



# Zero Carbon Australia Stationary Energy Plan



A plan to repower Australia with  
100% renewable energy in 10 years



# Science based - Solutions focused



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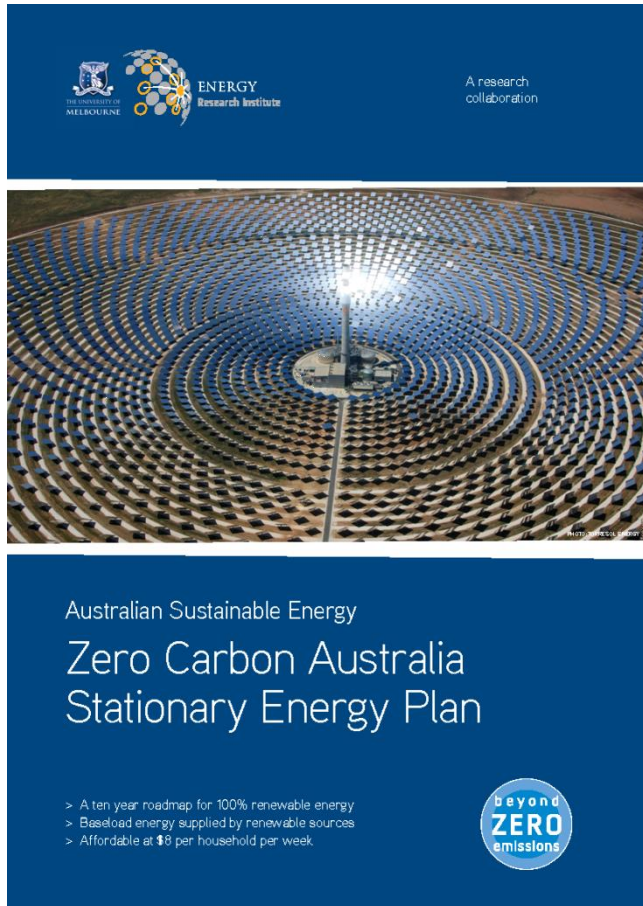
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# Zero Carbon Australia Plan (ZCA) - Guiding Principles

- **Blueprint for a Zero Carbon Australia in 10 years**
- Fully accept latest climate science evidence
- Specifies only Commercial-Off-The-Shelf technology
- Maintain or enhance Australia's:
  - Energy Supply security and reliability
  - Food and water security
  - Standard of living



# ZCA Stationary Energy Plan



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Australian Sustainable Energy  
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Stationary Energy Plan

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- > Baseload energy supplied by renewable sources
- > Affordable at \$8 per household per week.

beyond ZERO emissions

- Stationary Energy = Electricity from power stations
- A detailed, fully costed, resourced model of
- One way to
- **Repower Australia with 100% renewable energy in 10 years**



# Endorsements



*As the IEA has shown in its research, solar energy is now a serious global player for providing the world's energy. Australia has one of the world's best solar energy resource, especially suited for concentrating solar thermal power plants, which can dispatch electricity when it is needed. The Zero Carbon Australia Plan is based on up-to-date and sound information and provides quality insights on how a country well-endowed in renewable resources can transition to a solar and wind economy.*

CÉDRIC PHILIBERT  
RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

*With our natural advantage Australia can and should be positioning itself as a global renewable super power for future prosperity. This report will help shift the climate debate to focus on energy, security, affordability, export and of course opportunity. Beyond Zero Emissions offers a new and invigorating message that is much needed.*

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*The Zero Carbon Australia 2020 plan shows that it is technically feasible and affordable to replace all fossil fuel electricity with 100% renewable energy given the willpower and commitment to do so. This is a cutting-edge science-based plan that should be read by every energy decision maker and politician in Australia.*

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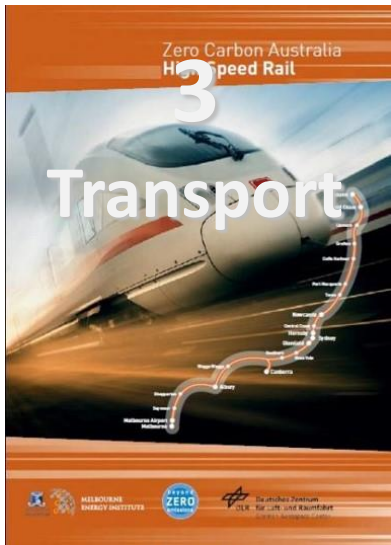
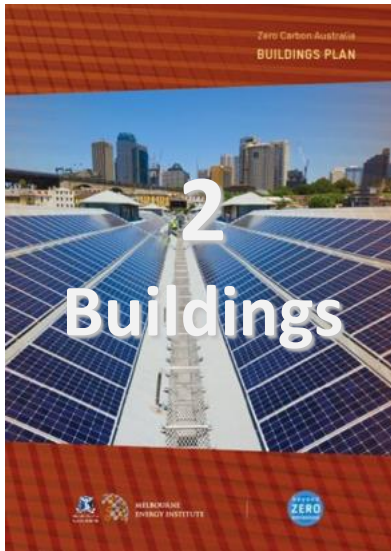


International  
Energy Agency

## Sir Gustav Nossal



## Former Australian Chief Scientist Robin Batterham



Fossil economy

A research collaboration

Laggard to Leader  
How Australia Can Lead the World to Zero Carbon Prosperity

- Australia that relies on the growth of a global market for zero emissions to meet its needs for jobs, income and well-being.
- A transition to coal and gas reserves followed by a platform will drive a market for zero emissions energy investment.
- Australia can lead the world to zero carbon prosperity by leading global zero carbon technology that will give Australia prosperity.

2012

HEALTH AND SOCIAL HARMS OF COAL MINING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

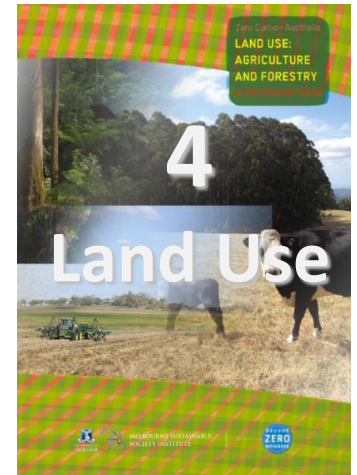
Repowering Port Augusta  
A blueprint to reduce footprints and play out coal power stations with renewable energy

- 1000 jobs
- Protect the health of the Port Augusta community
- 5 million tonnes of CO2 avoided each year
- Local and secure electricity prices
- Energy security for South Australia

Spotlight on the Hunter Region

> A ten year roadmap for 100% renewable energy  
> Baseload energy supplied by renewable sources  
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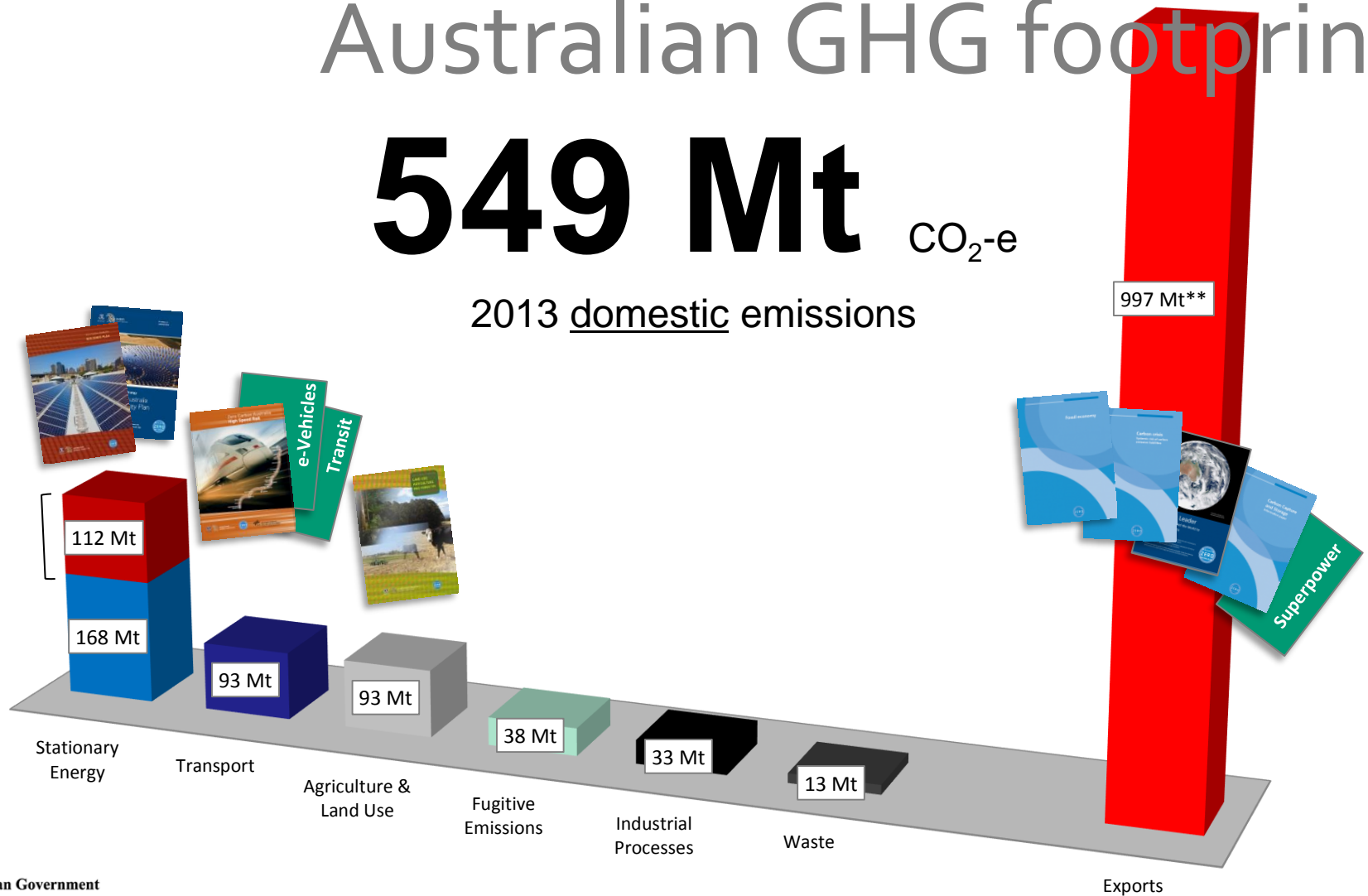
emissions



# Australian GHG footprint

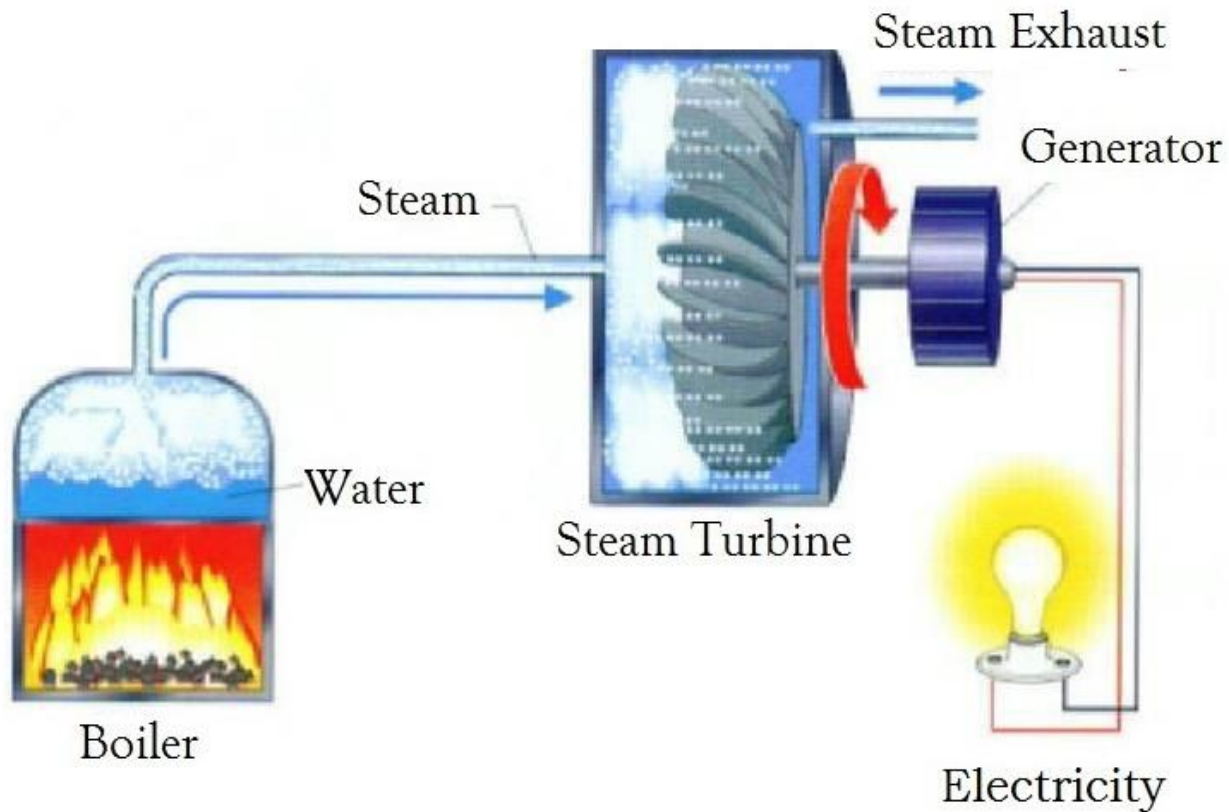
# 549 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e

