



Energy White Paper Taskforce
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Dear Members of the Energy White Paper Taskforce,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Energy White Paper 2014.

The Greens believe the Energy White Paper 2014 must acknowledge that 100 per cent renewable energy is achievable in Western Australia (WA) and provide direction for this transition.

To achieve this, our energy policy must have the aims of optimising energy efficiency, and replacing aging fossil fuel energy sources with renewables.

The Greens have released **Energy 2029** – a 100% Renewable stationary energy plan for Western Australia (attached) which showed that the cost to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2029 is the same as following a business as usual path which is highly dependent on fossil fuels. Since its release, the government's own figures have shown in just one year the costs for installing large scale renewable energy have fallen dramatically (in the case of solar thermal by up to 30%) and the cost for all fossil fuels has risen.

The Australian Greens have also released a 'Clean Energy Road Map for WA', which includes four key planks :

- Setting the WA renewable energy target (RET) to 100% by 2029 and increasing the national RET to 90%;
- Increasing Clean Energy Finance Corporation funding to \$30 billion over 10 years, of which WA, with its massive solar resources would be a major winner;
- Introducing a new 'fairer price for solar' initiative to prevent unfair treatment of renewable energy installers; and
- Creating five new Renewable Energy Zones in WA, including Perth, the Mid-West, Goldfields, Pilbara, Great Southern and Collie.

The Department of Industry's Issues Paper must prioritise the rapid transition to renewables urgently.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our input. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact our respective offices.

Yours sincerely,

The Greens 100% Renewable stationary energy plan is available at: <http://www.greenswa.net.au/energy2029>

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Yours sincerely,

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7 February 2014

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Senator Scott Ludlam
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