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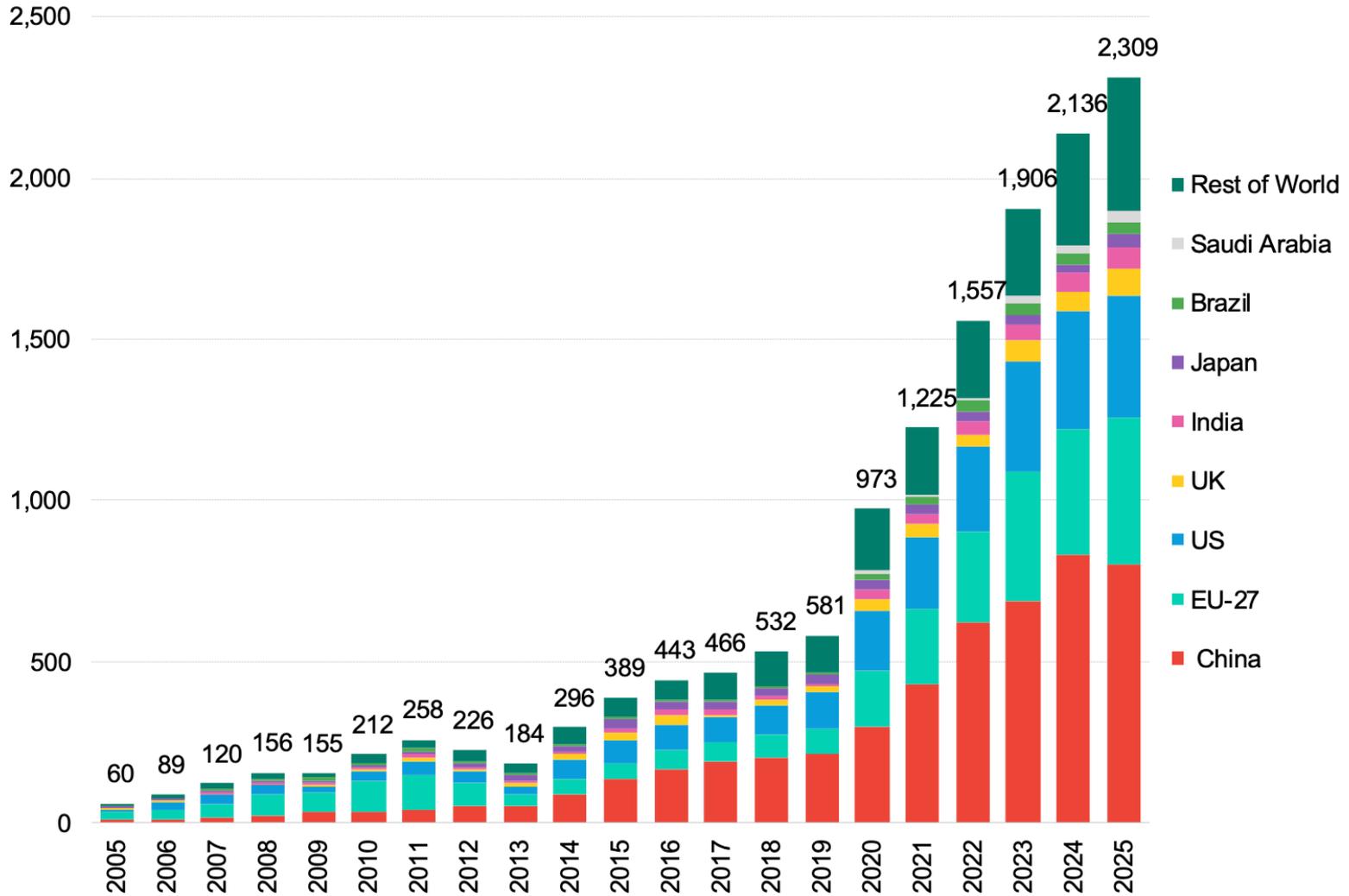
Greenhouse Climate Innovation and Investment Summit 2026