2013 domestic emissions





# Traditional Power Generation





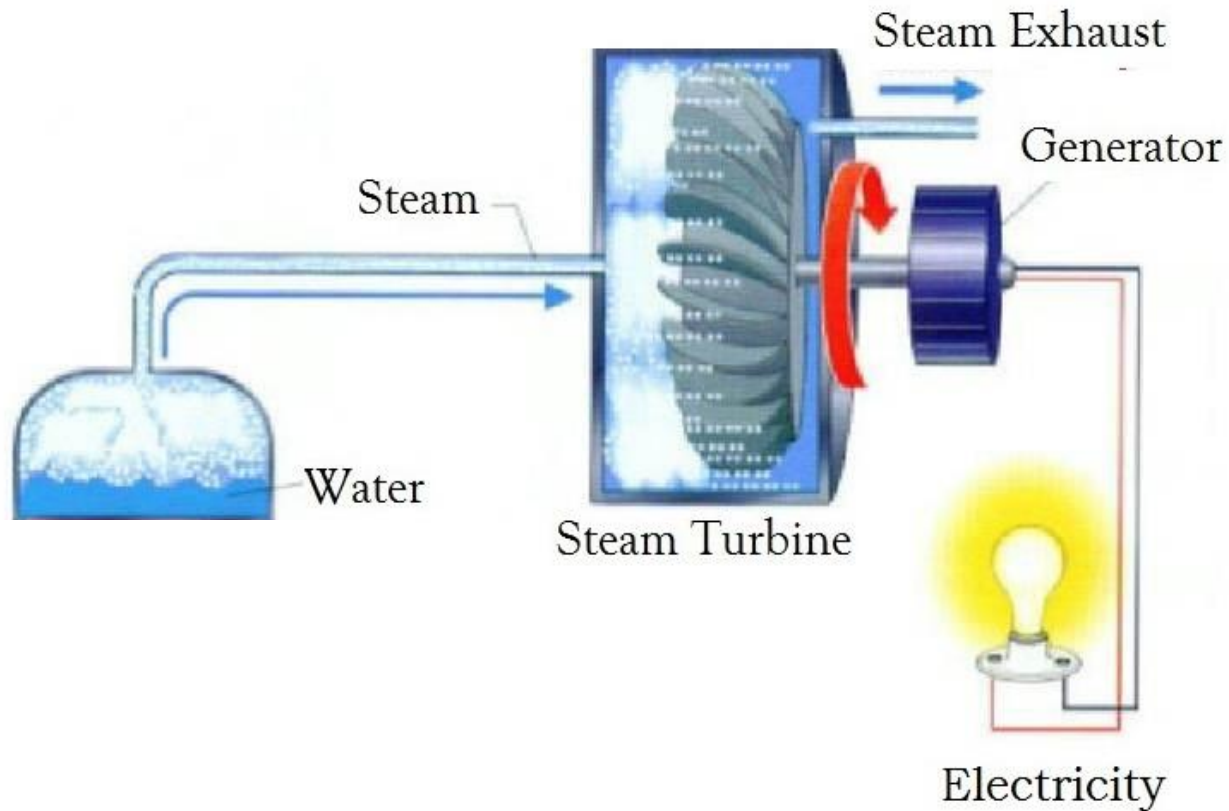








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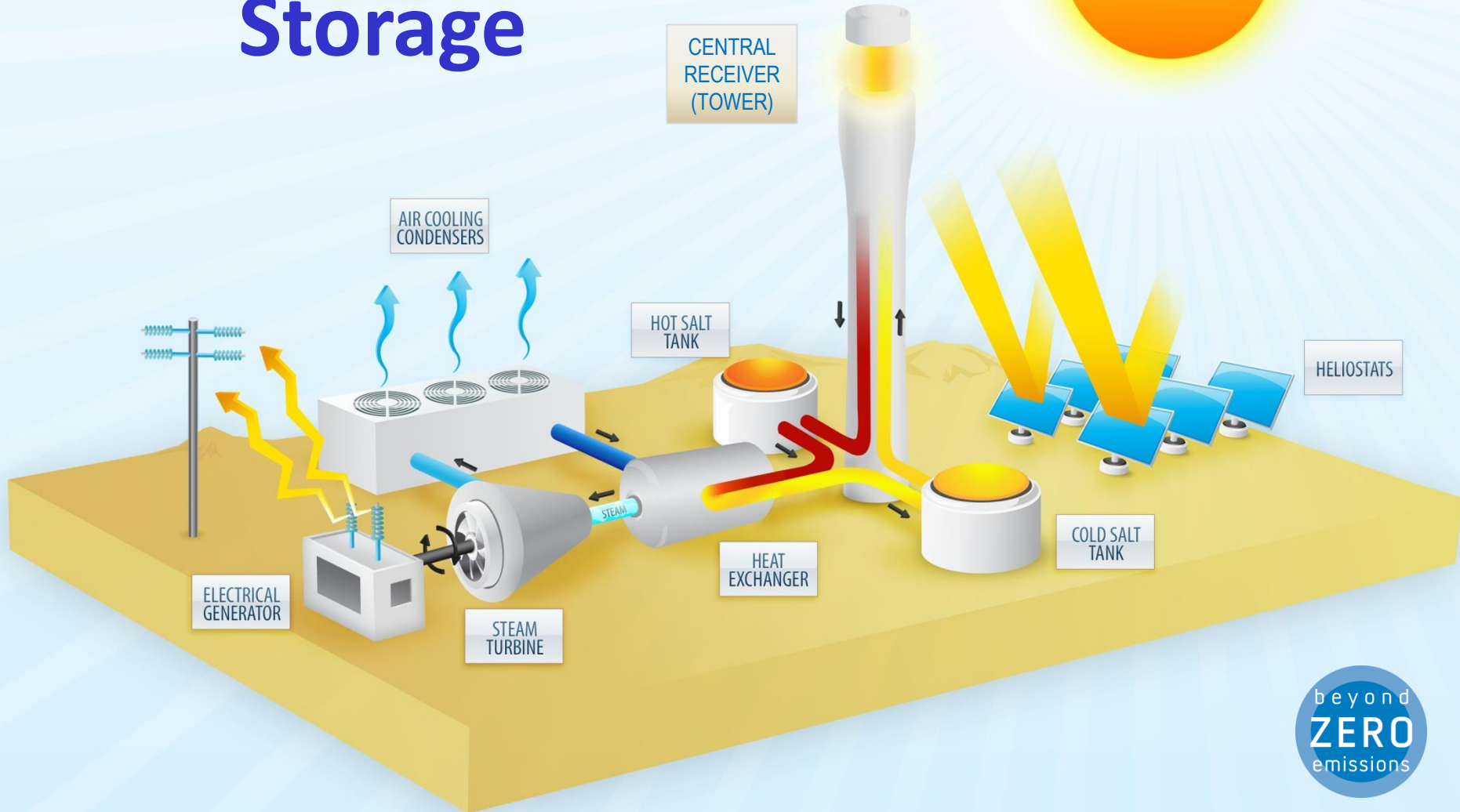


# Concentrated Solar Thermal





# Concentrated Solar Thermal with Storage

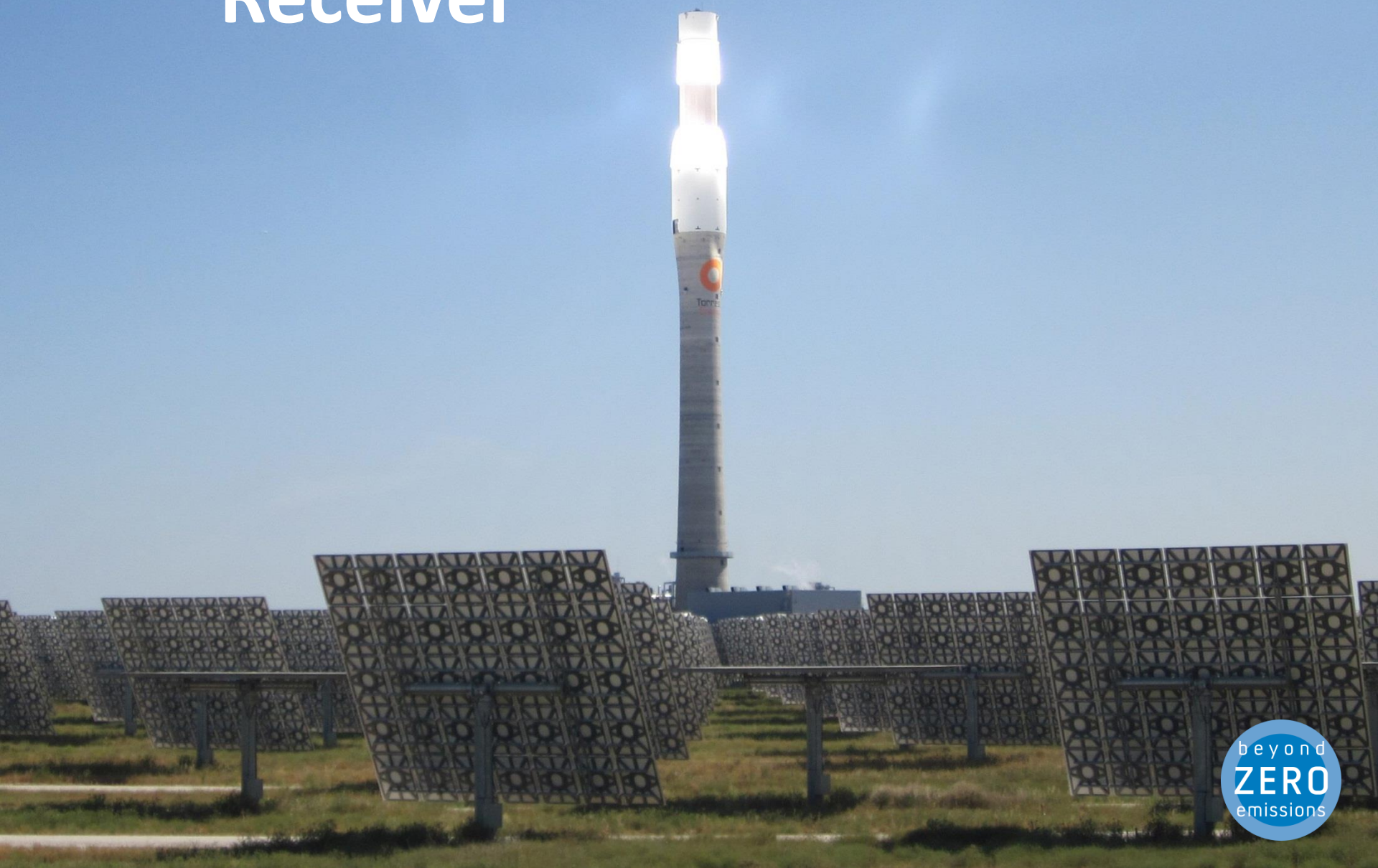




# Heliostat



# Heliostat Field & Receiver





# View from the receiver









CENTRAL RECEIVER (TOWER)

565°C

Molten salt to move and store heat  
(mixture of potassium nitrate + sodium nitrate)

