

CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2013

The Resources, Energy and Tourism sectors are key drivers of the Australian economy underpinning the competitiveness of regions, industries and businesses across the economy. These sectors are at the forefront of the economic and environmental challenges facing Australia accounting for over 15 per cent of Australia's GDP, over 60 per cent of Australia's export earnings and over 40 per cent of Australia's energy use.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We enhance Australia's economic prosperity by improving the productivity, competitiveness, security and sustainability of the Resources, Energy and Tourism sectors through the provision of high quality policy advice and program delivery services for the Australian Government.

OUR VALUED BEHAVIOURS

People: We encourage a positive workplace that displays high levels of professional leadership and integrity. We are outcome focussed and strive to learn, create and innovate

Policy: We provide high quality evidence-based advice, through informed judgement and prudent risk management

Minister: We are responsive to our Minister in delivering apolitical, honest and frank policy advice and in implementing the Government's policies and programs

Stakeholders: We focus on achieving constructive and collaborative relationships with our stakeholders, including portfolio agency partners and other government departments, underpinned by genuine consultation, feedback and service delivery

RESOURCES

ENERGY

TOURISM

Strategic Policy Development

- Develop and implement the Energy White Paper to provide a national, comprehensive, integrated policy framework for energy to 2030
- Implement the Clean Energy Initiative, including the Solar Flagships and Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships Programs and the Australian Centre for Renewable Energy, to support the research, development and demonstration of low emission technologies

- Develop and implement the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy to provide a comprehensive, integrated policy framework for tourism to 2030

Enhance Productivity and International Competitiveness

- Lead development and implementation of the Government's resources policy to drive investment and development of the sector through the promotion and administration of legislative and regulatory regimes consistent with the Government's social, economic and environmental objectives
- Develop and implement sound policy frameworks to facilitate a competitive downstream fuels market
- Work with stakeholders to encourage petroleum development in the Joint Petroleum Development Area, protecting Australian rights and meeting Australian obligations under the Timor Sea Treaty

- Contribute to the development and implementation of energy and environment policies to improve energy productivity
- Lead the implementation of the Government's contribution to the energy market reform agenda to deliver competitive and efficient energy markets
- Work with industry to improve industrial energy efficiency to reduce the cost of adjusting to a low carbon economy
- Promote international engagement to encourage the development of efficient, transparent and competitive global energy markets

- Lead the development and implementation of the Government's tourism policy to maintain and promote a competitive tourism sector
- Provide research and statistics to assist industry investment decisions and to guide tourism policy development
- Work with Government agencies and stakeholders to ensure that infrastructure development contributes to the competitiveness of the tourism sector
- Actively engage with Government agencies to ensure that the Government's employment and skills policies contribute to a sustainable and productive tourism industry

Enhance Environmental and Social Sustainability

- Develop and implement a long-term solution to the management of Australia's radioactive waste to maximise the safety and environmental security of the waste
- Promote and implement effective frameworks for mine and offshore petroleum safety
- Work with stakeholders and Government agencies to ensure resource sector development contributes to Government Indigenous objectives and reforms

- Foster the research, development, demonstration and deployment of low emissions energy technologies, to facilitate the cost-effective transition to a lower carbon economy
- Contribute to the development and implementation of energy and environment policies and frameworks which enable a cost-effective transition to a lower carbon economy
- Contribute to development and implementation of climate change and other environment policies, particularly in relation to technology and clean energy, to ensure policies and frameworks enhance environmental outcomes

- Promote the development of innovative and sustainable products, services or systems within the tourism industry to improve the quality of Australia's tourism products and services
- Work collaboratively with stakeholders to support social and economic outcomes in tourism including indigenous economic development
- Work strategically with stakeholders to facilitate the development of an environmentally sustainable tourism industry

Enhance National Security

- Promote the development and implementation of upstream oil, gas, coal, minerals and alternative fuels to enhance Australia's energy security
- Pursue active international engagement to advance Australia's resources interests including promoting investment in the resources sector
- Build resilience through appropriate regulatory, fiscal and industry policy frameworks to facilitate investment in [resource, energy and fuel] infrastructure and supply chains

- Build resilience in the energy sector through critical infrastructure protection and effective emergency response arrangements that minimise the impact of liquid fuel, gas and electricity disruptions
- Develop, implement and assess policies to improve domestic energy market reliability, adequacy and resilience
- Engage with international fora to advance the development of global and regional energy markets and deliver investment in the energy sector

- Actively engage internationally and provide strategic policy advice to advance Australia's tourism interests
- Work with Government agencies to support adequate planning and management of border security, transport linkages and safety to enhance tourism security
- Work with stakeholders to support the resilience of the tourism industry

Build Organisational Capacity

- Increase business productivity across the department through the efficient and effective delivery of corporate support services.
- Implement our Human Resource Strategy particularly in staff planning, recruitment and L&D.
- Effectively manage compliance with regulatory frameworks including the efficient and effective use of the department's resources.

- Promote effective internal and external communication with all stakeholders.
- Build our processes and culture to support robust delivery and risk management outcomes.
- Develop our research and analysis capabilities in support of strategic policy development, including via independent and externally-focused economics and research units.