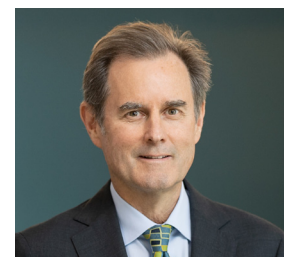




\$3.5b

Record investment commitments
1 July to 31 December 2024

Record investments target net zero



I am pleased to share the exciting news that the CEFC achieved a record \$3.5 billion in new investment commitments in the six months to December 2024.

Notably, the sustained pace of CEFC investment activity saw the completion of 28 transactions in the period, averaging just over one each week. Together with our co-investors, these CEFC commitments are on track to deliver \$13.3 billion in investment across the clean energy economy.

The new investment commitments include the largest single transaction since we began investing, with CEFC capital backing for the delivery of Humelink and the NSW element of the Victoria-NSW Interconnector. We also made considerable progress in providing finance for household sustainability and electric vehicles, which can have an immediate benefit for consumers.

We trust this Investment Update gives you fresh insights into our most recent investment activity. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead, as we bring investment strength to the projects and technologies that will take us towards net zero.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Learmonth
CEFC CEO



CEFC investments capture market momentum

The CEFC has capitalised on strong market interest in clean energy investments to underpin a record \$3.5 billion in new commitments in the six months to December 2024. The CEFC investments, across 28 transactions, attracted an additional \$9.8 billion from co-investors.

The new investment commitments reflect substantial progress across the three new investment programs: the Rewiring the Nation Fund, the Household Energy Upgrades Fund and the Powering Australia Technology Fund. Together, we made nine transactions across the three funds in the six-month period, representing \$2.4 billion in CEFC capital.

The CEFC also made notable commitments of \$307.7 million in six natural capital investments in the period, in addition to more than \$140 million made available to support the uptake of electric vehicles.

Maximising our impact

The heightened market activity has taken CEFC lifetime commitments to \$17.7 billion, attracting more than an additional \$53 billion from co-investors to take the total transaction value to \$71.5 billion.

As Australia’s ‘green bank’, we see it as particularly important to maximise the impact of our capital. The fact that each dollar of CEFC capital has attracted an additional \$3.01 from other sources demonstrates the ability of the CEFC to crowd in significant additional capital, recognising the urgency of our climate goals.

Investment snapshot

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

\$3.5b

CEFC commitments

\$13.3b

Total transaction value

28

Transactions

\$2.79:\$1.00

Capital leverage

Lifetime to 31 December 2024

\$17.7b

CEFC commitments

\$71.5b

Total transaction value

>380

Transactions

\$3.01:\$1.00

Capital leverage



Investment highlights

The CEFC Act requires the CEFC to invest in eligible renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies, with its purpose to

“facilitate increased flows of finance into the clean energy sector and to facilitate the achievement of Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets”.

Rewiring the Nation

Lifetime commitments through the Rewiring the Nation Fund reached \$2.8 billion to December 2024, including the single largest commitment since the CEFC began investing, to enable the construction of Humelink and VNI West (NSW).

Transaction highlights

Humelink and the NSW element of the Victoria-NSW Interconnector are major transmission projects which will link the Greater Sydney electricity load centre with Snowy 2.0 and Energy Connect in south-west NSW. Together, they will create a clean energy ‘super highway’ connecting millions of consumers to low emissions, low-cost renewable energy.

The two projects will deliver up to 2,000 MW of pumped storage to major population centres, with modelling from developer Transgrid estimating this vast firming capacity will also enable the grid transmission of an additional 2,570 MW of renewable energy. Transgrid has committed to prioritise local employment, training and skills development and to invest more than \$11 million directly into the community to provide enduring social legacy outcomes.

Housing sustainability

Robust market interest in the Household Energy Upgrades Fund™ has seen the CEFC commit \$345 million to discounted finance programs, mobilising an additional \$285 million from four participating co-financiers.

The Fund invests to provide low-cost finance for best practice energy performance initiatives, with the CEFC working with co-financiers to create tailored and discounted green finance products which are easy for households to access.

Transaction highlights

- \$160 million for the Westpac Sustainable Upgrades Home Loan
- \$75 million for the ING Green Upgrade Loan
- \$50 million for the Bank Australia Clean Energy Home Loan
- \$60 million for the Plenti HEUF Discounted Green Loans.

The CEFC does not provide finance to individual borrowers and is not involved in individual financing decisions. Interested borrowers should contact financial institutions directly.



Renewable energy

The CEFC has made lifetime investment commitments of \$10.7 billion in renewable energy opportunities, including \$2.6 billion in the six months to December 2024.

CEFC capital is now backing more than 6.2 GW of clean energy generation Australia-wide, alongside more than 2.3 GW in new energy storage capacity across nine large-scale battery projects.

Transaction highlights

- \$100 million in a Neoen portfolio of clean energy assets, covering an additional capacity of 1.3 GW of renewable energy generation and battery storage capacity within its existing portfolio. The CEFC capital will also support construction of three new assets to deliver a further 440 MW of solar generation and 611 MW of battery storage capacity in Queensland, NSW and WA.
- \$90 million in an FRV Australia portfolio financing of nine clean energy assets in NSW, Queensland and Victoria representing nearly 1 GW of clean energy and 102.5 MW of battery storage capacity. The CEFC investment was part of a \$1.2 billion refinancing facility to support ongoing development of the FRV portfolio. The facility attracted participation from 10 other investors.

