

Fuel for Thought

Energising Australia's Future



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Bruce Andersen is away on some well-earned leave so Peter Zambelli, QER's Director of Corporate Affairs is filling in on Bruce's behalf.

Over the last few weeks, it's been interesting to watch emerging public awareness around the future reliability and cost of Australia's gas and electricity supplies. While there are many different potential policy responses, one which caught the public's imagination was the proposed doubling of generation capacity of the Snowy Mountains Hydro scheme.

The original Snowy scheme was of course an iconic Australian project. Built between 1949 and 1974, it is still the largest engineering project in our history, consisting of sixteen major dams; seven power stations; two pumping stations; and 225 kilometres of tunnels, pipelines and aqueducts.

Whatever the outcome of the new feasibility study, and the other solutions being proposed, there's no doubt that the energy challenges facing Australia in the future are going require big, ambitious policy thinking. Such projects not only help secure our future infrastructure and energy supplies, they also generate jobs and wealth and many other benefits that flow to the whole community.

The current issues have highlighted that reliability of energy supply is fundamental to national prosperity. The transport energy sector will present similar, big policy challenges into the future, as established oil resources are depleted and new sources are sought. That's one of the reasons QER's work to develop kerogen based fuels as part of Australia's future energy mix is important. We continue to work hard towards a commercial project which can unlock a safe, Australian-made fuel source.

Like most Australians, I hope that one day, the politics can be set aside and our leaders can find a way to agree on pathways to sustainably develop the energy sources Australia needs to preserve prosperous lifestyle which our country has to offer.



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