HOT SALT TANK

565°C

HELIOSTATS



290°C

COLD SALT TANK

HEAT EXCHANGER



# 'Un-Molten' Salt





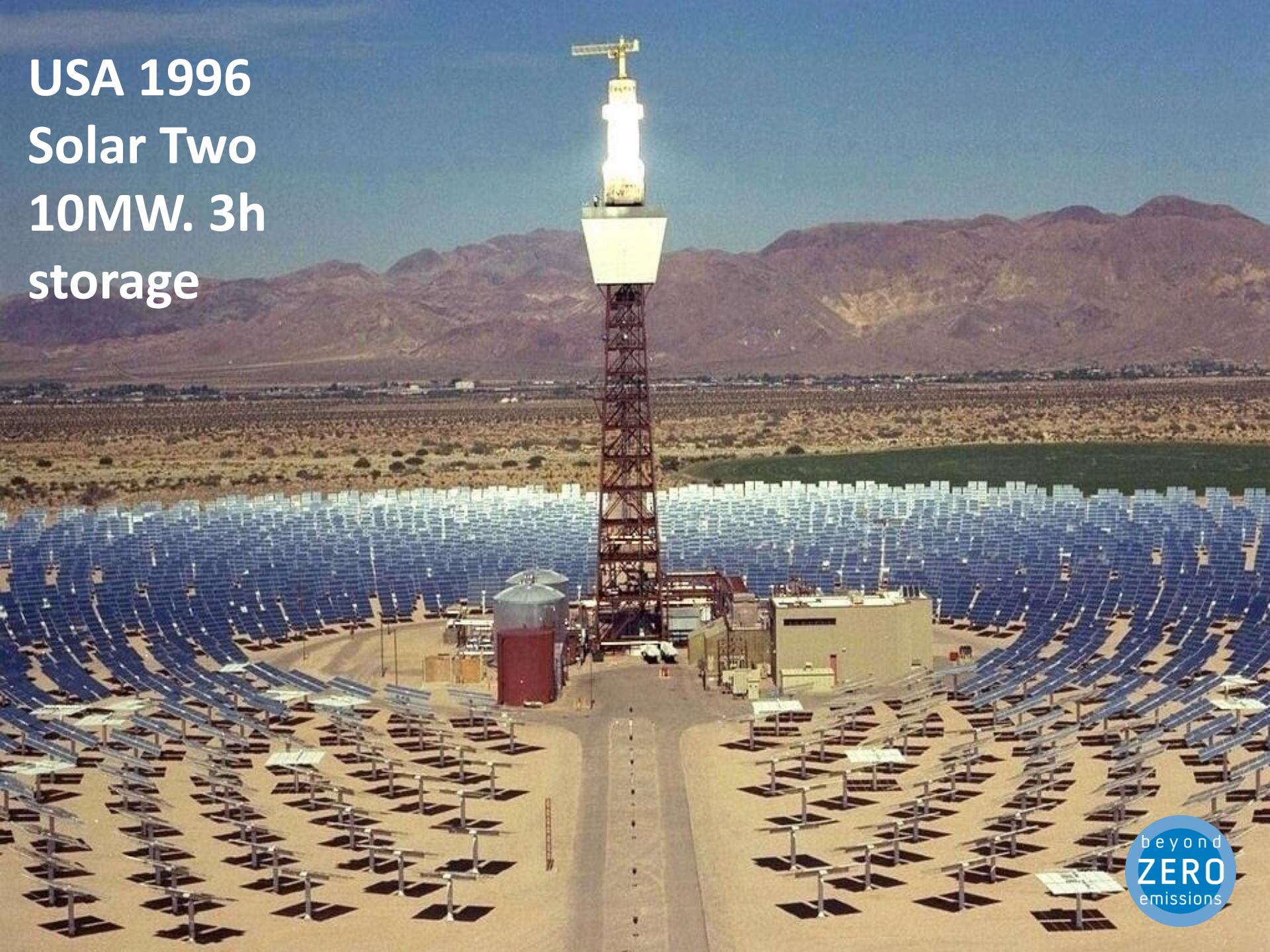


# Thermal Storage





USA 1996  
Solar Two  
10MW. 3h  
storage



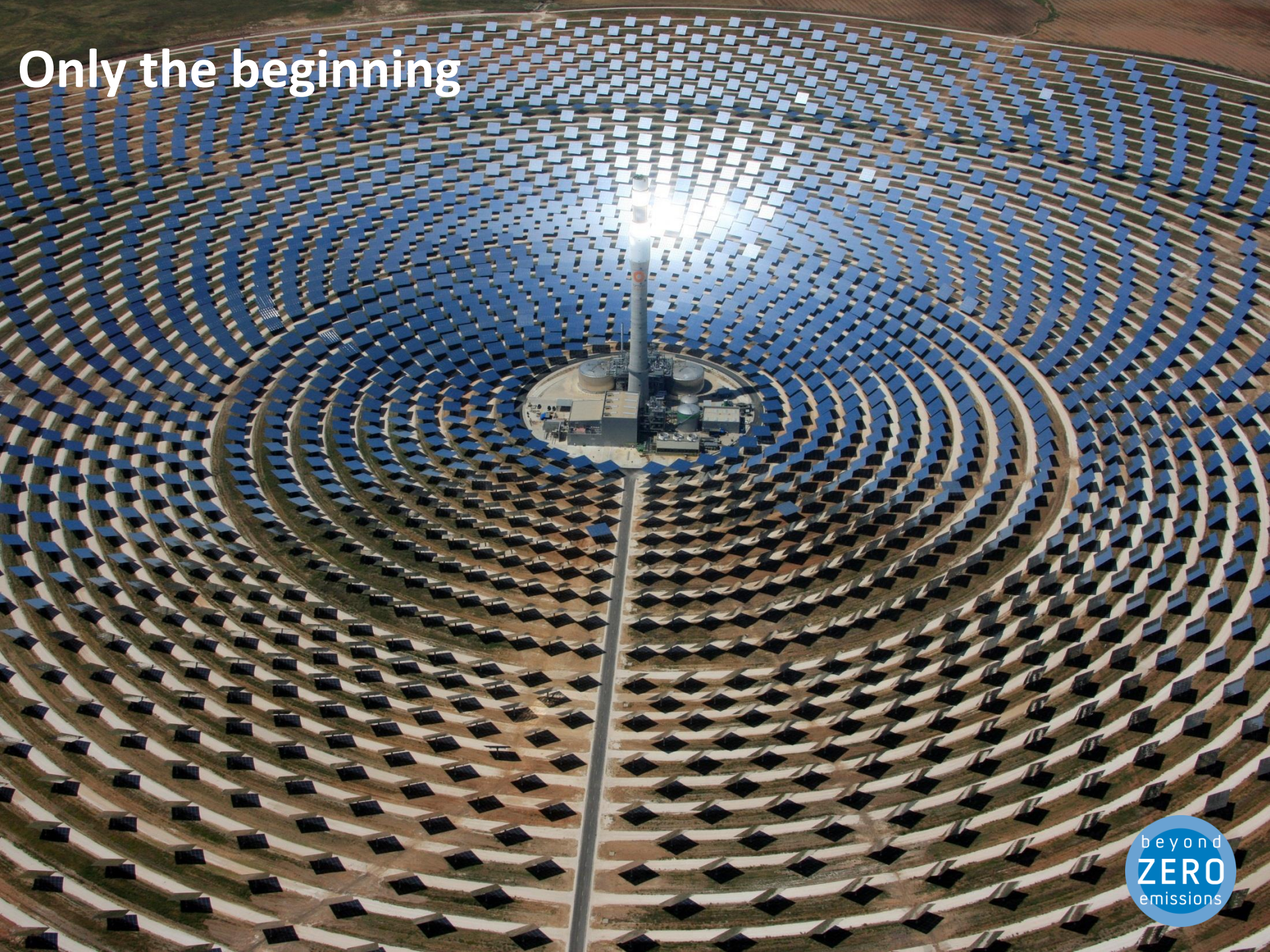


# Spain 2011 Torresol Gemasolar 20MW. 15h storage





Only the beginning

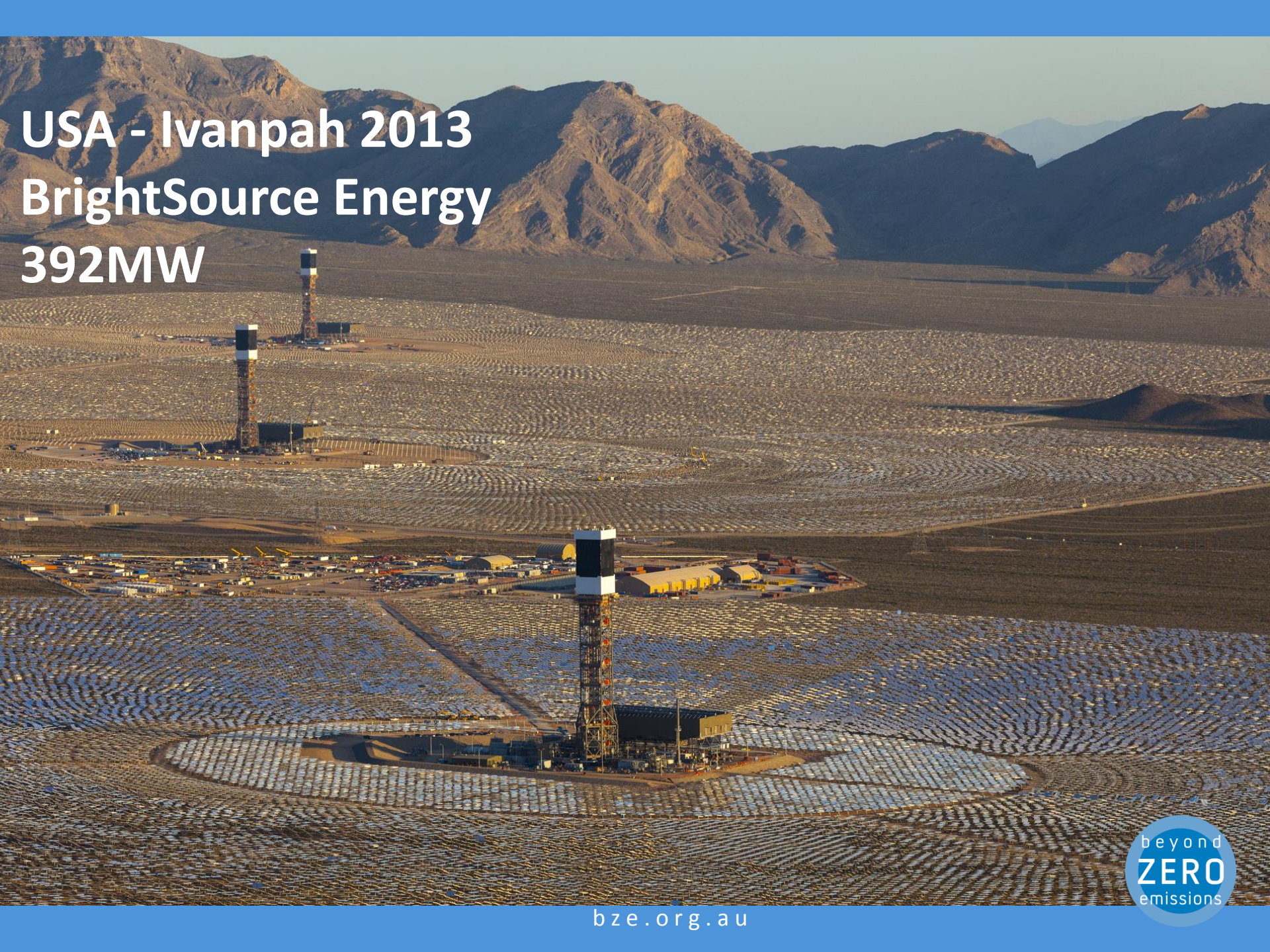






**USA - Nevada 2015**  
**Solar Reserve Tonopah**  
**110MW**  
**25-40%**  
**saving**





# USA - Ivanpah 2013

## BrightSource Energy

### 392MW



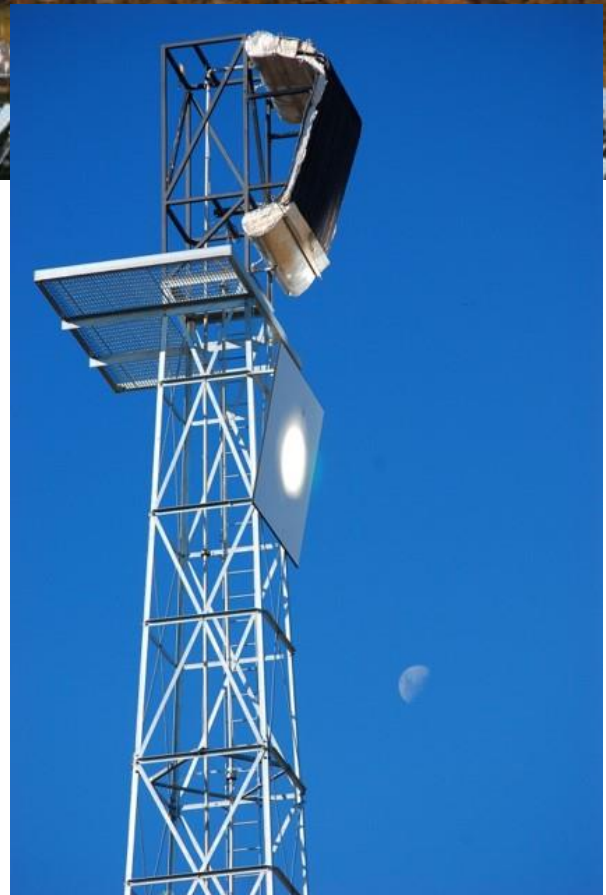


# Australia - Jemalong Vast Solar

- **1MW – 2011**
- **6MW – 2014**
- **30MW - 2015**



**VastSolar**



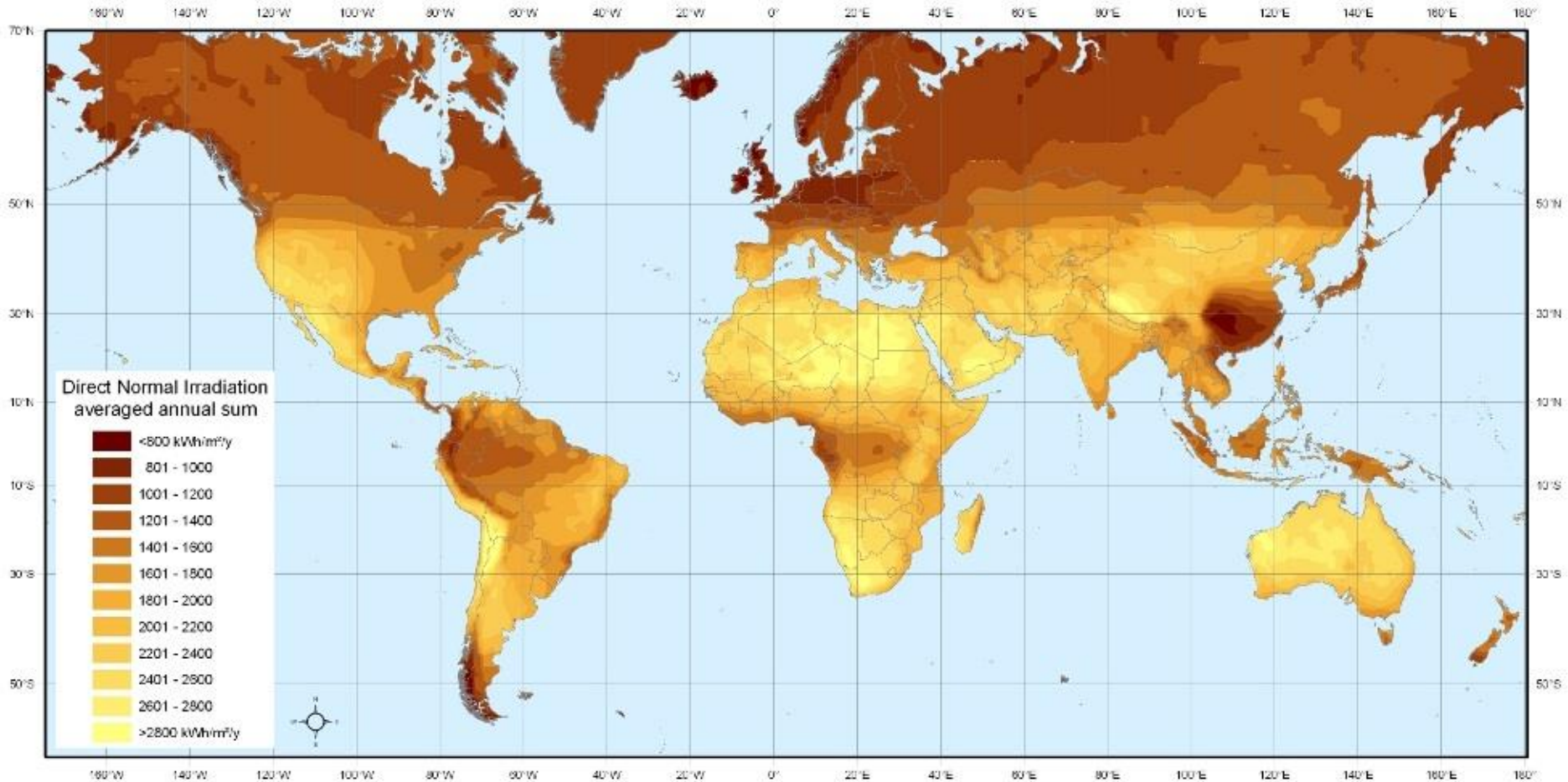
# Global Solar Thermal Deployment

- 4.3GW operating (Jan 2015)
- 2.5GW under construction
- USA/Spain/China/Saudi Arabia

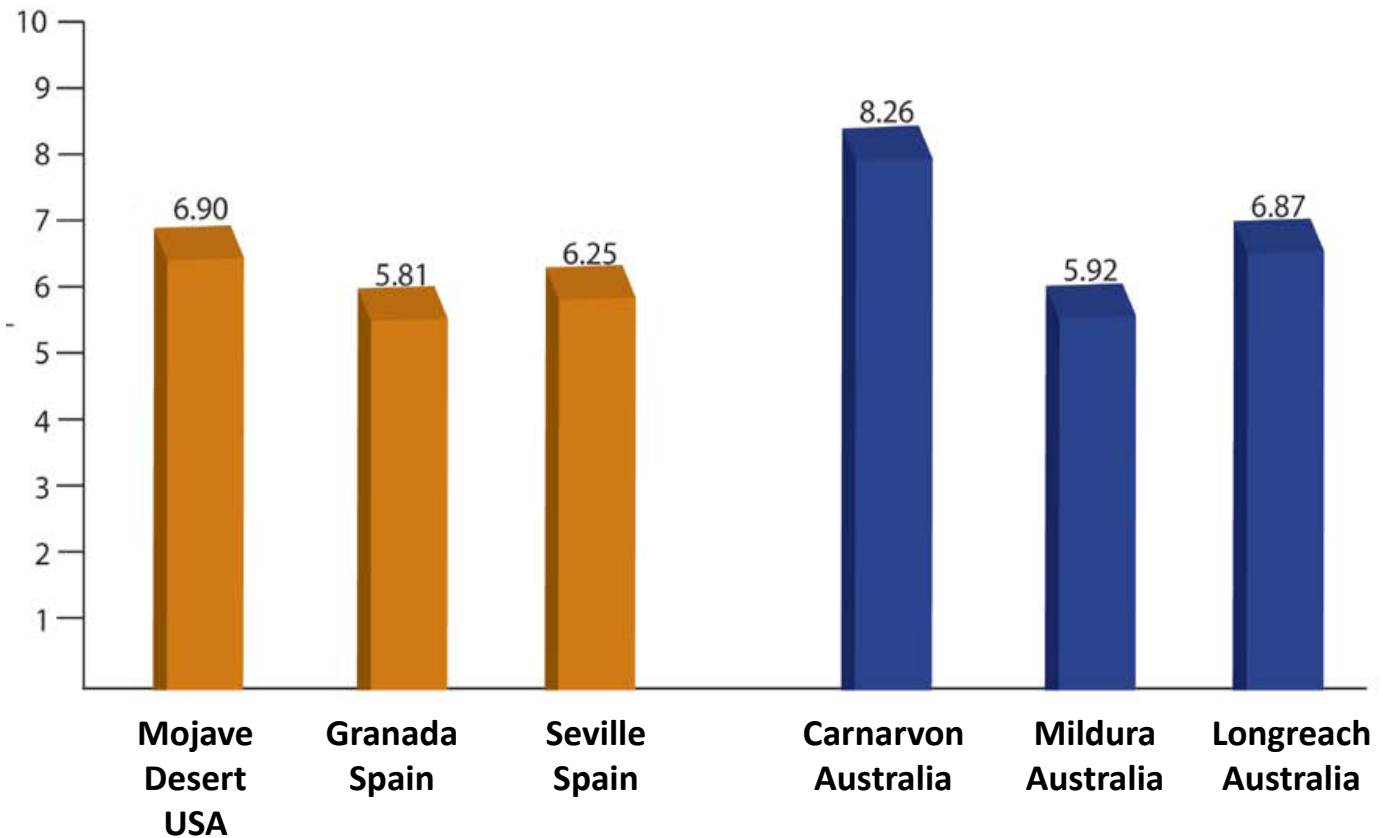




# Australia – Best Solar Resource in the World



Solar irradiation (Kilowatt-hours per square metre per day)



**More Bang for our Buck!**





**30 Years**

**1m<sup>2</sup> mirror**

**OR**

**6 tonnes of  
coal**







# World Wind Power growth

- Global investment increased 30% p.a. in last decade
- China 200 GW by 2020 (98.6GW installed Aug 2014)
- Denmark 50% by 2020
  - 39.1% in 2014
- Sweden 1100 Enercon Turbine Farm



A photograph of a wind turbine against a blue sky. The turbine is the central focus, with its tower and nacelle visible. The text is overlaid on the image in white. The text reads: "30 years", "507,000", "tonnes", and "CO<sub>2</sub> saved".

30 years

507,000  
tonnes  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved



# Who is backing this?

- Built by biggest engineering and construction companies in the world
- Investment flowing from smart, forward thinking companies

