# EMERGING ENERGY MARKET ISSUES AND THE BUILDING ENVIRONMENT

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# Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Property Sector Lifecycle Assessment

More than 70% of total lifecycle emissions from buildings are from tenants and building energy usage



## Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Property Sector Composition of GHG Emissions

Composition of GHG emission (2006)



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# **Emissions Reduction Potential**

- Energy efficiency could deliver 30-35% savings across the whole building sector by 2050
- Electricity demand in residential and commercial buildings can be halved by 2030 through energy efficiency

### Energy efficiency measures:

- Building fabric improvement
- Lighting system
- Heating and cooling system
- Energy efficient motors
- Energy efficient equipments
- Passive design
- Onsite generation





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# POLICY FRAMEWORK KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES

## Objectives

- Achieve emission reduction targets
- Price carbon externality
- Shift value within the economy
- Manage the transition

## **Renewable Energy Targets Energy Efficiency Targets** To develop a market to promote To develop a market to promote the creation of low GHG energy efficiency related GHG emissions generation abatement Reduced Greenhouse **Gas Emissions Emissions Trading Scheme Greenhouse Gas / Energy Reporting** Mandatory and voluntary *To develop a market to deliver* reporting and disclosure reduced GHG emissions of GHG emissions, energy usage and abatement related activities

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## **Key Policy Milestones**



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## **Other initiatives**

- Melbourne City Council
  - 1200 Buildings Program
  - Zero emissions target 2020
  - CitySwitch
- Federal Government
  - Green Buildings Fund Phase 3 provided \$16.4 million for 27 projects
  - Climate Change Action Fund for adaptation / mitigation





## Wholesale Electricity Price Forecasts (Australia)



Source: Impact of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme on Australia's Electricity Markets, McLennan Magasanick Associates, December 2008.



# Value implications vs cost of Green Star

"A Green Star rent premium may also be emerging as a value factor, but it is still too early to quantify this. Likewise, the view that Green Star rated buildings are 'futureproofed' will, if accurate, eventually translate into market value, but it is still difficult to find specific market valuations."

"Whilst lower rental rates, rental growth rates and higher capital expenditure may be anticipated for non-Green Star buildings, there is, to date, limited rental and sales evidence to allow a valuer to accurately determine the value impact."

Source: Valuing Green, How green buildings affect property values and getting the valuation method right, Green Building Council of Australia, 2008

### Initial impact on construction costs

	Percentage	Average Sm <sup>2</sup> GFA (excluding development on costs)
4 Star - Green Star (per PCA Guide)	0%	\$0
4 Star to 5 Star - Green Star	3% to 5%	\$98
4 Star to 6 Star - Green Star	9% to 11+%	\$203

### Additional gross rental required

	Initial Impact on Construction Costs (average)	Additional Gross Lease Rental Required to Achieve 11% IRR
	\$m <sup>2</sup> GFA	\$m <sup>2</sup> NLA/pa
4 Star - Green Star	\$0	\$0
4 Star to 5 Star - Green Star	\$98	\$19
4 Star to 6 Star - Green Star	\$203	\$40

Source: The costs and benefits of green buildings, Davis Langdon, 2007.

# Marginal Abatement Cost Curve - Buildings



Source: Global Mapping of Greenhouse Gas Opportunities, Vattenfall, January 2007.



## **Key Impact Points**

### **Capital Expenditure**

- Emissions reductions technology costs (energy efficiency, fuel switch, investments etc)
- Complexity: technology & contracting
- Retrofitting costs
- Compliance costs

### **Operating Expenditure**

- Supply chain costs (electricity), fuel costs
- Construction and development costs
- Abatement costs or savings
- Compliance costs (monitoring, verification, disclosure)

### **Market Elements**

- Market risk (beta)
- Reputation & brand

### **Balance Sheet**

- Physical weather exposure
- Asset base depreciation
- M&A activity, transactions
- Litigation risk

### Revenue

- Consumer / tenant preferences
- Rental yields
- Access to grants / funding
- Mismatch between investment timeline, revenue contracts



## **Financing gap**



## **Potential cogeneration projects - Melbourne CBD**

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Source: Citipower, Climate Change Policy Challenges for the Network, City of Melbourne 1200, 20 March 2009

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## **Cogeneration – practical challenges**

- The connection process
  - Transparency
  - Information sharing
  - Timeliness
  - Who pays
- The commercial problem
  - The costs of Green Star vs the prospective benefits
- The regulatory debate
  - Current regulatory debate about climate change and the energy market
  - The changing nature of the distribution network
  - Investment recovery: parallels with the water industry
- Responding to climate change
  - The costs of the response: parallels with the introduction of the MRET Scheme

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## **Business Response Framework**

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## **Key** actions

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