the transition to clean energy. There is also a great deal of regulatory uncertainty."

"Largely depends on the clarity around grid connection from AEMO and investments in the transmission network."