

# AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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### **ACF statement on changes to renewable energy target**

The Australian Conservation Foundation has welcomed moves to boost incentives for large-scale renewable energy projects and called on the Federal Government to build a strong mix of policies for a clean energy economy.

“Refocusing the renewable energy target on large-scale energy projects will help build a serious clean energy industry and create jobs across Australia,” said ACF climate change campaigner Owen Pascoe.

“Incentives for household solar hot water and solar panels should be on top of the existing 20 per cent renewable energy target to encourage the necessary growth in renewable energy at large project and household levels.

“This announcement is a step in the right direction, but we need to see more detail about how these changes will work.

“Australia has great opportunities to take advantage of all the sunshine falling on our rooftops and our massive resources in wind and geothermal power.

“A mix of policies is needed to ensure we develop a strong suite of technologies.

“We need a strong renewable energy target, gross feed in tariffs and a strong price on greenhouse pollution to build a clean energy economy.

“China, the US and Europe are all moving on renewable energy.

“If we are serious about creating clean energy jobs here in Australia we need to get the incentives right.

“A strong price on greenhouse pollution is also essential to make sure coal-fired power doesn’t have an unfair advantage.”

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