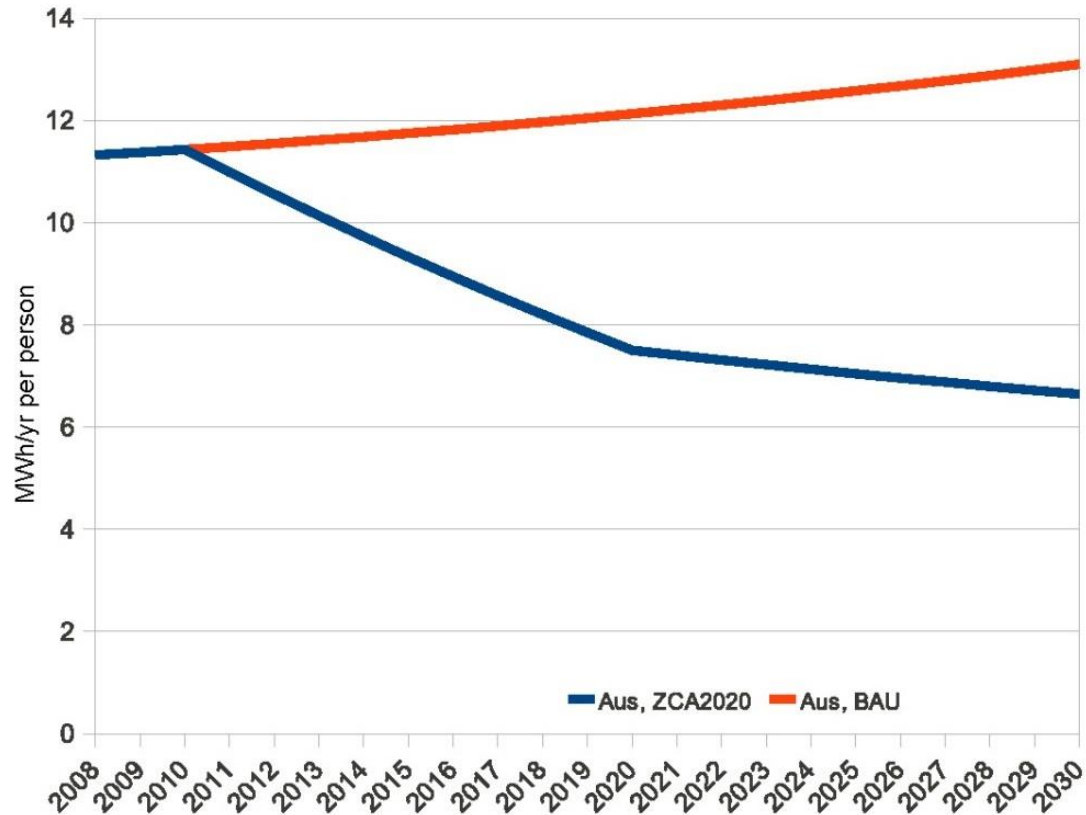


**SIEMENS**

**adani**<sup>TM</sup>

# Zero Carbon Australia Electricity Use

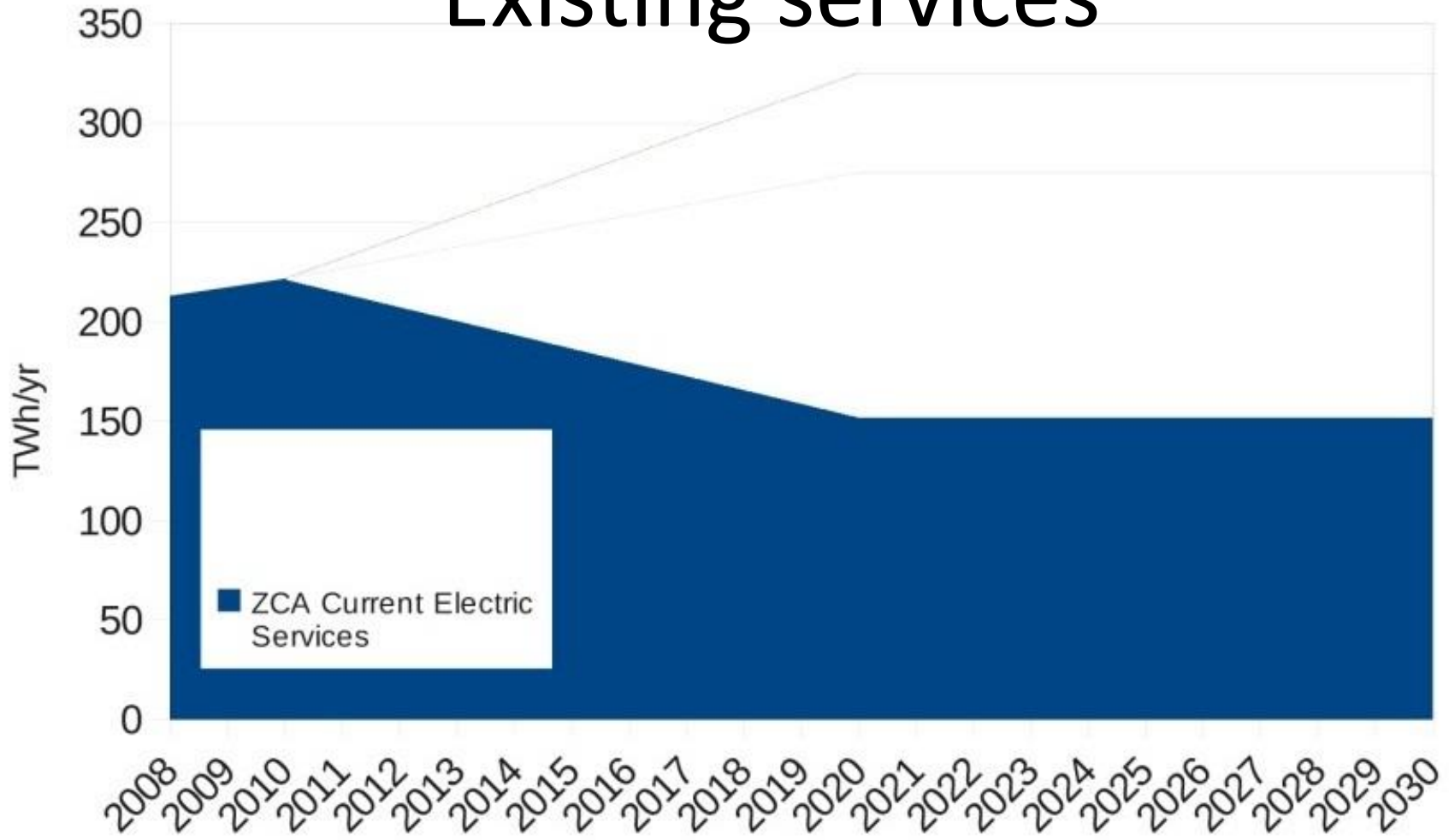
MW hours per person per year (2010 – 2030)





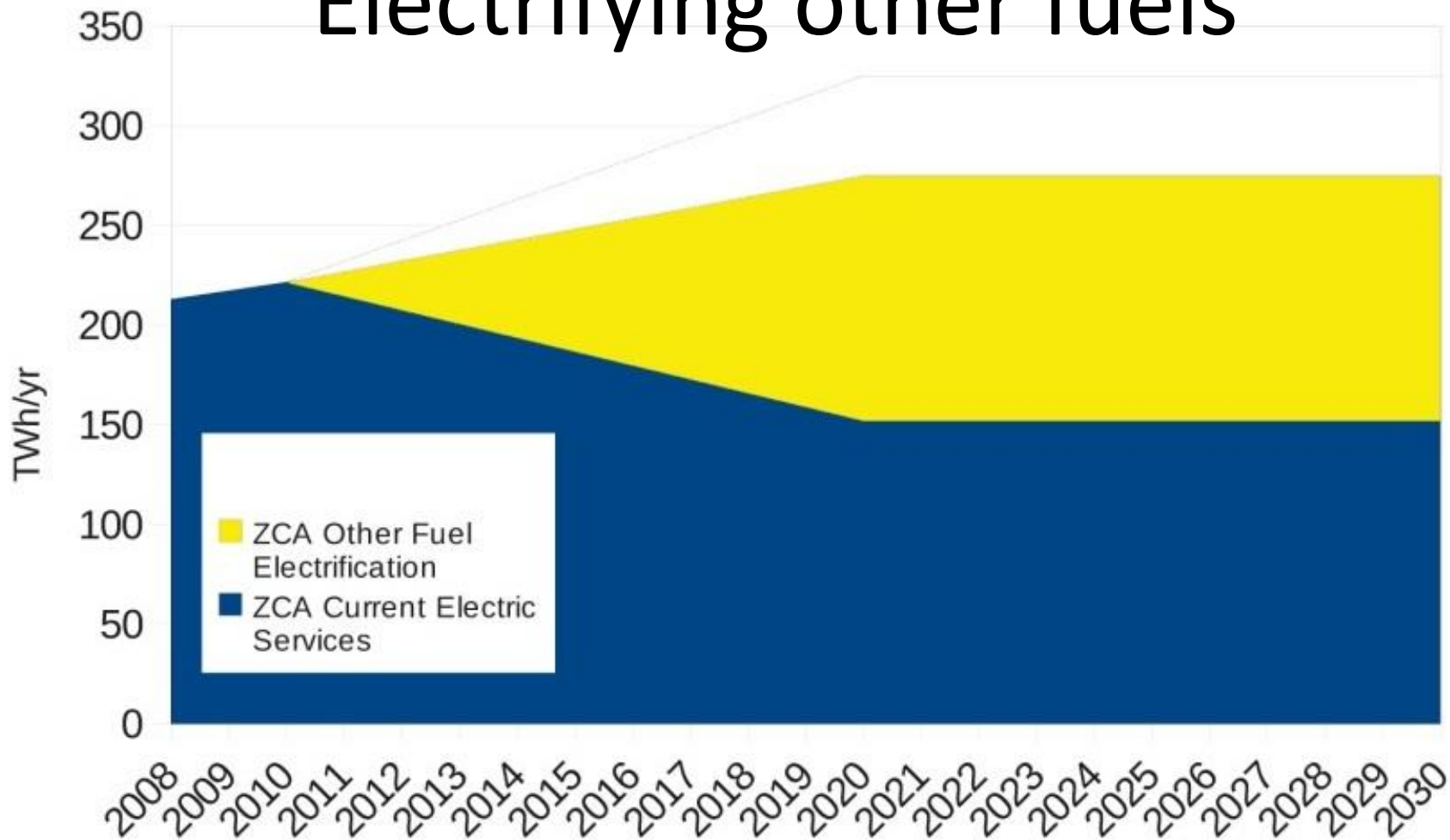
# ZCA Total Energy Demand

## Existing services



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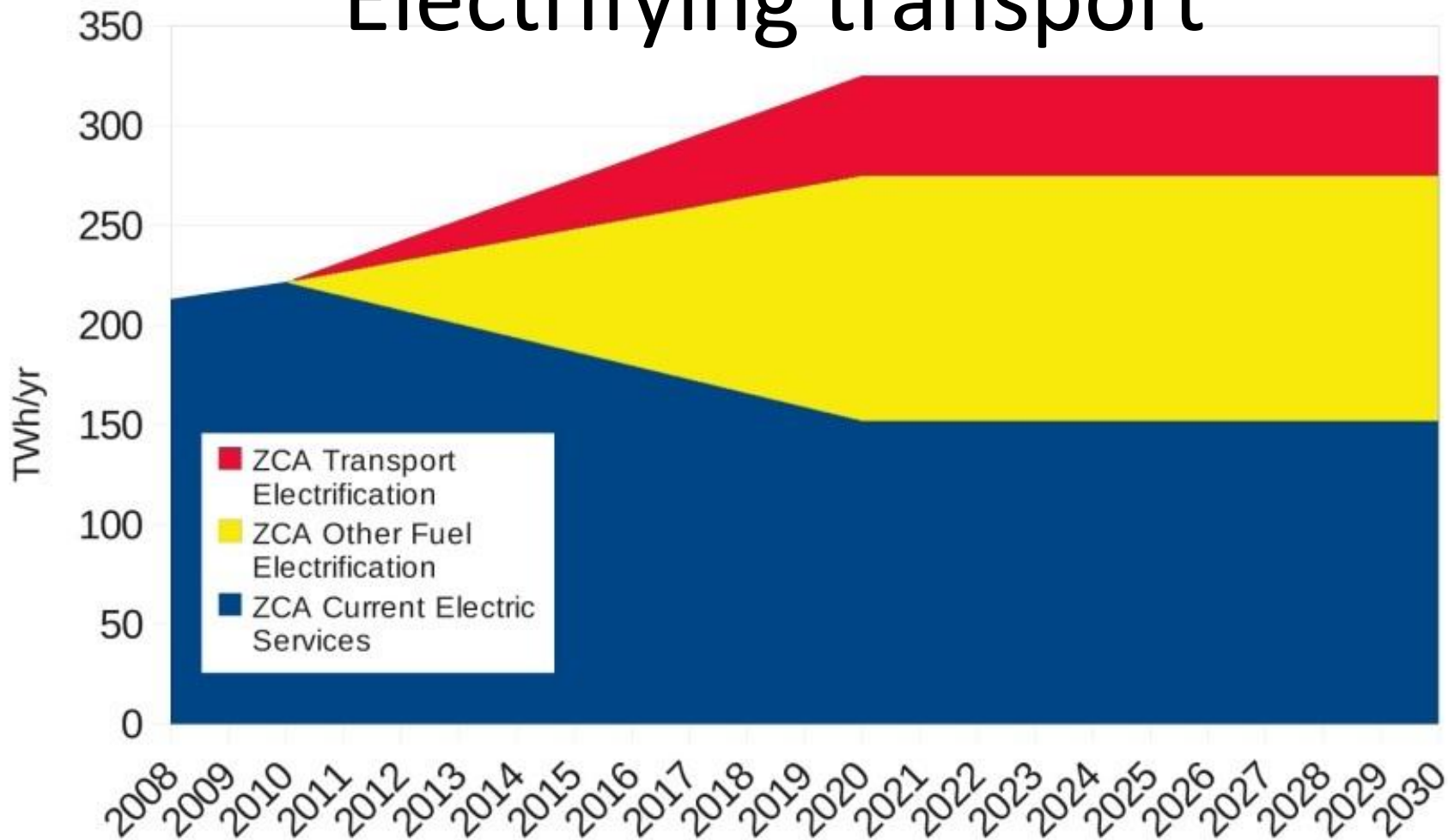
## Electrifying other fuels



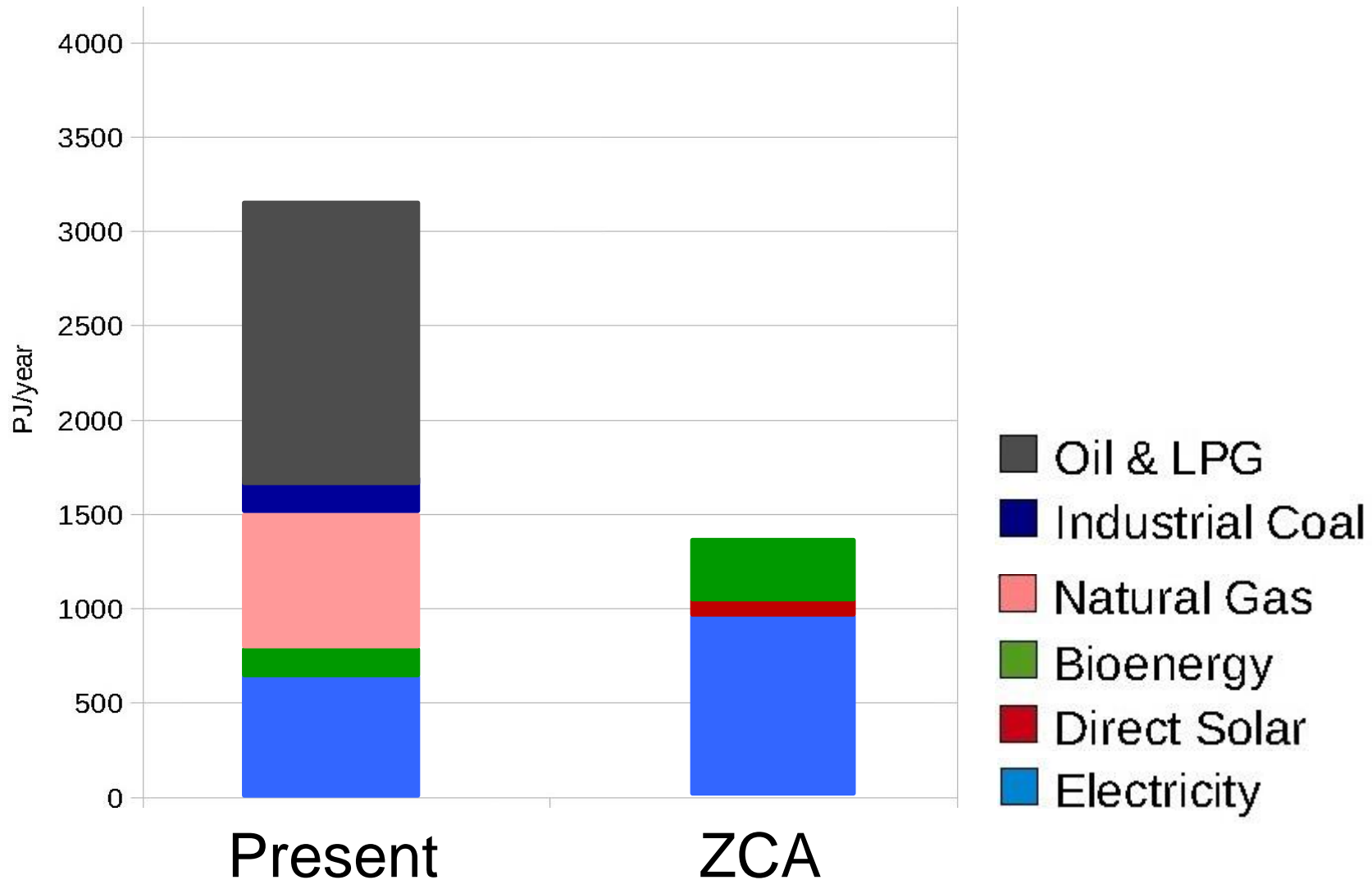


# ZCA Total Energy Demand

## Electrifying transport



# Australian End-Use Energy





# 100% Renewable Energy for Australia - three main components



**Concentrated solar  
thermal power**



**Wind power**



**Upgraded  
electricity grid**



# Concentrated solar thermal power

220MW

× 17 = 3700MW solar region



Western Australia



Australia

Carnarvon

Kalgoorlie

South Australia

Port Augusta

Broken Hill

Mildura

Victoria

Charleville

Bourke

Dubbo

Prairie

Longreach

Roma

Moree

New South Wales

Canberra

Queensland

Coral Sea Islands

12 regions = 60% of Australia's  
Stationary Energy delivered by  
Solar Thermal with storage



