Dear reader

As the proportion of renewables in the grid grows, battery storage and its integration are becoming increasingly important to address intermittency and provide stability. To that end, we are delighted to welcome Dr Lachlan Blackhall as the new ANU Entrepreneurial Fellow and Head of the $8 million Battery Storage and Grid Integration program jointly funded by the ACT Government and the University. Dr Blackhall brings with him a wealth of experience in the clean energy industry as well as in academia, and we look forward to his leadership in this vital area.

Soon we will be welcoming to the ACT Dr Erik Ness from the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory, with which the ECI recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Erik will establish a regional node of the Clean Energy Solutions Centre (CESC) supporting policy and implementation strategies for clean energy development in the Asia-Pacific region. This will complement the ECI’s Grand Challenge program Zero-Carbon Energy for the Asia-Pacific:


for which we have been supported by $0.5million funding from the University’s
Grand Challenge Scheme.

We hope you can join us for ECI Open Day on Tuesday 19 June. This year's Open Day will showcase the latest energy research from ANU and will include keynote addresses from both Lachlan Blackhall and Erik Ness. Lunch is included and will be followed by tours of the world-class ANU energy research facilities. For more details and to register, see below. We look forward to welcoming you there.

Regards

Professor Ken Baldwin
Director, Energy Change Institute

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**Events**

**EU Climate Diplomacy Week:**
Canberra premiere of "Guardians of the Earth"
Film screening and panel discussion
Tue 12 June, 5.30 - 8.30pm
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**News**

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Prof Frank Jotzo, Salim Mazouz, Dylan McConnell and Hon Associate Prof Hugh Saddler, The Guardian, 11 April
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New renewable energy capacity double fossil fuel growth in record-breaking 2017: UN report
Includes commentary by Prof Ken Baldwin,
ABC news, 6 April
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Other news
Recharging Japan’s energy policy, Associate Prof Llewelyn Hughes, East Asia Forum, 10 May
Indonesia has far more than enough pumped hydro storage sites to support a 100% renewable electricity grid, Prof Andrew Blakers, Bin Lu & Dr Matthew Stocks, The Conversation, 3 May
Is Australia running out of fuel? PM orders supply review, includes commentary by Dr James Prest, BBC Business News, 7 May
New strategy to make plants more resilient to climate change
Free green living website for Canberrans launched - new enterprise by Master of Energy Change student, Lily Dempster

Other events
Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ) Climate Change Forum - 3 Oct, 9am-4pm
If you missed The National Energy Guarantee, download presentations here.