

The Future Energy Market

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Australia's power market issues -

- Technology is moving the dial and empowering the end user
 - User control (the internet)
 - Smart Grid
 - Solar (distributed energy), puts the power under the user's control
 - Solar storage at the household level is increasingly possible
- Environment
 - Electricity production is the single biggest contributor to global warming
 - Global warming is a big problem
 - Technology has answers
- Market structure doesn't stand still
 - Vertical integration, likely to increase but may not matter
 - Network competition?
- The problem for policy makers- how to get out of the way.
 - Network Pricing regulation at the expense of policy and planning development?
 - Network Pricing regulation hasn't worked anyway
 - Retail pricing regulation hasn't done much good. Prices in NSW higher than Victoria, used to be lower



Source: Frontier Economics

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Europe hints at the future

- Renewables to wipe out 50% of profits
 - Half to 2/3rds central European generation EBITDA may be wiped out
- German renewables have crashed spot price and spreads in just two years
 - Solar is eliminating mid-day peaks
 - Wind is crashing night time spot prices.
- Source: UBS research, 19 July 2012



Europe: Renewables new capacity

Chart 10: Load factors for thermal generation should fall despite capacity retirements



Source: UBS estimates

It works: Europe's Carbon output expected to fall

• Despite low carbon price. Carbon emissions forecast to fall faster than 1.74% target reduction rate





Source: UBS estimates

Global warming

- Coal is the main problem
- Renewables looking more like an answer



Global thermal coal consumption

Source: BP





Weather catastrophes in Asia 1980-2011



Source: Munich Re



Source: BP

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China – What are the limits?

- Coal remains dominant 56% by 2020.
- Nuclear, gas, wind, solar slowly gain share



China's power capacity (GW), 2007-2020E







An inventory of where we are -

- Adversarial network regulation that has lead to strong investment even in the face of flat volumes. Enquiries and reviews at every level of Government.
- Real electricity tariffs that in the past few years have reversed 50 years of real price declines
- A generation market with sub standard returns.
- A growing renewables market which struggles to keep a constant policy and incentive system for two years in a row
- A well designed Carbon "Tax" that should benefit Australians, since we learned from Europe's mistakes, but which is used as a political weapon and likely to be scrapped at large cost to taxpayers
- An increasing vertically integrated electricity market which may see a decline in utility of the pool.





Solar seems like a good challenge for policy and technology

- 66% fall in installed cost in A\$ in two years.
- 30% of daytime electricity in Germany
- European thermal generation ebitda forecast to halve by 2020!
- Grid parity encourages solar

Chart 13: Generation profile, 2020E

Global annual solar installation to go to 40 GW



Source: UBSe



Chart 9: Solar has flattened mid-day peak - average German generation March-June 2012



Source: TenneT, 50Hertz, Amprion, Transnet BW

Solar – Empowers the consumer



Grid parity estimates - no subsidy, system cost \$4K/Kw

Source: UBSe, based APVA

Grid Parity Gap grows

\$MWh	2012	2020	Compound
NSW	300	380	3%
Solar (5KW)	270	195	-4%
Solar % of grid	90%	51%	

PV solar system costs 2013 \$KW



Size KW

- Has reached grid parity in NSW
 - Assumes all electricity can be consumed behind meter
 - Ignores STC benefit (2012 \$4K)
 - Discount rate 7.8%
- Greatly empowers the consumer
- A typical "disruptive" technology like Itunes, Personal Computers, digital media
- Paybacks of around 6 years with solar credits and 10 years without
- Gap likely to increase over time
- User control of their system
 - Monitor use
 - Pay bills.
 - Control devices

Solar penetration top postcodes



Source: Sunwiz

Table 18: Payback time of rooftop solar if used to cut energy bills (no feed in profits)

Country	Investment (€/kWh/year)	Residential tariff (€cent/kWh)	Payback period (yr)	Commercial tariff (€cent/kWh)	Payback period (yr)
Spain	1.30	0.20	6.4	0.14	7.7
Italy	1.47	0.20	7.2	0.25	4.8
France	1.68	0.14	11.9	0.11	13.1
Germany	2.24	0.25	8.8	0.20	9.5
UK	2.29	0.15	15.2	0.12	16.2
Denmark	2.41	0.29	8.2	0.21	9.8

Source: Eurostat, BSW-Solar, UBS estimates

Commercial incentive also exists



What about Government buildings?

- Schools

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- Only require daytime electricity.
- Lots of roof space
- Armed forces? _
- Hospitals? _



Commercial electricity – grid parity



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Battery storage – economics are improving

- Peak demand typically around 7-8:00 PM
- Storage cost payback under 10 years already, assuming fast rate solar chargers exist and using Lithium based batteries

24 V 2.6KWh 100 Amp/Hour Lithium Battery



Source: Elite Power System

NSW demand



Source: NEM-Review

NSW - median household

	Unit		Comment
Annual consumption	MWh	7	IPART
Daily average	KWh	19	
Share of 4 pm - 9 PM		33%	UBSe
Storage required	KWh	6.3	
24 V 2.6KWh pack cost	US\$	1,725	Elite Power
Packs required		3	
Cost of storing 200 Amphours	\$	5,175	
Capacity per pack	Amp Hours	100	
Peak cost	C KWh	52.5	Origin Energy
Daily saving	\$	3.3	
Annual saving	\$	1213	
Payback	Years	4.3	
Source: UBSe			

- Wind reduces carbon
- Modularity encourages
 investment flexibility
- Impacts thermal generation quite negatively
- Not a game changer from the consumer's point of view.



Recent wind farms: Capital cost \$M/MW





Wind farms by State

Source: Based on CEC data

Networks

- Peak demand is a network issue, not a generation issue mostly
- Solar Network augmentation, reduces peak demand, but needs storage.
- Time of use pricing
- Load shedding do we need a formal market?





Source: Integral presentation to IPART 2003

The grid in the hopefully near future

- Smart grid concept exists but progress is slow. No regulatory allowance
- Must start with time of use meters, roll out in NSW and QLD slow
 - Victoria mandated meters, NZ over 50% penetration
 - Can be achieved with modest incentive but still consumer choice
- Network efficiency and benchmarking lacking
- Network competition lacking
 - Last mile competition per UK model?
- NEM designed for central generation
 - No incentive to value distributed energy
- > \$50B in network upgrades
 - could increased DE (PV, EE & DSM) provide a lower cost solution?
 - Could we end up with stranded assets if net zero energy / self-sufficiency increases?

Network issues

- What happens to current retail and network market structures if:
 - All buildings are net zero energy
 - Usage keeps dropping
 - Customers opt for on-site storage and purchase only in off-peak periods?
- Network tariffs where to?
 - Time of use tariffs that properly reflect marginal cost of peak consumption
 - Tariffs that can accommodate falling network utilization
 - Tariffs that incentivise distributed connections

Market structure

- Vertical integration is increasing
- Post NSW further privatisation, vertical integration could be much higher
- Raises question about usefulness of NEM









Potential market share of majors post NSW privatisation, closure of Hazelwood, closure of Point Henry smelter





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