The current climate energy finance landscape: Critical Minerals & the IRA

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Agenda: The energy transition is a huge opportunity for Australia

1. Key global themes: deflation, pricing emissions, market returns
2. Energy Technologies: China leads the world
3. The US IRA and EU NZIA (Net Zero Industry Act), India’s PLI, South Korea and Japan’s GX Roadmap

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1. Key themes – Ongoing Deflation

Rising Fossil Fuel Prices Have Made Renewables More Attractive

Even with rising costs, wind and solar are more competitive than ever

Source: BNEF

Note: Figure shows the levelized cost of energy. Solar is with fixed-axis.
Since July 2021 China has operated the world’s largest ETS.

December 2022 saw Japan’s GX Roadmap propose a staged ETS from 2026.

The US IRA in 2022 put a US$1,500/t cost on methane emissions.

Safeguard mechanism = Oz price on carbon

Source: Trading Economics, Accessed 23 March 2023
1. Nextera Energy vs ExxonMobil

NextEra Energy (Green, US) has been the world’s largest firmed RE investor over the last decade, nearly doubling the US S&P500 returns (purple). In contrast, ExxonMobil (Black) was the largest US investor in oil & gas.
2. China Leads the World in Electric Vehicles

China has produced and sold 6.5 million EV/PHEV in 2022; growth of 94% yoy. China sold ~60% of the world’s EVs in 2022. 27.8% of all China car sales in 2022 were EVs.

China National Bureau of Statistics

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<th>2022 Production</th>
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<td>6,548,000</td>
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*BEV + PHEV does not account for full NEV Production and Sales in Commercial New Energy Vehicles

Source: China National Bureau of Statistics
2. China Leads the World on Mineral Processing

Supply chain security, cheap RE and resource ownership means Australia should be leveraging our new competitive advantages to lead the global energy transition.
3. US Inflation Reduction Act 2022

The US under President Biden has talked the talk, the IRA 2022 delivers serious firepower – US$369bn + US$400bn DoE Loan Program

The US power interconnection queue has more generation capacity than is currently online

**US interconnection queue, gigawatts**

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<th>Year</th>
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**Interconnection queue, by resource**

- Solar: 674.3 GW
- Storage: 426.3 GW
- Wind: 250 GW
- Gas: 75 GW
- Nuclear: 6.3 GW
- Coal: 0.9 GW
- Other: 16.7 GW

The US has 1,450 GW of firmed wind & solar proposals in development (US$2 trillion).

The US installed 5GW of batteries in 2022.

DOE launches $6B program to slash emissions from heavy industry

The Biden administration announced it will help fund projects to clean up the production of steel, cement, aluminum and other hard-to-decarbonize sectors.

Source: Nat Bullard BNEF Feb 2023
3. EU Net Zero Industry Act 2023

The aim that the EU's overall domestic share of strategic net-zero technologies manufacturing capacity is >40% of EU deployment needs by 2030.

Today, the Commission proposed the Net-Zero Industry Act to scale up manufacturing of clean technologies in the EU and make sure the Union is well-equipped for the clean-energy transition. This initiative was announced by President von der Leyen as a part of the Green Deal Industrial Plan.

The Act will strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of net-zero technologies manufacturing in the EU, and make our energy system more secure and sustainable. It will create better conditions to set up net-zero projects in Europe and attract investments, with the aim that the Union's overall strategic net-zero technologies manufacturing capacity approaches or reaches at least 40% of the Union's deployment needs by 2030. This will accelerate the progress towards the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets and the transition to climate neutrality, while boosting the competitiveness of EU industry, creating quality jobs, and supporting the EU's efforts to become energy independent.

3. India’s Solar Manufacturing PLI

India launches second phase of solar production incentive scheme

Solar Energy Corp. of India (SECI) has started accepting applications from solar manufacturers under the second phase of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, with an outlay of about $2.4 billion.

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MNRE secretary Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi said 21 Sept’2022 that the PLI would add 74 GW of solar module manufacturing capacity, an investment of Rs 94,000 crore.

Source: PV Magazine’s Uma Gupta 22 November 2022

Image: Adani Solar
3. Japan’s GX Roadmap

Japan’s Cabinet approves policy roadmap including plans for national ETS

On 10 February 2023, Japan’s Cabinet approved the Basic Plan for the “GX: Green Transformation Policy”, designed to help Japan reach its climate targets. Earlier in 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Trade, and Industry (METI) released the draft Basic Plan for public consultation, before compiling the final version towards the end of the year. The proposal comes at a time when Japan is facing an energy crisis, with energy in short supply and sharp increases in prices. To address these energy security challenges, Japan aims to continue moving towards “growth-oriented” carbon pricing.