# Port Augusta SA

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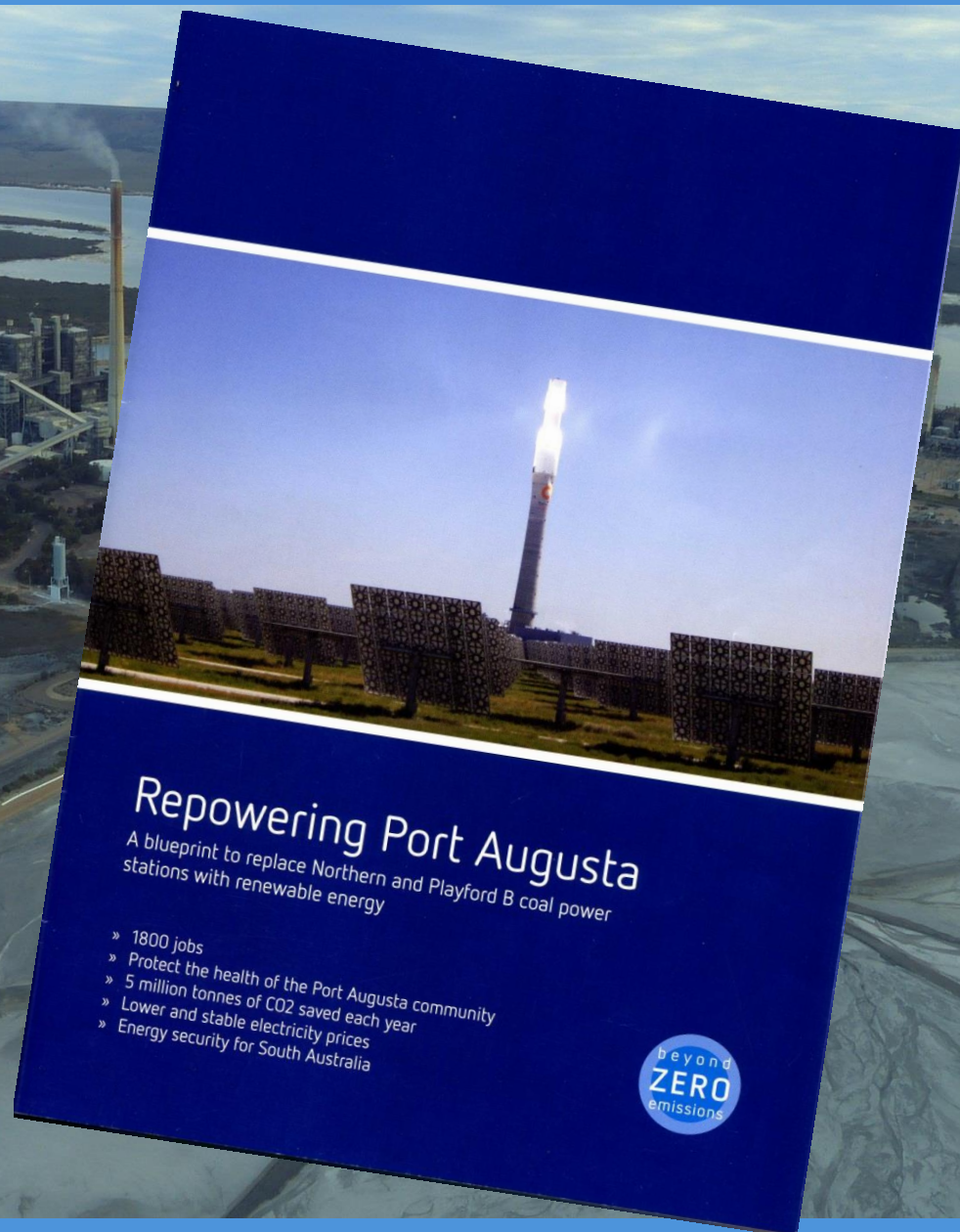
## Port Augusta looks to new power source

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# Repowering Port Augusta Proposal





# Community Vote Result

## Making Solar Thermal Happen

Wednesday 5th August, 6pm

Allan Scott Auditorium (H2-16), Hawke Building, City West Campus,  
University of South Australia (55 North Tce Adelaide)

**Join the Repower Port Augusta Alliance for an evening discussing why and how we can make solar thermal happen in South Australia.**

With **Dr Keith Lovegrove** a solar thermal expert with the Climate Change Institute at ANU (Canberra); **Dr. Peter Burdon** a Senior Lecturer at the Adelaide Law School; **Gary Rowbottom** the Chairperson of Repower Port Augusta, and technical officer at Alinta Energy's Pt Augusta Power Stations. Plus **Darrin Spinks** the Executive Director of Heliostat SA.

Entry by donation to support the campaign

Contact CLEAN Email: [info@cleansa.org](mailto:info@cleansa.org)

[www.repowerportaugusta.org](http://www.repowerportaugusta.org)

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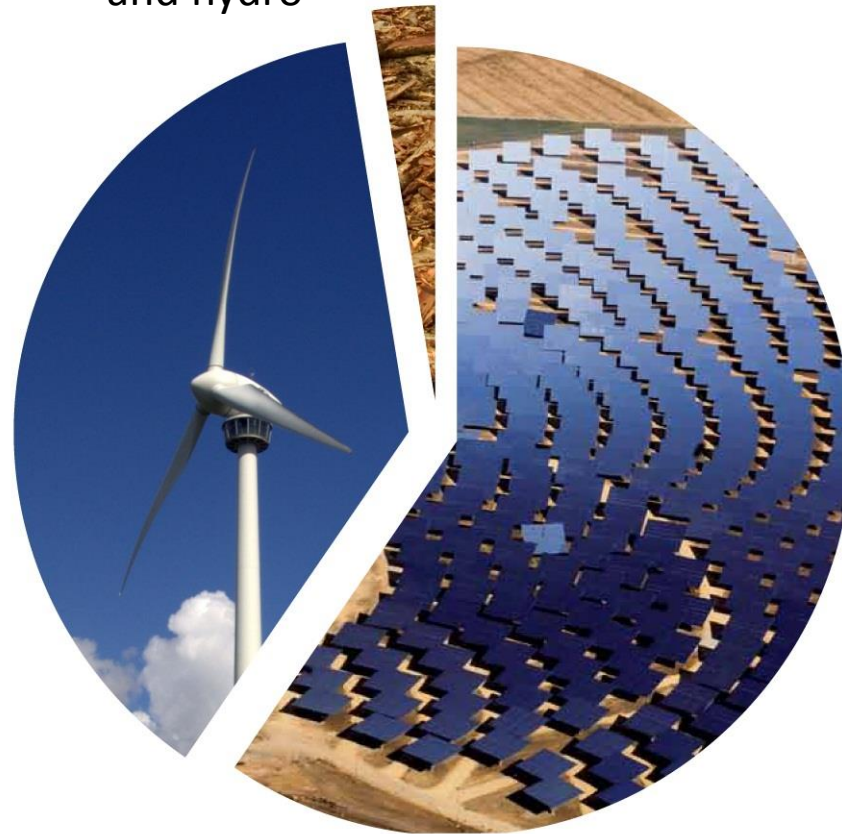
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# 100% Renewable Stationary Energy

Backup with bio-mass  
and hydro

Concentrated Solar  
Thermal with storage



Large scale wind  
farms



Ashmore and Cartier Islands

Gulf of Carpentaria

# Wind power

Artherton  
Georgetown

Coral Sea Islands

Colinsville



7.5MW

× 330 = 2500MW wind region

West

Geraldton

Stanthorpe

Walcha

Ceduna South Australia

Silverton

Streaky Bay

Port Augusta

Orange New South Wales

Yongala

Crookwell

Bunbury

Esperance

Port Lincoln

Cape Jaffa

Canberra

Cooma

Albany

Port Fairy

Ballarat

23 wind regions = 40% of Australia's Stationary Energy delivered by Wind

Western Victoria

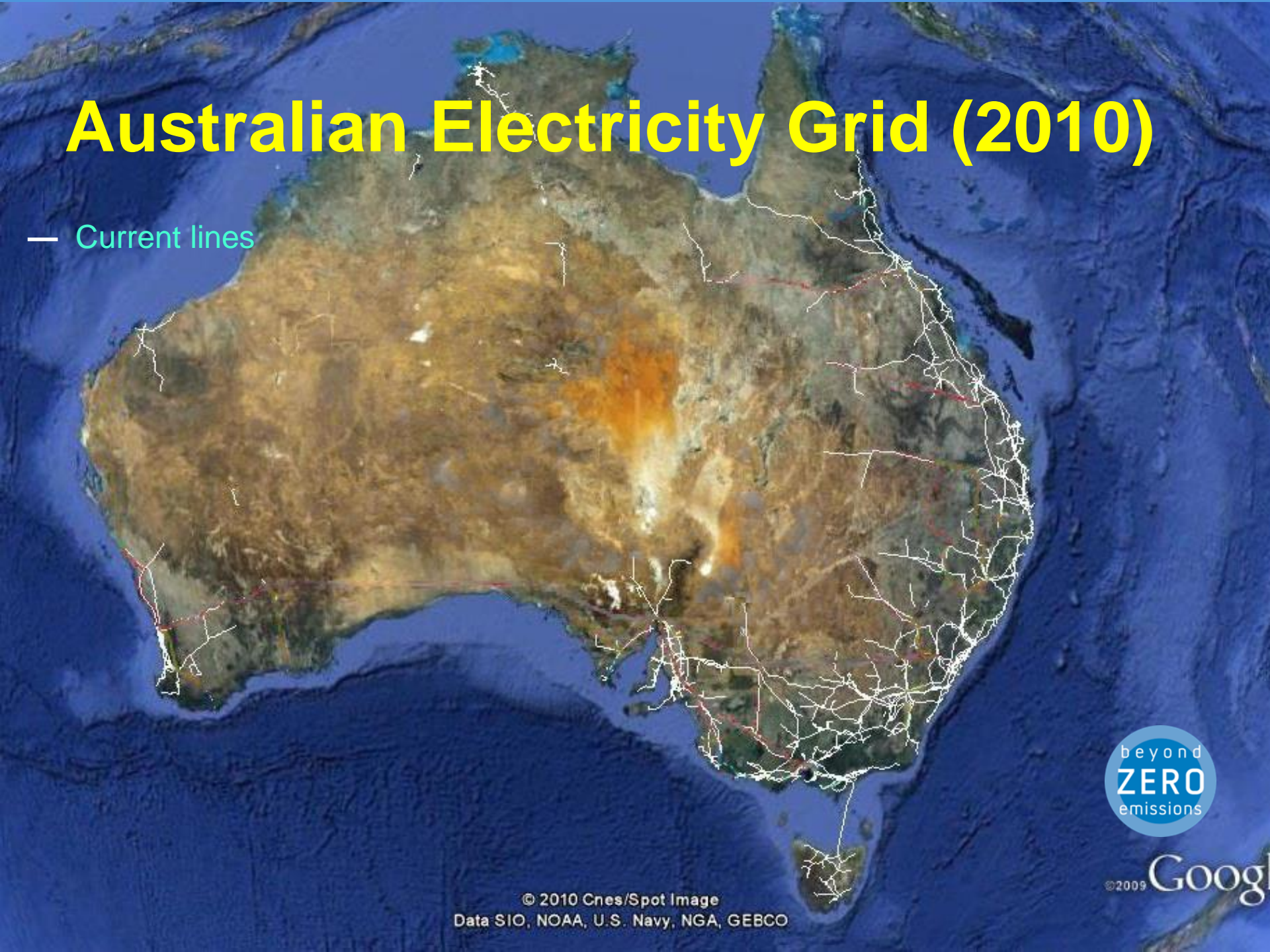
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Great Australian Bight



# Australian Electricity Grid (2010)

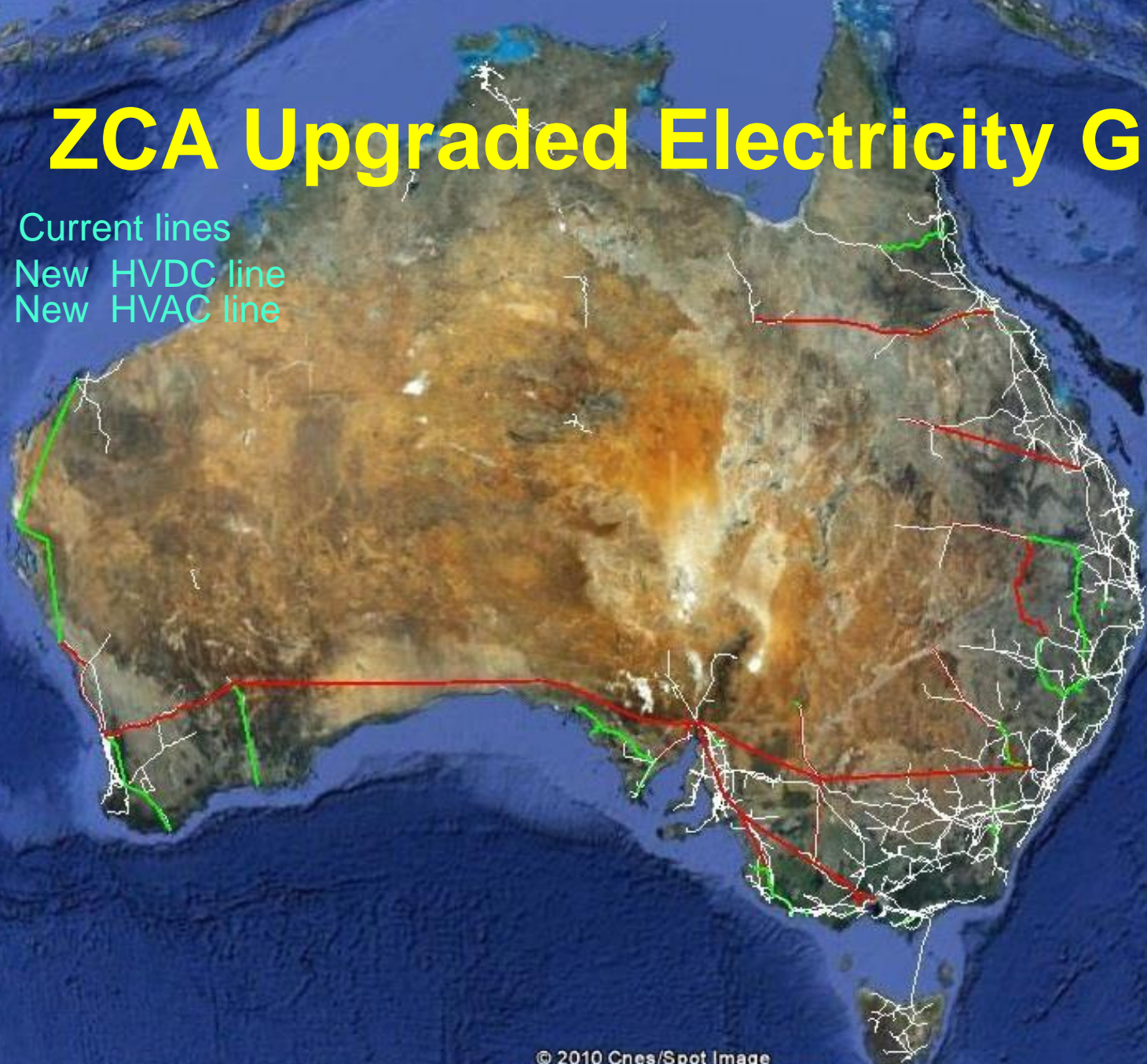
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# ZCA Upgraded Electricity Grid

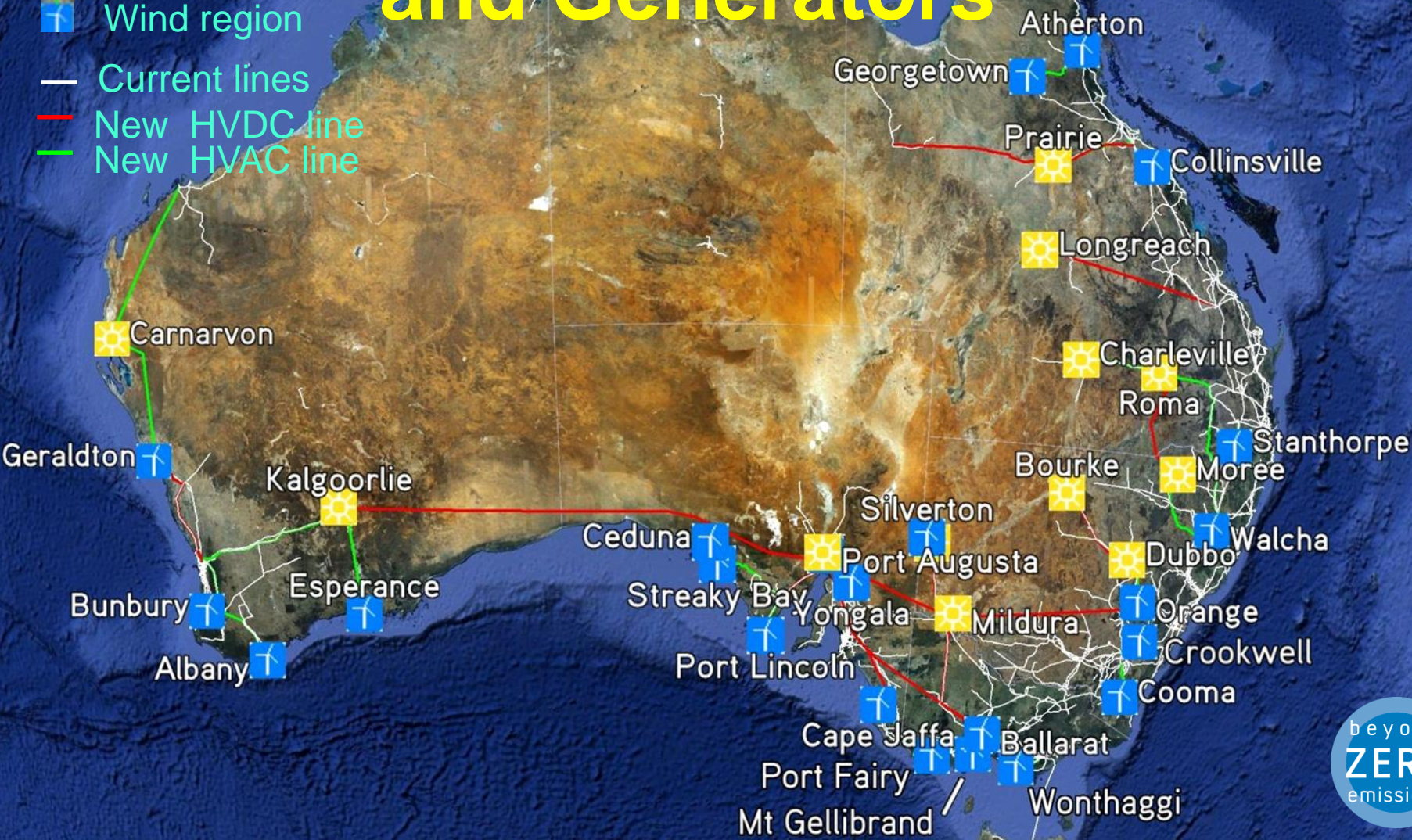
- Current lines
- New HVDC line
- New HVAC line