Capital Deployment: Aligning Public & Private Capital for Speed & Scale

**10 March 2026
2.30-4.30pm**

Renewables, EV & Grid outspend Fossil Fuels >2:1

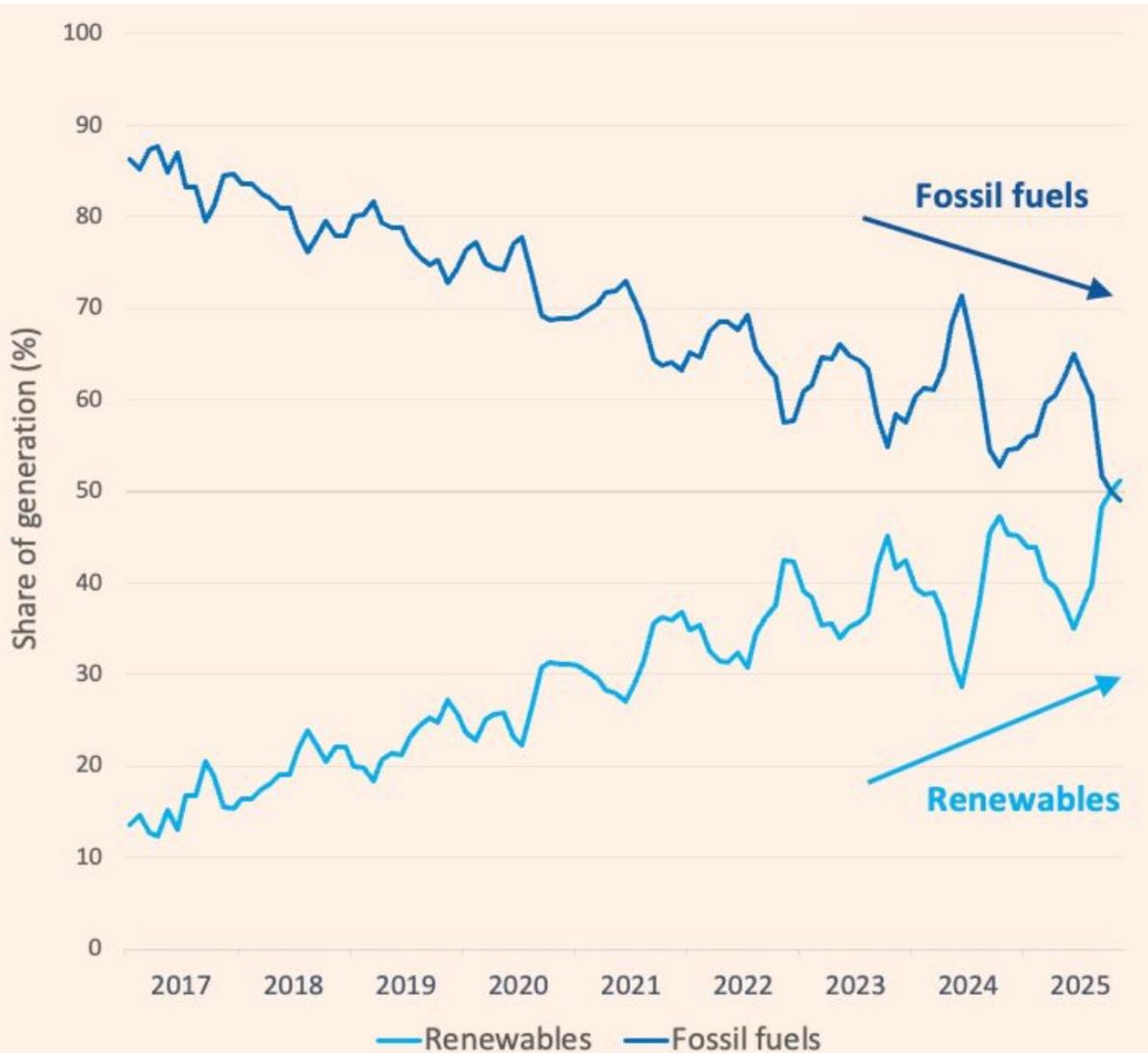
\$ billion **Global Energy Transition Investment, by Country, US\$bn: 2025 +8% yoy**



