## **CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE CORPORATION**

#### Forum on Doubling Energy Productivity

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### **The Economic Context**

- > Two decades of economic growth
- Large fall in productivity growth since 2003
- Lost cycle of business investment outside the mining sector



## **Productivity**



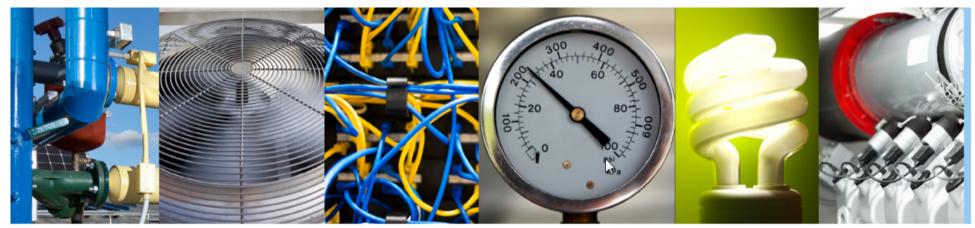
- > Opportunities to increase productivity through energy productivity:
  - Invest in new equipment
  - Upgrade existing equipment
  - Change company practices
  - Employ alternative energy systems, such as biomass and cogeneration.
- Barriers: There are barriers for business to improving energy productivity.



## **Barriers to Energy Productivity**



- General barriers to investment include: low business & consumer confidence, high dollar & economic uncertainty
- > Added barriers facing energy productivity projects:
  - Not on the radar of many business, particularly given comparatively low cost
    & ease of access to energy inputs
  - Scale & size of many investments is too small
  - Access to **finance** (internal & external)
  - Limited **knowledge & perceived risk** about adopting new technologies





## What the CEFC does...

- The CEFC was set up to catalyse investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency and lowemissions technologies.
- It is a specialised financier, partnering with cofinanciers, project proponents and technology owners and adopters.
- Around 50 per cent of its portfolio is in energy productivity projects
- It provides capital and works with partners to tailor financing solutions
- It shares and builds knowledge to improve the understanding of risk.



## How the CEFC Works ...

- Adopts a commercial approach with tight criteria and filtering of investment projects
- It seeks investments with externalities that benefit the Australian economy:
  - Assisting technologies to move down the cost curve
  - Building skills and supply chain capacity
  - Providing a demonstration effect
  - Emissions reduction
- Co-financing and private sector leverage is integral to the CEFC strategy
- Provide project finance, corporate facilities and aggregation finance





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# **CEFC Investments – Helping businesses on the way to 2XEP**



#### Manufacturing

- Crafty Chef a Sydney based company which produces frozen meals, has achieved 2XEP through new refrigeration.
- Using a CEFC and CBA Energy Efficient Loan, Labelmakers installed three new energy efficient presses which will achieve 2XEP.
- Global Roto-Moulding manufactures plastic products such as water tanks and children's playground equipment and will achieve 2XEP through new rotational ovens.



#### **CEFC Investments – Helping businesses on the way to 2XEP**



#### Hospitality

Under an Environmental Upgrade Agreement, a Melbourne Hotel complex will deliver 2XEP by installing a tri-generation system, occupancy sensors and double glazing.

#### **Local Government**

Warrnambool City Council in Victoria is replacing 2,200 lights in residential streets, achieving more than 2EXP on lighting energy costs.





## **CEFC Investments – Helping businesses on the way to 2XEP**



#### **Agribusiness**

- Radevski Coolstores, a major Goulburn Valley supplier of apples, installed a new refrigeration system which will achieve 1.3XEP.
- Darling Downs Fresh Eggs, will use chicken manure and other organic waste from its egg production business to generate power through an anaerobic digester, reducing grid electricity by 60%.





### **CEFC Achievements and the Future**



> The CEFC portfolio is now over \$700 million.

(700mn + \$1.8bn in co-finance = total \$2.5bn in capital expenditure)

- Around 50 per cent of our portfolio is in energy productivity these projects are demonstrating the potential to deliver 2XEP for business
- > It has attracted new financiers and used new financing models.
- In our pipeline, there are a further 150 project proponents seeking CEFC finance of approximately \$4 billion (for total project costs of around \$11 billion).





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