# ZCA Grid and Generators

-  Solar Region
-  Wind region
-  Current lines
-  New HVDC line
-  New HVAC line





# Leading engineering consultancy review of grid

*“The review finds that the transmission scenario proposed is technically feasible in terms of capacity and reliability. In addition, the proposed transmission uses mature technology with proven capability around the world.”*



# Major Questions

- Technology ✓
  - Reliability? - **Part Four**
  - Resources?
  - Jobs?
  - Economics?
  - Social and Political Will?
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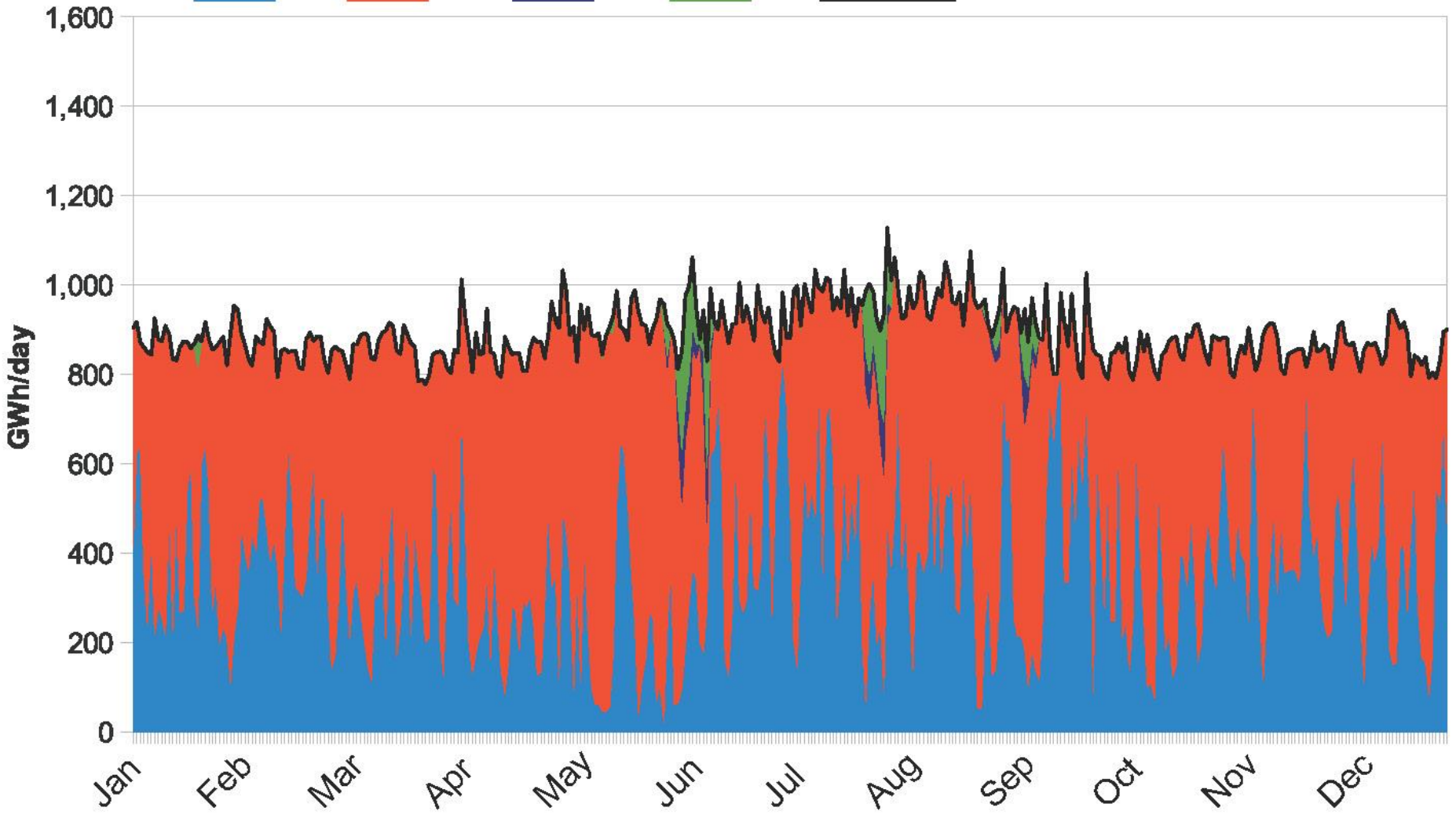
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Wind + CST + Hydro + Bio = Demand



2008 Grid Model results scaled up to 2020 demand projections

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# Getting the job done in 10 years



Manufacturing



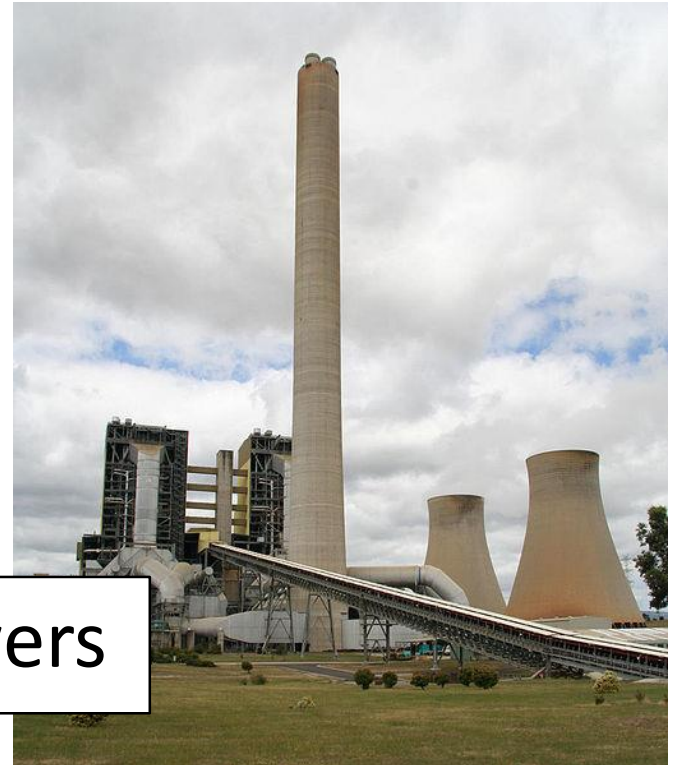
Construction



# Peak Concentrated Solar 'roll-out'



600,000 Heliostats



30 concrete towers

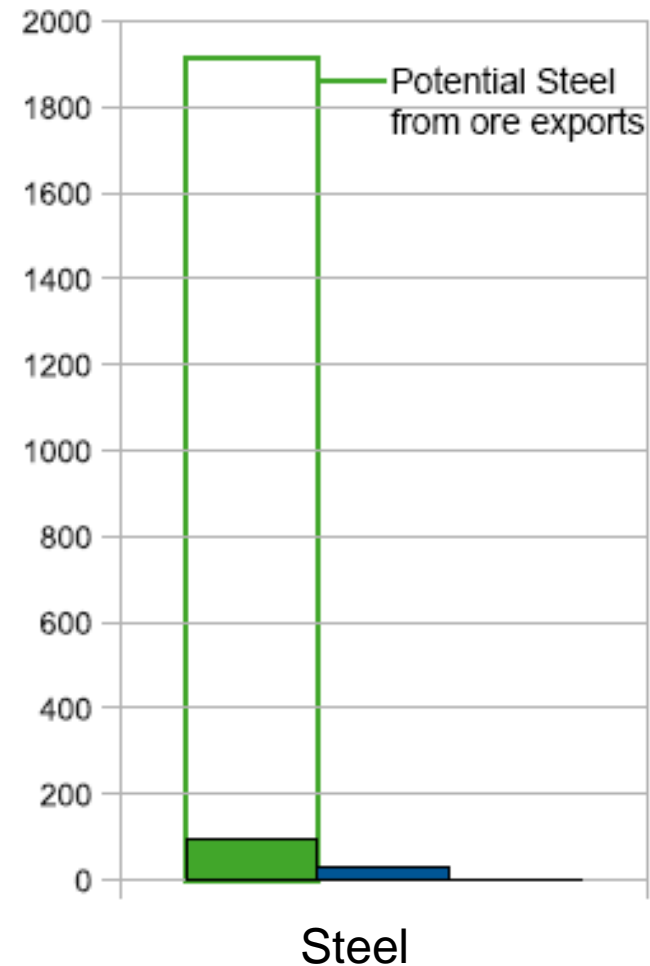
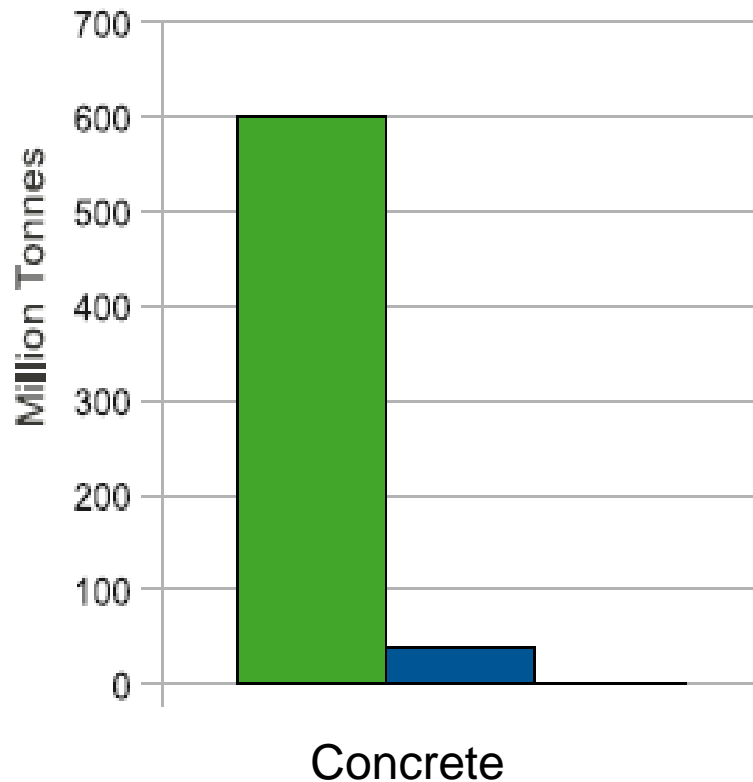
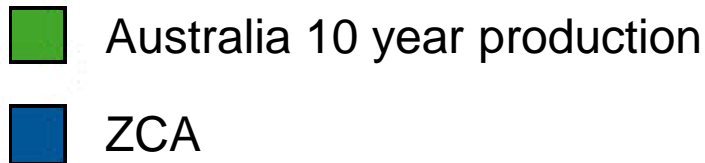


# Enercon Viana Do Costelo Wind Turbine blade and tower factories Portugal

250 towers per year 400 Jobs

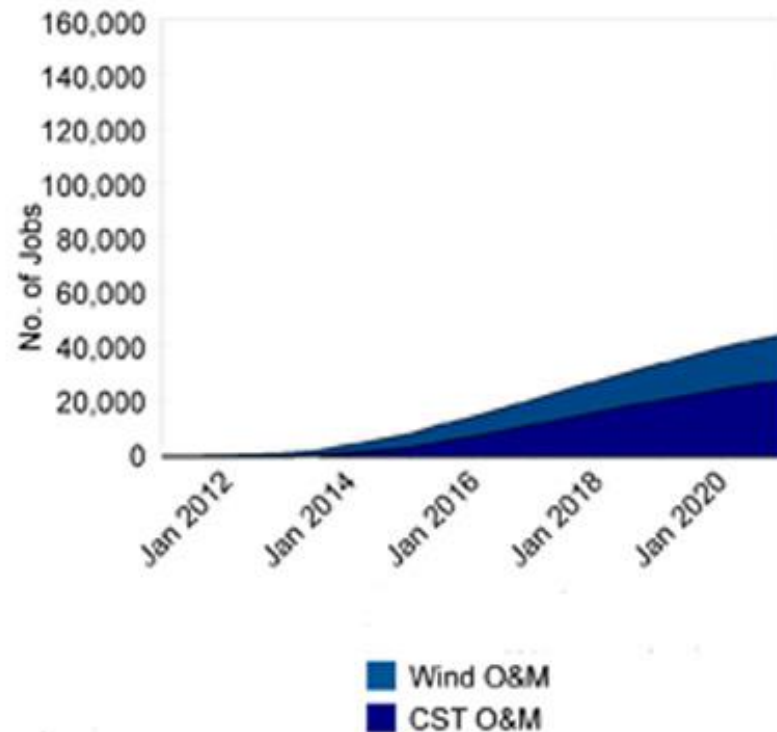


# ZCA 10 year Resource Requirements

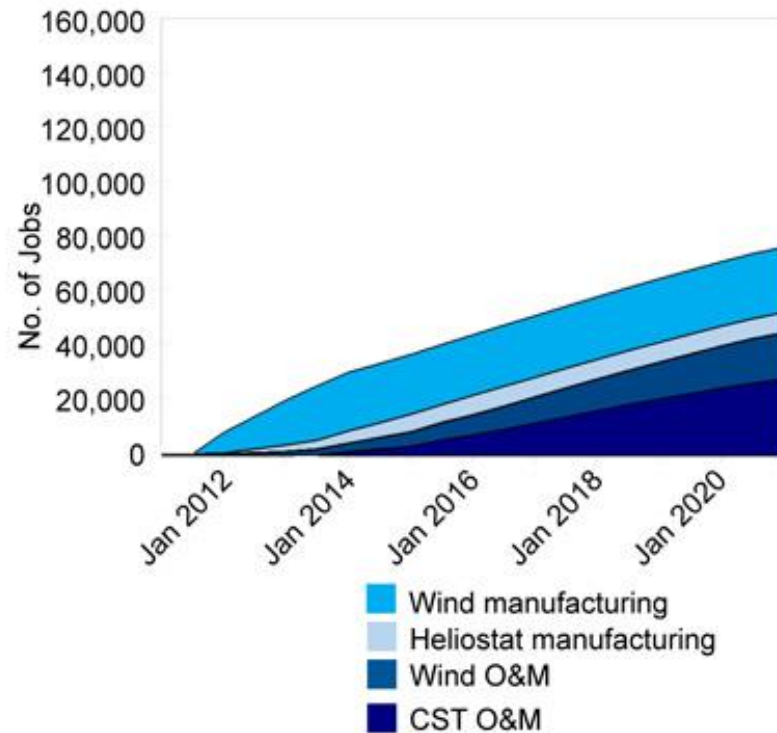




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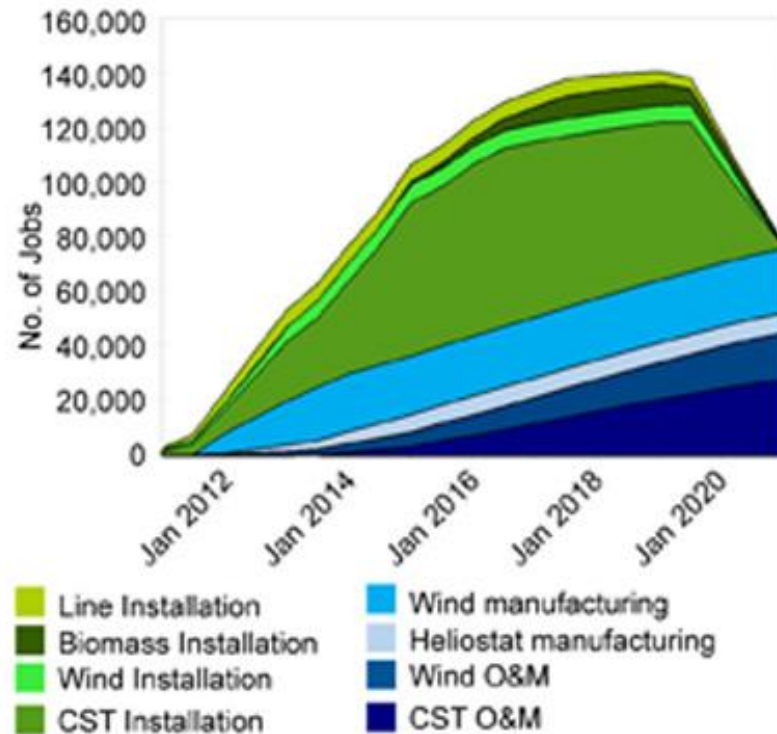