The newly approved Basic Plan is a ten-year roadmap of Japan’s decarbonization strategy. It outlines several carbon pricing instruments that will work in tandem to help Japan reach its NDC targets of a 46% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050. These include the Green Transformation (GX) League (a voluntary baseline-and-credit system), a more traditional emissions trading system (ETS) later down the line, and a carbon levy.

Source: International Carbon Action Partnership 22 Feb 2023
3. Korea’s Refocus on the US IRA

Battery Makers Plow $31 Billion Into Remaking Korean Steel Hub

The city of Pohang built up a world class steel industry over decades. Now it’s turning to EV batteries.

President Yoon Suk Yeol said ‘the government and companies including Samsung Electronics Co. will pour US$422bin into areas such as chips and EV in the nation’s most aggressive effort yet to win a heated global race for tech supremacy’

A South Korean city home to one of the world’s biggest steelmakers is betting its manufacturing expertise, billions of dollars in investments and government incentives can help it dominate a 21st century industry: electric vehicle batteries.

Companies in the south-eastern hub of Pohang — famous for Posco Holdings Inc. steel mills and one of the country’s elite universities — are aggressively building out EV battery campuses as automakers hurry to find reliable suppliers outside China. Three South Korean giants in the global battery market — LG Energy Solution Ltd., Samsung SDI Co. and SK On Co. — have promised 40 trillion won ($31 billion) in domestic investments with their local suppliers.
4. Australia Will be a Critical Minerals Superpower

Supply chain security, cheap RE and resource ownership means Australia should be leveraging our new competitive advantages to lead the global energy transition

Source: Business Council of Australia, Sunshot: Australia’s opportunity to create 395,000 clean export jobs, October 2021
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Source: Renew Economy October 25 2022
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A Critical Minerals Value-Adding Superpower

Mapping Australia’s ‘once in a century’ opportunity to lead the world in new economy minerals mining and renewables-powered onshore refining and manufacturing pre-export.

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The Australian Government is starting to respond to the US IRA

**Figure A2: Announced funding commitments across the six key export opportunities (non-exhaustive)**

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<td>Critical minerals</td>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>$1 billion allocated from the National Reconstruction Fund for value-adding in resources.</td>
<td>Parliament of Australia (2022)</td>
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<td>$50 million Critical Minerals Development Program, which involves competitive grants to support early and mid-stage critical minerals projects.</td>
<td>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (2022)</td>
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<td>$2 billion Critical Minerals Facility administered by Export Finance Australia.</td>
<td>Export Finance Australia (2022)</td>
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<td>Green metals</td>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>Up to $3 billion of the National Reconstruction Fund will be allocated to investments in green metals (steel, alumina and aluminium), clean energy component manufacturing, hydrogen electrolysers and fuel switching, agricultural methane reduction, and waste reduction.</td>
<td>ALP (2022)</td>
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<td>Batteries</td>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>$100 million pledged for a battery manufacturing precinct in Queensland.</td>
<td>Australian Financial Review (2022)</td>
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<td>Victoria</td>
<td>$119 million in funding for a 125MW big battery and grid forming inverter.</td>
<td>Premier of Victoria (2022)</td>
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<td>Queensland</td>
<td>$500 million for Queensland publicly owned energy businesses to invest in battery projects.</td>
<td>Queensland Government (2023)</td>
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<td>Renewable hydrogen and ammonia</td>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>$525 million in investments for in hydrogen hubs overall, including the $454 million Regional Hydrogen Hubs program which covers projects in Gladstone, the Hunter Valley, the Pilbara, Port Bonython, and Bell Bay.</td>
<td>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (2022)</td>
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<td>$70 million in investment to support the development of a hydrogen hub in Townsville.</td>
<td>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (2023)</td>
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<td>$13.7 million grant for Fortescue Future Industries and Incitec Pivot to develop hydrogen facility through ARENA.</td>
<td>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (2022)</td>
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<td>$50 million committed to the HyGATE initiative, a joint hydrogen innovation project with Germany.</td>
<td>Australian Renewable Energy Agency (2023)</td>
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<td>New South Wales</td>
<td>$1.05 billion to build NSW’s clean manufacturing base into new renewable technologies, including green hydrogen and green metals. This investment is in addition to $3 billion in Government incentives in the NSW Hydrogen Strategy.</td>
<td>NSW Department of Planning and Environment (2022)</td>
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<td>Queensland</td>
<td>$70 million to support the development of a hydrogen hub in Townsville (matching Federal funding).</td>
<td>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (2023)</td>
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<td>Western Australia</td>
<td>$3.8 billion investment in renewable energy and energy storage, which includes funding for battery projects.</td>
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Source: “Sunshot in 2023” by Accenture BCA/ACTU/WWF/ACF report, March 2023

Federal Budget May 2023 – CCS? Powering the Regions?