Source: BloombergNEF, Energy Transition Investment Trends, January 2026

Australia is Half-way to 82% Renewables by 2030

Australia averaged >50% renewable share in 4QCY2025



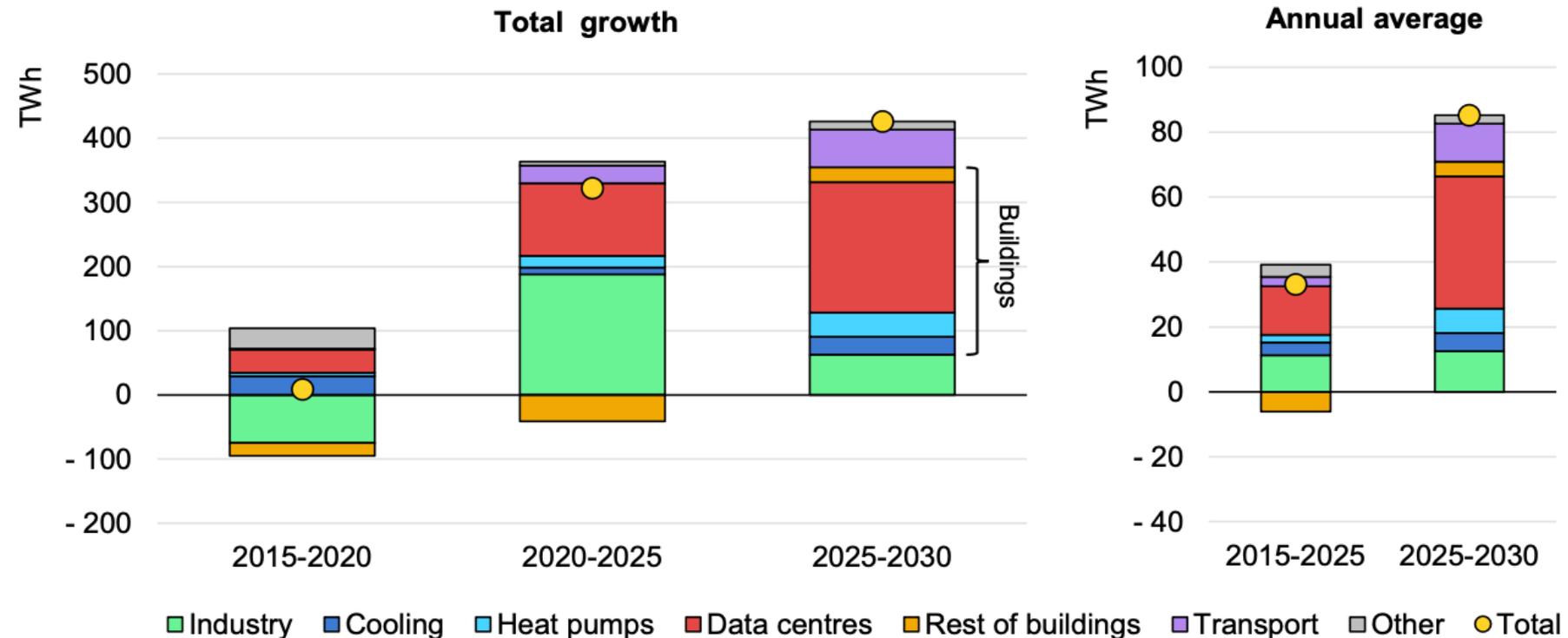
For the NEM, the month of Jan'2026 was 'only' 49.1% renewables share, a slight decline vs the 49.9% average for the 4QCY2025 (and 50.1% average nationally).