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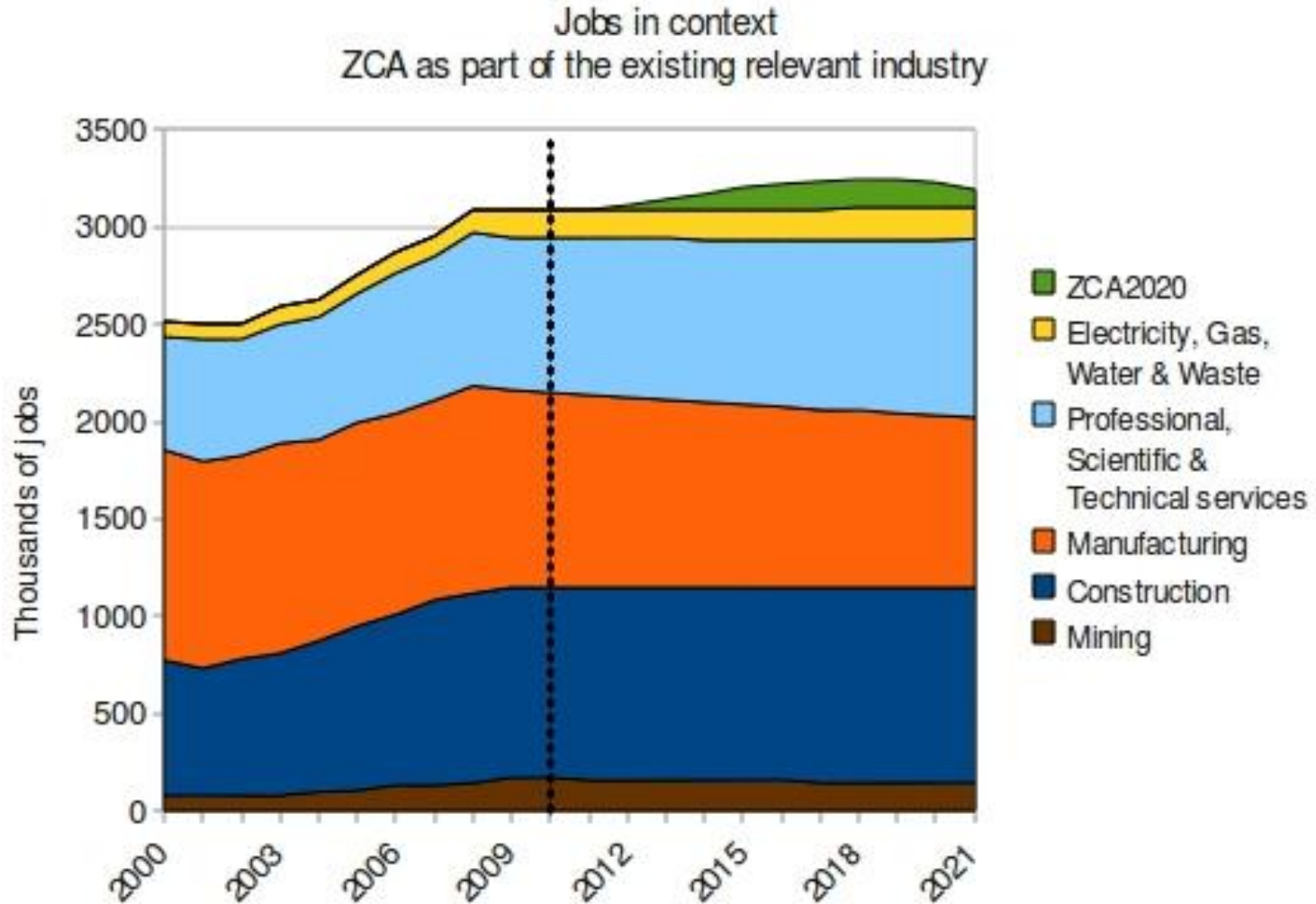




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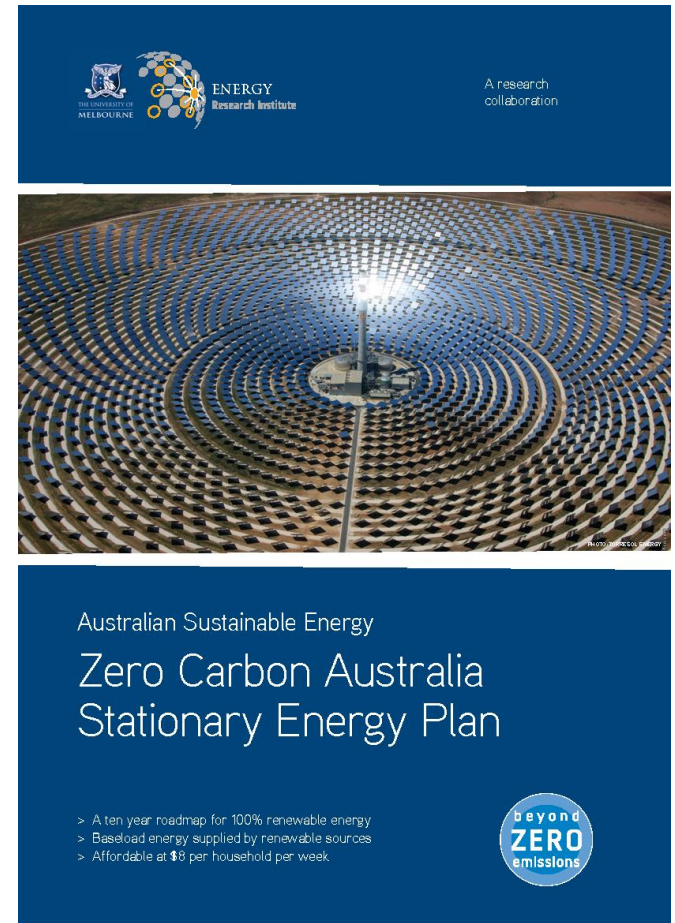
# Achievability: Jobs In Context





# Major Questions

- Technology ✓
  - Reliability ✓
  - Resources ✓
  - Jobs ✓
  - Economics? - **Part Seven**
  - Social and Political Will?
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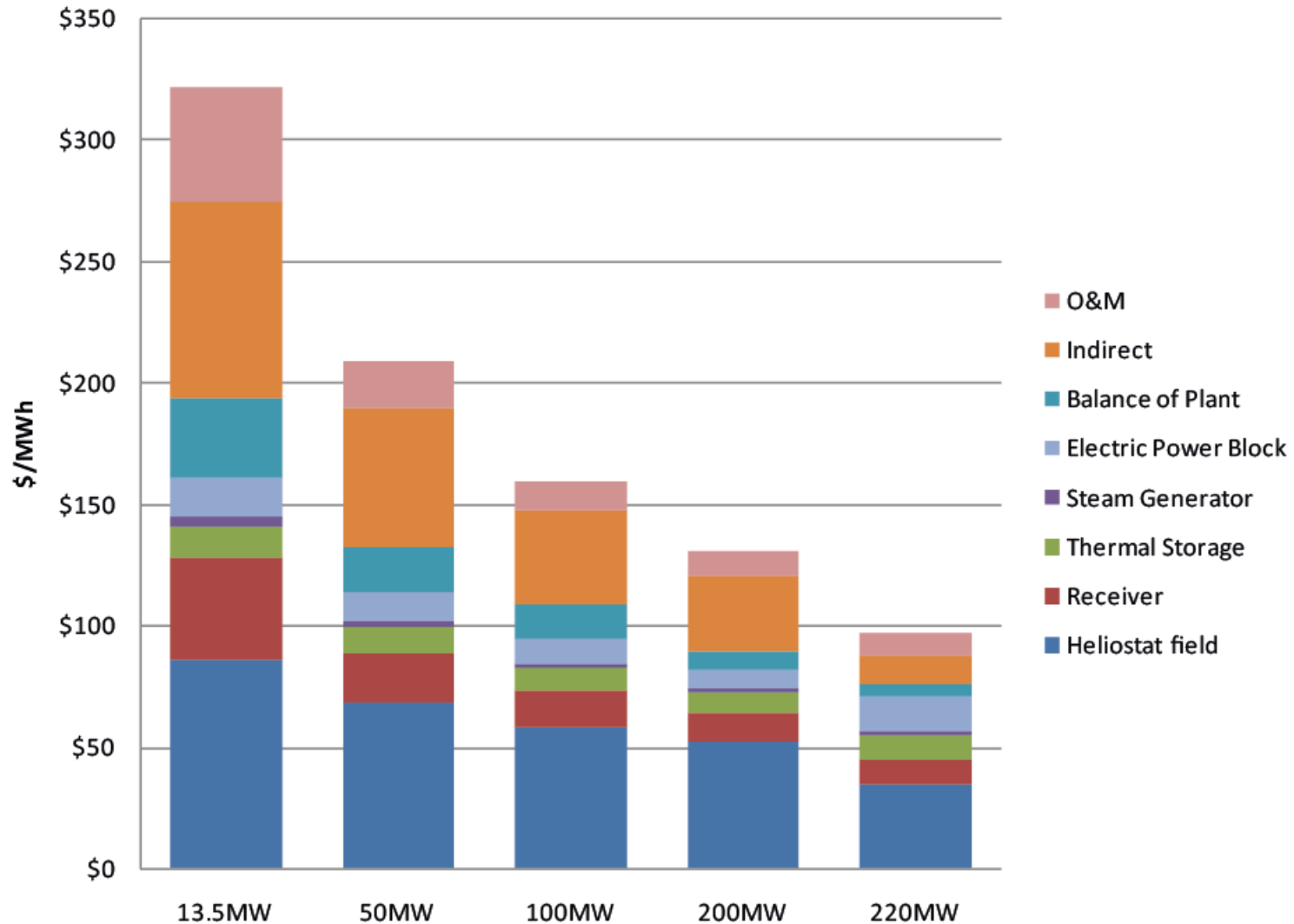


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# Solar Thermal Cost Reduction

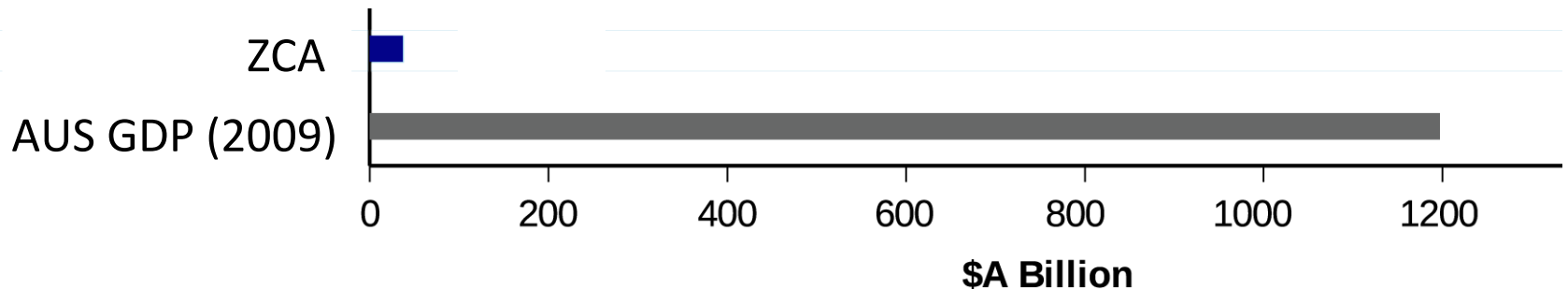




# ZCA investment - \$370 billion – 3% of AUS GDP for 10 years

Component	\$AU,Bn
Solar Thermal	\$175
Wind	\$72
Transmission	\$92
Other	\$31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$370</b>

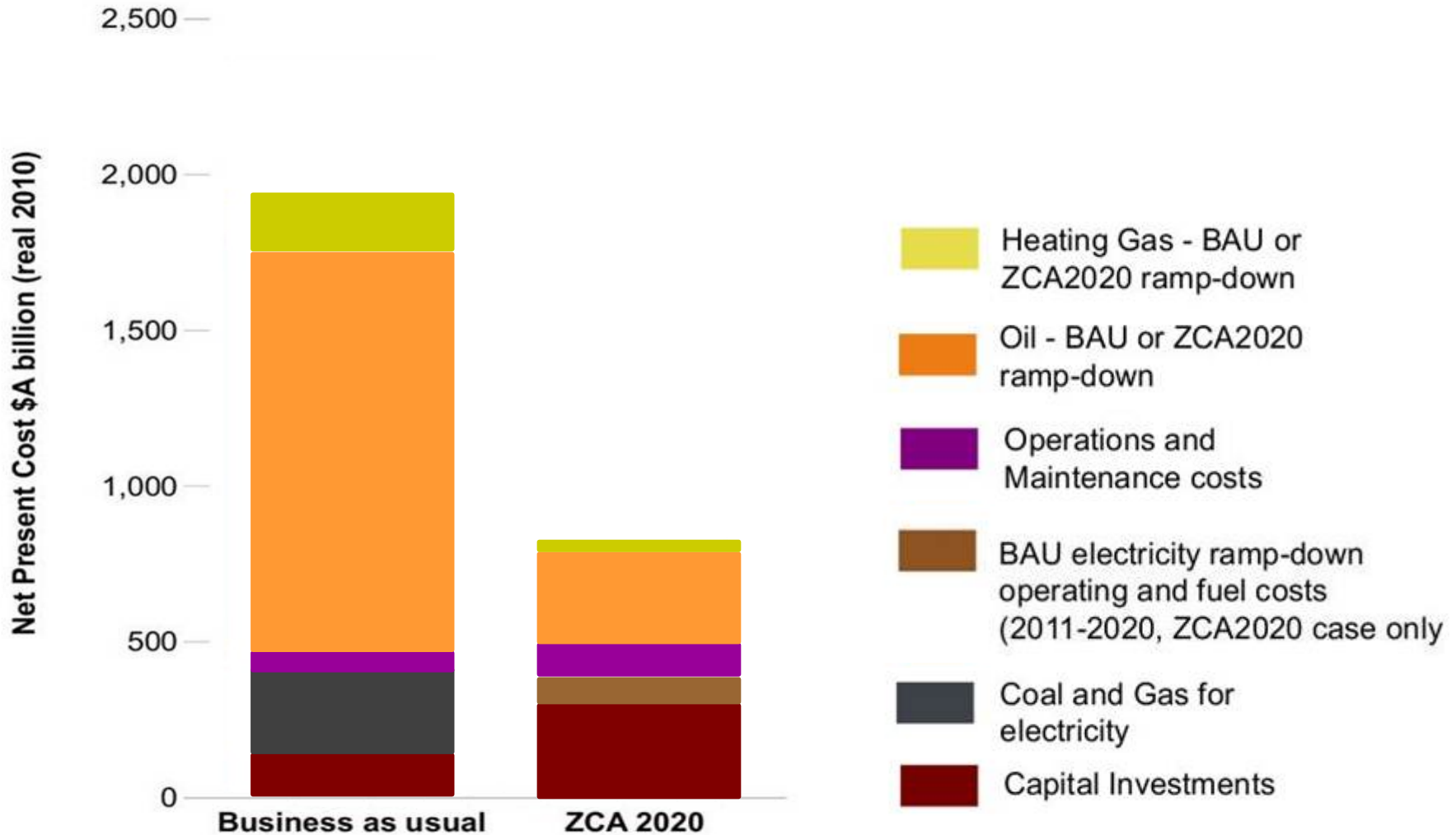
# ZCA per year and Australia's GDP



- ZCA – \$37Bn for 10 years
- Australian Gambling 2009 – \$20Bn
- Australian Insurance 2009 – \$38Bn

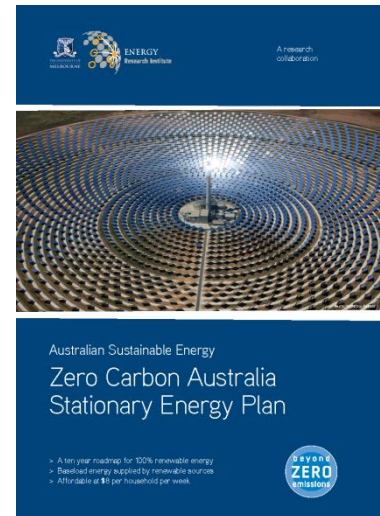


# 30 year Cost to Economy – all energy



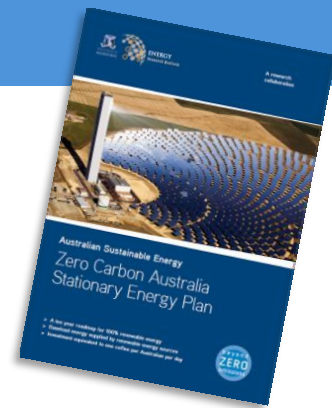
# Zero Carbon Australia - Conclusion

- Will secure our climate and future
- Technically doable
  - Uses commercially available technologies
- Fully Resourced
  - We have the materials
  - Jobs rich
- Fully Costed
  - 3% of GDP for 10 years





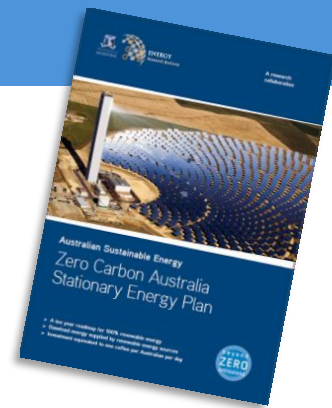
# Energy



## So What Happened?

- Five years since the creation of the SEP
- What has been the progress?
- What have been the stumbling blocks?

