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**SUPPORTING MANUFACTURERS' TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE**

The Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Greg Combet today announced a range of measures to support jobs in manufacturing industries as they make the transition to a clean energy future.

The Government has carefully designed measures to support jobs and assist businesses within its Jobs and Competitiveness Program to help ensure a smooth and manageable shift to a clean energy future for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed businesses such as steel, aluminium, cement and zinc.

This program is targeted at business activities which are emissions-intensive and trade-exposed – meaning they produce a lot of carbon pollution but are constrained in their ability to pass on costs because their prices are set in global markets.

Manufacturing activities which do not meet 'emissions-intensity trade-exposed' thresholds under the Jobs and Competitiveness Program will be provided with other support during the move to a carbon price.

Our \$1.2 billion Clean Technology Program will help improve energy efficiency in manufacturing and support research and development in low-pollution technologies.

The Clean Technology Program will provide support for manufacturers through the following three streams:

- \$800 million Clean Technology Investment Program will provide grants to manufacturers to support investments in energy-efficient capital equipment and low-pollution technologies, processes and products.
- \$200 million Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program will provide businesses in the food processing, metal forging and foundry industries with grants for similar energy efficiency improvements (\$150 million for food processors, \$50 million for metal forging and foundries).

- \$200 million Clean Technology Innovation Program to support business investment in research and development in the areas of renewable energy, low pollution technology and energy efficiency.

As the Clean Technology Program requires co-contributions from industry, this program will lead to \$4 billion of investment to help Australian manufacturers transition to a clean energy economy and \$400 million in research and development into low emissions technologies.

Further information in relation to the Government's clean energy future and carbon price announcement is available at [www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au](http://www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au)

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