But then January 2024 was only 39.3% renewables share – so a near 10% share increase in 2 years for the month. Not bad in that context!!!

Datacentres are Incremental to Electrification

Except in the US (80% of world DC in 1QCY2025), and possibly Australia

Electricity demand growth by sector and end-use in the United States, 2015-2030



Source: [IEA Electricity 2026](#), 6 February 2026

Australia does have a data centre potential like the US. AEMO forecasts 10% of NEM electricity will go to data centres by 2035, vs just 2% in 2025.

CEF's Report Advocating for Carbon Pricing

Climate Energy Finance

05 June 2025



A Price on Carbon: Building Towards an Asian CBAM

A focus on the harmonisation and integration of carbon pricing mechanisms in Asia-Pacific for the steel, aluminium and cement value chains.

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The Safeguard Mechanism was reformed in 2023. It will be reviewed by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water in FY2026–27.

Australia's #1 trade partner, China will expand its national ETS by 50% by 2027.

Australia needs to leverage the EU / UK ETS & CBAM to provide finance the price signal required.

Approvals for the Energy System Transformation

Renewable energy developers raise questions about apparent cap on community funds in NSW



Rachel Williamson 13 Nov 2024 Renew Economy

A number of renewable energy and battery storage developers have raised questions about the impact of new renewable energy benefits guidelines in NSW which they say may act as an effective cap on the amount of money made available for neighbours and community funds.

The renewables industry was relieved when the updated **NSW Renewable Energy Planning Framework** closed controversial loopholes, such as those relating to phantom dwellings, but the **Benefit Sharing Guideline** section has thrown up new potential pain points.

The final guideline appears to put a cap on the total monetary value of a developer's total contribution to neighbour and community funds, using language that wasn't in the draft.

"The total value of benefit-sharing, calculated by adding together the proposed funding amounts for any neighbourhood and local community benefit programs (whether council managed or otherwise), should not exceed the rates outlined above," the document [says](#).

The rates are \$850 per megawatt (MW) per year for solar over the life of the project, \$1050/MW per year for wind, and \$150/MWh per year for BESS, all indexed to CPI.

State proposes go-betweens to lead negotiations on community benefits from renewables



Western Australia's Albany Wind Farm.

Rachel Williamson 5 March 2026 Renew Economy

Western Australia has taken a nation-leading stance on community benefits, with an idea that may solve consultation fatigue before it starts. The state's new community benefits guidelines creates a new role of fund custodian that will negotiate with developers and implement communities' plans for the funds.

An independent organisation will help communities decide on their preferred plan, once, and developers will negotiate with the custodian over rates.

WA councils have been [begging the state](#) to provide clarity over community benefits for several years. In the absence of any guide councils, led by the Narrogin shire, have been trying creative ways to introduce these into planning approvals – although [with no success](#).

The new guide almost matches the dollar value recommendations used by NSW, and makes at least an in-principle commitment to following it a requirement for lodging a DA.

To kick it all off, **PoweringWA** is running a pilot with councils in the Central Coast and Southern Wheatbelt shires – including the vocal Narrogin council whose advocacy helped to push the state towards designing a community benefits guide. That pilot will then make its methods, protocols and plan structures available to other shires as templates. The new custodians will be the existing **Regional Development Commissions**, the nine regional government bodies charged with supporting economic development, and they will be responsible for making sure funds are managed transparently.

Building regional community support and social license to operate is a key improvement, as is outlining expectations. We need speed and scale of approvals, given the rising costs of delay.

Approvals for the Energy System Transformation

NSW Government endorses 16 projects through Investment Delivery Authority

Published: 4 March 2026 Ministerial media release by: Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Jobs, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Minister for Tourism

The Minns Labor Government has endorsed the first tranche of projects through the **Investment Delivery Authority (IDA)**, marking a major milestone in supporting the delivery of high-value private sector investment across the state.

