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Social Equity in the Energy Transformation

ANU Energy Change Institute

Tuesday 23 October 2018, 8.30am – 4:00pm
Springbank Room, Crawford School, Building #132, ANU
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The transition from fossil-fuel-based energy systems to a largely renewable energy future has potentially huge social and economic implications. This is particularly true for Australia – a country with enormous renewable energy potential, but with a history of fossil-fuel-intensive energy use, approaching 90% in the electricity sector.

This symposium examines how the energy transformation will affect social equity, and whether the transformation process can be harnessed to reduce, rather than exacerbate, social inequities in Australia. We will examine social equity in energy supply (including community engagement in energy development), energy consumption (such as the social implications of the 'electricity death spiral') and the haves and have-nots of energy prosumers.

The symposium will bring together leaders from government, business, community groups, think-tanks and academia to discuss challenges and strategies for one of the most important social transformations of modern times.

Pre-registration is essential: [Symposium Registration](#)

Program

- 8.30-8.50** **Welcome tea and coffee**
- 8.50-9.00** **Introductions** – Ken Baldwin, Director, ANU Energy Change Institute (ECI)
Acknowledgement of Country: Sam Provost, Tjabal Centre, ANU
- 9.00-9.30** **“What is Social Equity and Empowerment in the Energy Transformation?”**
Keynote Speaker: David Schlosberg, Professor of Environmental Politics, University of Sydney
Chair: Helen Sullivan, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- 9.30-10.30** **Social Equity in Energy Supply** (discussion panel plus Q&A)
Chair: Sara Bice, ANU Crawford School of Public Policy and ECI
- Panel:**
- Andrew Dickson, CWP Renewables
 - Justine Lacey, CSIRO
 - Kathryn Thorburn, ANU CAEPR and ECI (by Skype from the Kimberley)
 - Damian Sullivan, Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Discussant:** David Schlosberg
- 10.30-11.00** **Morning tea break**
- 11.00-12.00** **Social Equity in Energy Consumption** (discussion panel plus Q&A)
Chair: Emma Aisbett, Centre for Research Policy and Methods, ANU ECI
- Panel:**
- Kerry Connors, Energy Consumers Association
 - Gavin Dufty, St Vincent de Paul
 - Chris Dunstan, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS
 - Tim Nelson, AGL
- Discussant:** Violette Mouchaileh, Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)
- 12.00-1.00** **Lunch with Keynote Speaker:** Michelle Groves, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
- 1.00-2.00** **The Emerging Role of Energy Prosumers** (discussion panel plus Q&A)
Chair: Carolyn Hendriks, ANU Crawford School of Public Policy and ECI
- Panel:**
- Stephen Devlin, Evoenergy
 - Kirsty Gowans, Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)
 - Franziska Mey, Community Power Agency
- Discussant:** Bec Colvin, ANU Climate Change Institute (CCI)
- 2.00-3.00** **Concluding summation**
Chair: Ken Baldwin
- Sara Bice
 - Emma Aisbett
 - Carolyn Hendriks
- 3.00-4.00** **Networking high tea - sponsored by Future Earth Australia**
- 4.00** **Close**