Dear reader

With the start of a new term of government, we welcome yesterday’s announcement that Energy and Environment will be combined into a single ministerial portfolio, as it means that climate and energy policy will be more closely co-ordinated. This month many of our stories are in fact focussed on policy, specifically what needs to happen to transition to a low carbon electricity system and economy.

Sadly climate and energy received very little airtime during the election campaign. A common theme in the articles below is the need for bipartisan commitment to strong, stable climate and energy policy that meets our Paris Climate Agreement obligations and puts an end to the damaging uncertainty of the last few years.

Read on for commentary about emerging energy technologies, the role of social media in the debate on coal seam gas and two upcoming energy events.

Regards

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