Climate tech

Lifetime commitments through the Powering Australia Technology Fund reached \$176.2 million to December 2024, providing investment capital to support the growth and/or expansion of 19 climate tech innovators.

Transaction highlights

- \$25 million to support award-winning green retailer Energy Locals to accelerate the deployment of solar panels, battery systems, heat pumps and electric vehicle chargers in multi-tenant buildings, such as apartments, aged-care centres and commercial sites.
- \$41 million cornerstone investment, alongside Westpac and QIC, in the Virescent Ventures Fund II, which aims to invest \$200 million in early-stage climate tech innovators. Virescent Ventures was spun out of the CEFC in 2022 and also manages a CEFC portfolio of specialist early-stage climate tech investments.



Sustainable economy

The CEFC makes a diverse range of economy-wide investments through the General Portfolio. These extend from renewable energy generation and large-scale energy storage to property, infrastructure and resources. Additional areas of investment include natural capital, electric vehicles and smaller-scale asset finance programs delivered via established co-financiers.

In the six months to December 2024, the CEFC made investment commitments of \$1.1 billion through the General Portfolio. Each dollar of CEFC capital committed was matched by \$4.85 from other investors, to deliver a total transaction value of \$6.3 billion.

Transaction highlights

- \$200 million as a part of an innovative program with Rabobank Australia to help reduce the upfront costs for farmers undertaking Environmental Planting sequestration activities, such as planting and maintaining mixed native vegetation on land that has been clear of forest cover for the past five years.
- \$100 million in an innovative new affordable build-to-rent strategy managed by AXA IM Alts, to deliver as many as 3,000 high quality, sustainable, affordable homes across Australia's largest cities. At least 50 per cent of apartments will be offered at a discount to equivalent market rents for means tested tenants, in key worker employment hubs in Australia's major metropolitan cities.
- Backing for an innovative EV Access Program to help make electric vehicles and charging infrastructure accessible to essential workers and Australians on lower incomes, CEFC finance will support discounted loans to support CBA customers earning less than \$100,000 a year, as well as police, teachers, fire fighters, health care and other essential workers.



Investment impact

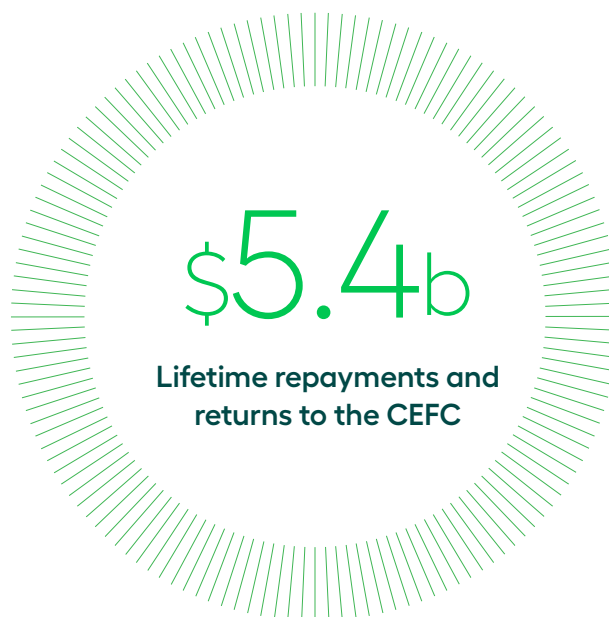
A hallmark of the CEFC investment approach remains our efficient use of capital to deliver clean energy outcomes. Since we began investing this has seen \$5.4 billion in repayments and returns to the CEFC, providing capital which is available for re-investment.

Across our portfolio we have also maintained a sustained pace of deployment, so that our capital is put to work on reducing emissions as soon as possible. This has the added benefit of supporting increased economic activity. In the six months to December alone, deployment exceeded \$885 million, taking lifetime deployment to \$12.2 billion.

Additional capital allocation

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen in January 2025 announced a \$2 billion additional capital allocation to the CEFC General Portfolio. The additional allocation, which is subject to Parliamentary approval, would take the total CEFC investment capacity to \$32.5 billion.

The \$2 billion represents the first increase in the investment capacity of the CEFC General Portfolio since the organisation was established in 2012, with access to \$10 billion in capital. Investment commitments through the General Portfolio include renewable energy generation and storage, property, electric vehicles, infrastructure, natural capital and asset finance.



About the CEFC

The CEFC is a specialist investor in Australia's transition to net zero emissions by 2050. With access to more than \$30 billion from the Australian Government, we invest in renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies. We have a particular focus on modernising our transmission network, to bring the benefits of solar, wind and energy storage to consumers. Tailored co-finance programs deliver discounted loans to support households and farmers lift their sustainability, while enabling more Australians to transition to electric vehicles. CEFC capital also backs the net zero transformation of key infrastructure, property, manufacturing and resources assets. Governed by an Independent Board, the CEFC invests with commercial rigour to deliver a positive return across our portfolio.

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