# **CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE CORPORATION**

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#### **CEFC Mission**

Accelerate Australia's transformation towards a more competitive economy in a carbon constrained world, by acting as a catalyst to increase investment in emissions reduction

# Agenda



- 1. About the CEFC
- 2. What does disruption mean for investors?
- 3. Case studies
- 4. What's next?

For investors who get it right, disruption is a good thing!







#### About the CEFC



#### Facilitating increased flows of finance into clean energy markets

- Australian Government-owned corporation that operates like a traditional financier
- Finance for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and lowemissions technologies
- Access to \$2 billion a year over 5 years.
- We take a commercial approach and expect a return on investment.
- Finance terms for projects that are more complex or new to the Australian market
- ➤ Facilitate the participation of private sector banks by sharing our expertise, acting as a co-financier and pioneering new financing structures.



# **CEFC Highlights**



#### \$1.4bn in capital committed across 89 investments

# Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Helping drive Australia's push to a competitive clean energy economy

**CEFC HIGHLIGHTS** 

\$1.4b

TOTAL CEFC COMMITMENTS

\$3.5b

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE

**55** 

DIRECT INVESTMENTS

34

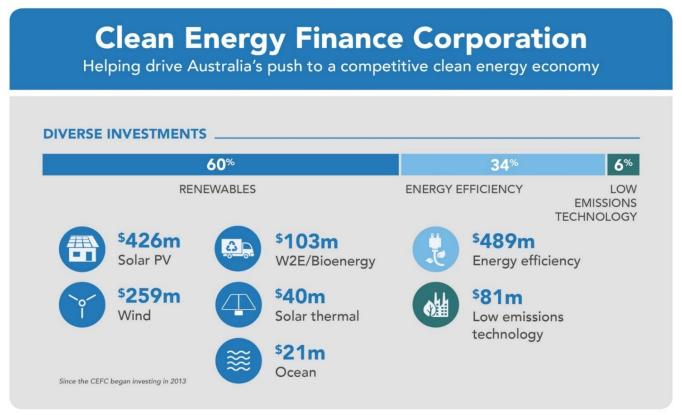
PROJECTS CO-FINANCED

Since the CEFC began investing in 2013

# **CEFC Portfolio composition**



#### **Diversified across technologies**



#### CEFC direct and indirect investment programs



We invest directly into individual projects and indirectly through opportunity-focused funds to increase flows of finance into clean energy.



Clean energy infrastructure



**Building upgrades** 



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Solar and storage



Solar



**Energy efficient equipment,** vehicles, solar and storage



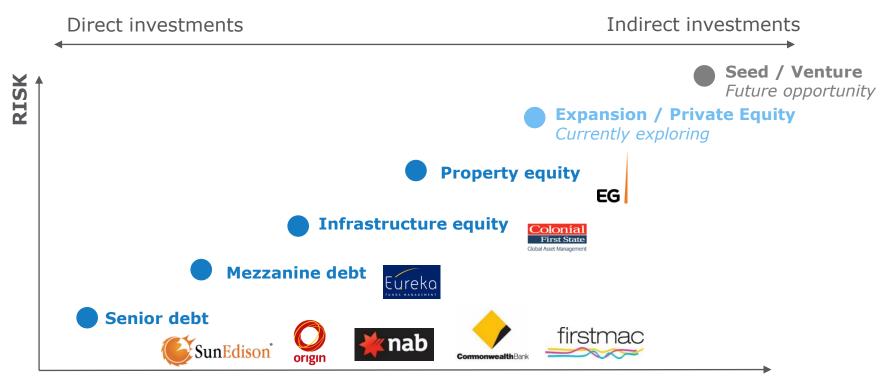
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# Risk appetite across the capital structure





**RETURN** 

# **Disruption:** What questions arise for investors?



New technology



Is it too early and too risky to invest in right now?

(VC style high risk and return)

Growth of new sectors



Where will the growth be? What industries will suffer?

(Who Remembers Kodak? Fax Machines? Buggy Whips?)

Different business models

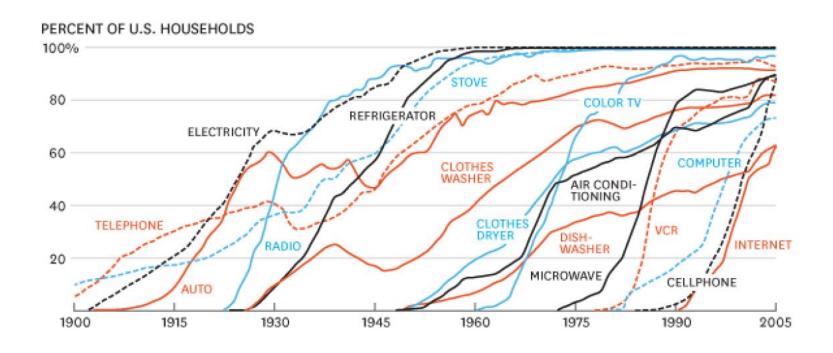


Who will get the trend right AND the delivery model right?

(Microsoft Excel or Lotus 1-2-3?)