# Energy



Centralised architecture

Solar PV was very minor

**Things change very quickly!**

Distributed power is a growing force

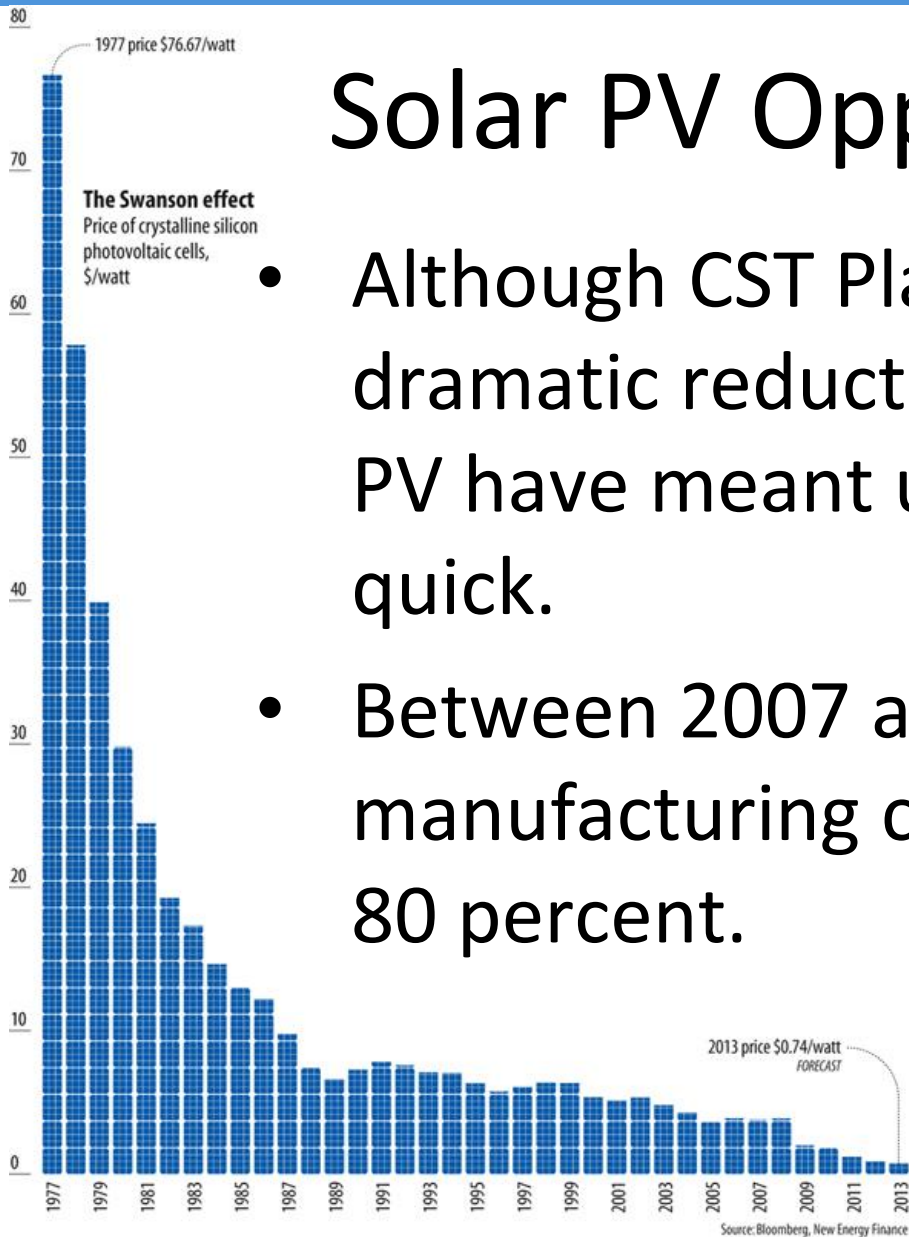
The new challenge will be integrating

**diverse energy solutions**





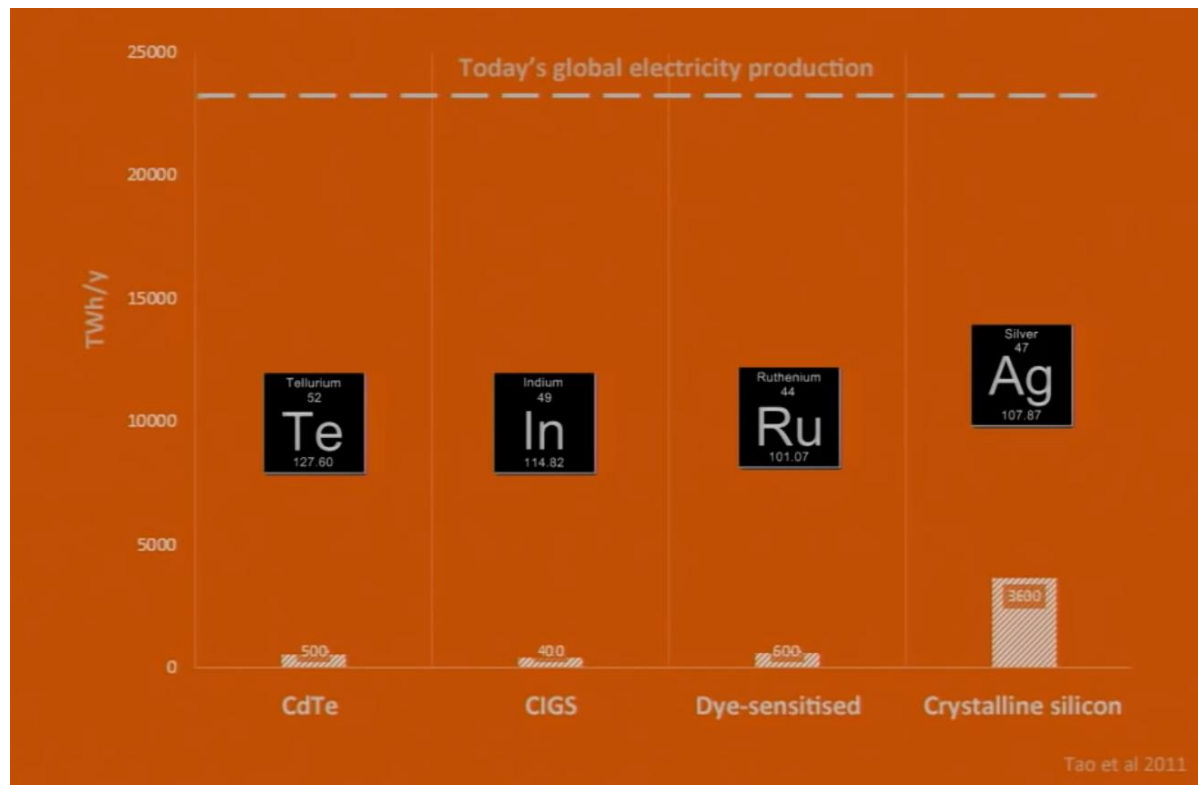
# Solar PV Opportunities



- Although CST Plants continue to be built, dramatic reductions in the cost of solar PV have meant uptake has not been as quick.
- Between 2007 and 2013, solar manufacturing costs fell between 70 and 80 percent.

# Resource Limits for PV

- Solar PV is up against resource limits





# Solar Thermal Progress

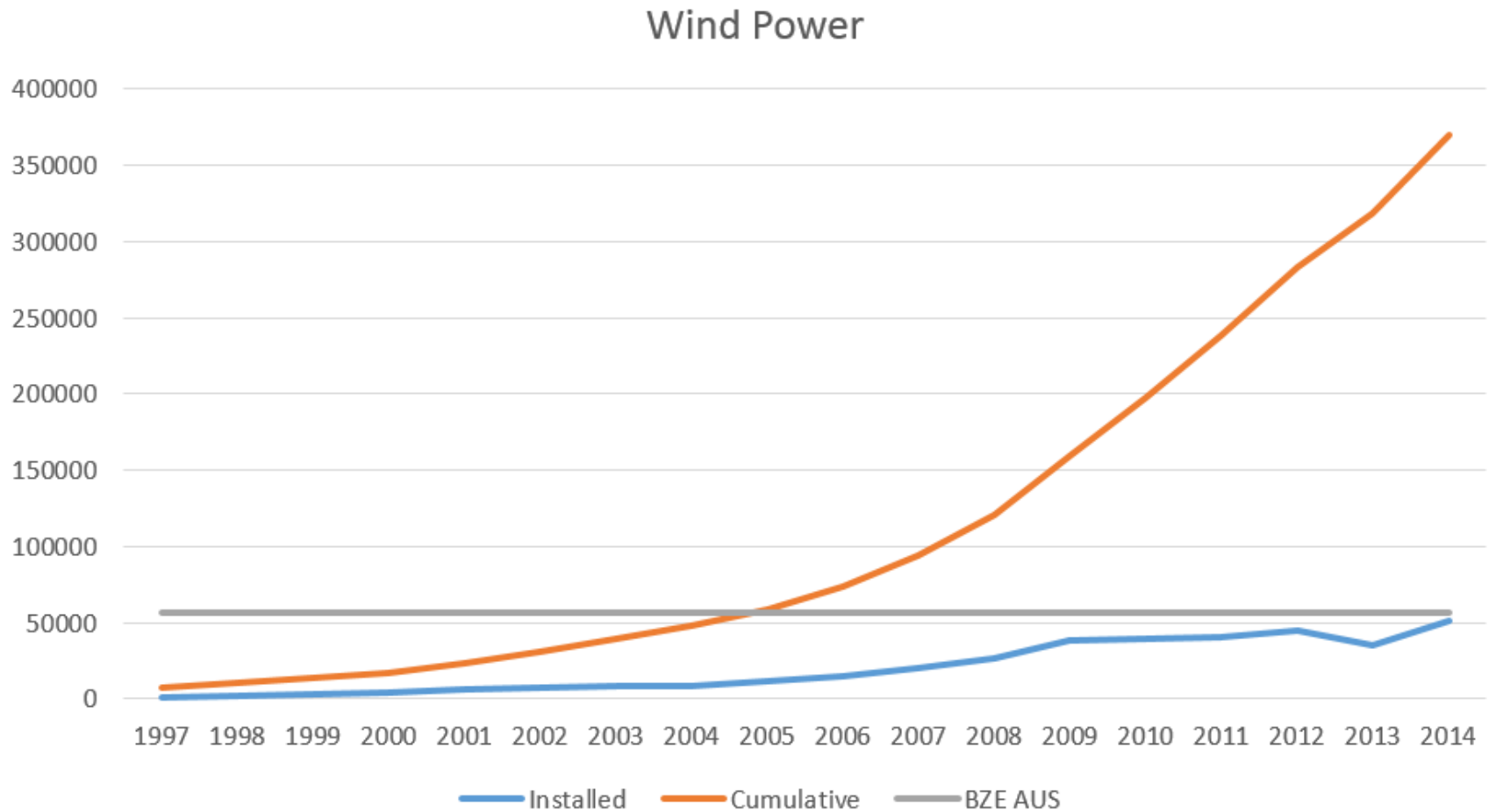
- Between 1984 and 2010, 555MW of Solar Thermal Generation had been constructed
- Now the cumulative total is 4605MW (roughly!)
- That's almost 9x in 5 years what was built in the previous 26 years.

# Wind Progress

- The march of solar thermal is nothing to the progress of wind power globally
- At the beginning of 2010, there was just under 160GW of global wind generation
- By the end of 2014, there was almost 370GW
- That's more than doubled in 4 years!
- But wind was already doing well...



# Wind Progress

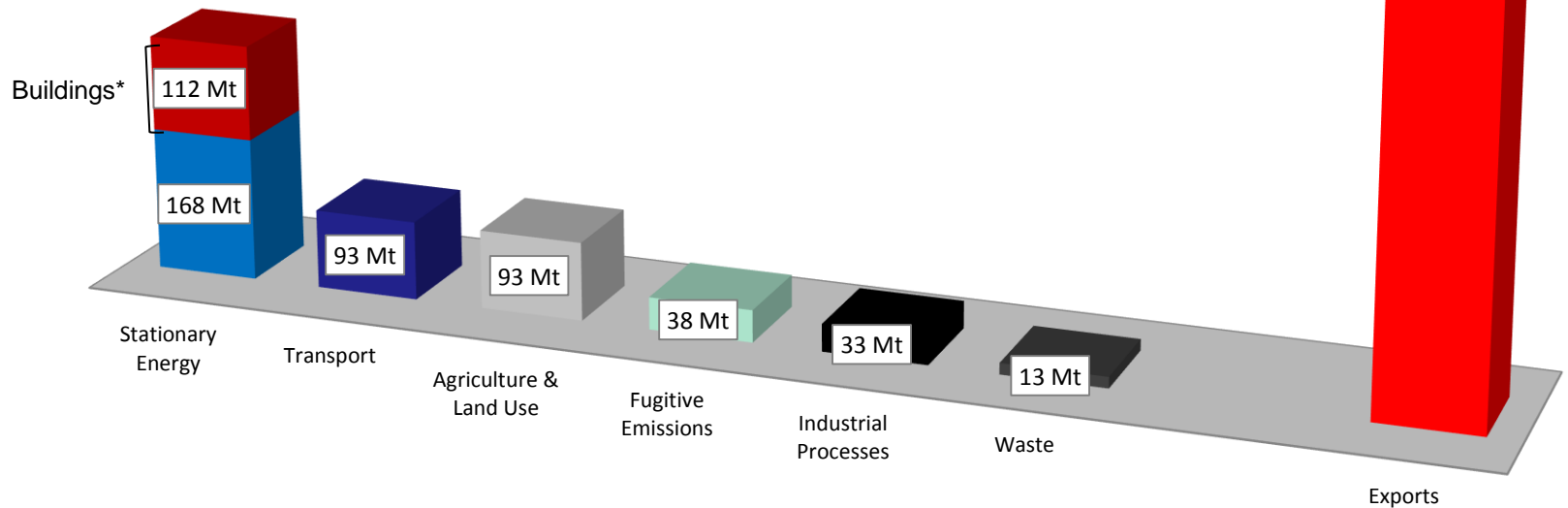


# A New Mix

- UNSW study from late 2013 also examined the optimum mix of renewables for the Australian environment.
- Wind 46%, CST 22%, PV 20%, Biofuel Gas 6%, Existing Hydro 6%. No batteries required.
- BZE predicted:
- Wind 39%, CST 59%, Existing Hydro + Biomass < 2%

# Australian GHG footprint

“  
*This important report underscores the reality that at some point in the second half of the century, we need to have achieved climate neutrality—or as some term it zero net or net zero—in terms of overall global emissions.*  
”





# Thank you

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