The IDA will support 16 projects collectively worth \$34.4bn in potential investment, following evaluation of proposals submitted through the opening round of EOI.

The endorsed projects include 14 energy projects, valued at \$34 billion, bringing more jobs and investment in the renewable energy sector right across NSW.

Delivering the energy transformation is a key priority for the NSW Government. Through the IDA, the Government is supporting high-value renewable energy projects by helping them move from proposal to delivery.

This builds on the Minns Labor Government's approval of 43 renewable energy projects since 2023.

Two hotel projects valued at \$482m have also been endorsed to proceed to the next stage. These projects will contribute to the Minns Labor Government's Visitor Economy Strategy, which aims to reach \$91bn in annual visitor expenditure by 2035.

The first EOI round also included proposals related to data centres and technology. The evaluation of these projects is being finalised and will be announced separately, recognising the scale of the energy, water and infrastructure coordination associated with the sector.

The IDA was established by the NSW Government to support the delivery of major projects and boost investment by cutting through red tape.

IDA endorsed projects will now receive specialist Government support from a dedicated concierge service, a planning assessments team within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and from a multi-agency Investment Taskforce based in the Premier's Department.

This complements the Investor Front Door established by the Federal Treasurer 4QCY2025

The IDA EOI opening round attracted 48 investment proposals worth \$136bn: 22 projects related to energy (\$63bn), and 23 related to data centres and technology (\$72bn).

Government Budget & Capital Allocations: \$81bn Federally and another \$6bn from the States since 2023 *

New government funding since 2023	A\$m	A\$m
Federal	87,760	
Non-cleantech R&D	800	
Non-cleantech - NRFC	5,305	81,655
State	6,551	
Non-cleantech	600	5,951
Total since 2023		87,606

This includes:

- \$19bn Rewiring the Nation (administered by CEFC)
- \$15bn National Reconstruction Fund Corp, including the \$5bn Net Zero Fund
- \$4.0bn extra capital for the CEFC general fund
- \$5.0bn EFA Critical Minerals Facility
- \$7.0bn FMIA - Critical Minerals PTI & \$2bn Green Aluminium & \$4bn Hydrogen Headstart
- \$1.9bn ARENA Powering The Regions Fund
- \$2.0bn Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility (administered by EFA)
- \$7.2bn Home Battery Program
- \$1.6bn Australia's Economic Accelerator (AEA) Ignite R&D funding
- \$1.1bn Cleaner Fuels Program
- \$2.4bn Green Steel Whyalla funding

* This includes Rewiring the Nation, Cleantech, Decarbonisation and Resource Value-add.

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Speed and scale of deployments is key:

- CY2025 saw allocations to projects reaching Fid or thereabouts totalling \$15bn.
- 2MCY2026 saw allocations of \$2bn (a \$12bn run-rate annualised)
- ARIA has not lobbied for any new funding, focussing instead on getting the existing allocations off the table and out the door.
- BCG estimates Australia needs ~\$500bn new investment by 2035, >80% of this needs to come from private investment.

Red light for new green investment slows race to renewable target

Mike Foley March 8, 2026 — Sydney Morning Herald

No extra money will be spent on the Albanese government's ambitious rollout of renewables across the electricity grid next year, in an attempt to claw back savings in the next federal budget, even as Australia falls short of its target to reach 82% green energy by 2030.

The push to halt spending on the nation's net zero agenda will reverse the trend since Labor came to power in 2022, as successive federal budgets have injected billions of dollars into wind and solar farms, including \$2bn for the nation's green bank in 2025.

Renewable energy projects – and the poles and wires to connect them to the grid – must be rolled out at speed and scale to reduce greenhouse gases to reach Australia's commitment under the Paris Agreement to cut emissions at least 62% by 2035.

This masthead has confirmed via several sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, that new spending measures on the renewable rollout have been ruled out in the federal budget, due to be handed down on May 12.

Greenhouse / CEF Capital Deployment Tracker available real time here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q--r4->

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