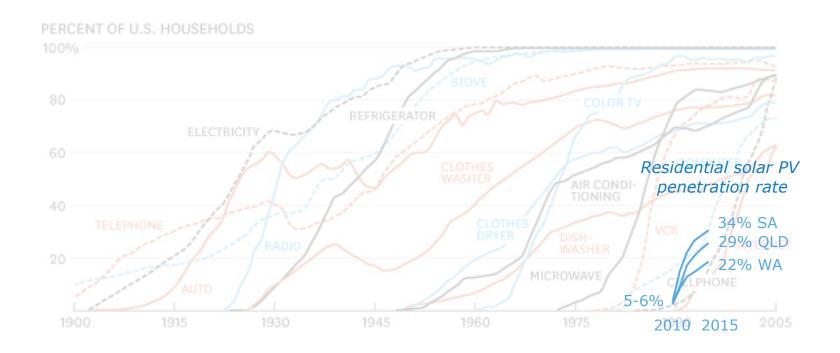
# **New Technology:** Historical market penetration rates





# New Energy Technology: Small scale solar PV in Australia



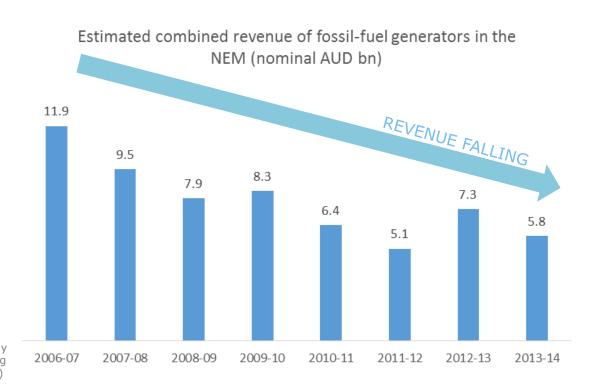


Source: BNEF

# **Disruption:** Australian energy markets



#### Since 2006, fossil fuel generator NEM revenue has fallen by 50%

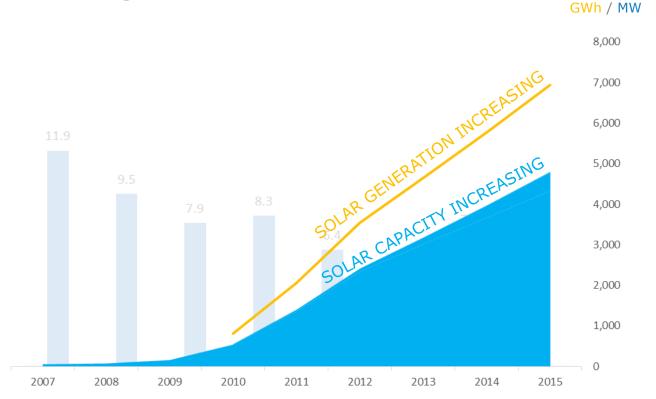


Source: Australian Energy Regulator, Australian Energy Market Operator, Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF)

# **Disruption:** Australian Energy Markets



Since 2010, installed small-scale solar PV capacity and generation have increased at an average annual rate of 61%.



# **Sandfire Resources: DeGrussa Copper Mine** Financing for Australia's largest PV solar & storage Project



#### **Project Finance**

- \$15m in debt supporting a \$40m project.
- Invested alongside a \$21 million grant from ARENA
- 34,000 panel, 10.6MW solar PV array with 6MW of battery storage – integrated with existing dieselfired power station.
- Designed to provide majority of DeGrussa's daytime electricity requirements
- Will offset around 5m litres of diesel fuel per annum, abating over 12,000 tonnes of CO2-e annually





# **Epuron Solar: Uterne and TKLN** Financing for off-grid solar PV & storage portfolio

#### **Corporate Loan / Project Finance**

- **\$17.7m in debt** to expand a portfolio of solar PV sites to 6.9 MW and total capital value of ~\$27m
- Projects feature a mix of **fixed** and **single axis tracking** solar PV arrays and energy storage
- Replaces gas & diesel generation in remote Australia.
- Hybrid corporate loan and project finance structure too complex / small to appeal to the commercial banks.
- **Financing demonstrates the potential** for this type of finance to be used in similar, smaller and complex but scalable portfolios of renewable energy projects.





Remote solar projects across the NT

#### **Moree Solar Farm**

#### Financing for grid connected merchant solar facility

# CEFC

#### **Project Finance**

- \$46m in debt supporting a ~\$166m project
- Investment supports innovative 56 MW on-grid, large **scale solar** with **single axis tracking** to increase performance
- Project features 100% merchant power price risk.
- **Employing 150 people currently** in construction including 50 locals and benefiting ~40 local businesses
- Once completed will be one of Australia's largest solar **PV** power facilities





# A new \$250 million large-scale solar financing program



To date, our single largest debt financing commitment to largescale solar in Australia.

Available for merchant and contracted projects

Eligible across the NEM, SWIS and offgrid

Senior debt that is fixed-rate and long-dated



#### **OUTCOMES**

- Help develop the Australian supply-chain for large-scale solar
- 2. Bring large-scale solar down the cost curve
- 3. Substantially increase installed large-scale solar capacity in Australia

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