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# Australia's Coal Industry: Short-term challenges, long-term opportunities

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### Australia has significant coal reserves

### Top ten national shares of proven world coal reserves as at December 2012 (Mt & %)



"Black" coal (anthracite and bituminus) "Brown" coal (sub-bituminus and lignite) Total coal

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# Coal production and consumption Top 10 producing countries, 2011





### Major Australian Coal Basins





### Australia's coal exports



Source: Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics, Australian Government.



### Key export markets for Australian coal



Source: Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics, Australian Government.

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### Australia's electricity generation fuel mix



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Source: Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics, Australian Government.

### Australian thermal coal on the global cost curve

Seaborne thermal coal cost curve (2009)



#### Seaborne thermal coal cost curve (2013)





## Australian metallurgical coal on the global cost curve

Seaborne metallurgical coal cost curve (2009)

Seaborne metallurgical coal cost curve (2013)





Source: Wood Mackenzie, 7 May 2013

## Projects threatened by high capital costs

### Thermal coal - Capital spend to build a tonne of new capacity



Source: Port Jackson Partners, "Opportunity at risk", 2012.



### Australia's coal export growth (volumes, Mt)



Source: Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics, Australian Government, p - projection



### Long-term outlook – thermal coal

Seaborne import demand for thermal coal (2013-2030)

### Seaborne export supply of thermal coal (2013-2030)







### Long-term outlook – metallurgical coal

Seaborne import demand for metallurgical coal (2013-2030)



### Seaborne export supply of metallurgical coal (2013-2030)





### CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions vs. Net Plant Efficiency



- Yuhuan CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are about 25% less than the typical U.S. coal plant
- Coal Utilization Research Council / Electric Power Research Institute R&D targets about 35% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coal combustion technologies

Source: Based on Booras and Holt, 2004.



The imperative for CCS deployment

- Coal and energy supply no credible climate change solution without CCS.
- It's the only technology able to significantly reduce emissions from fossil fuels.

"Carbon capture and storage is not a substitute but a necessary addition to other low-carbon energy technologies and energy efficiency improvements."

Mr. Juho Lipponen, head of CCS Technology Unit, IEA, 1/1/2013



Australian action through COAL21 fund

- COAL21 is financed by a voluntary levy on Australian black coal producers. A world first.
- Objective is to advance R,D&D of low emissions coal technologies, especially CCS.
- 10 projects underway or completed, with COAL21 funding of AUD\$260 million.
- ACALET manages COAL21 fund on behalf of the Australian black coal industry.



## Examples of COAL21 fund projects

### **Demonstration projects**

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture Callide Oxyfuel Project
  - Total cost AUD\$216m, COAL21 share AUD\$77m
- Post combustion capture Delta project

   Total cost AUD\$28m, COAL21 share AUD\$9m

### **Storage projects**

- Queensland Carbon Geostorage Initiative
  - Total cost AUD\$46m, COAL21 share AUD\$20m
- NSW Storage Assessment
  - o Total cost AUD\$54m, COAL21 share AUD\$18m

### **R&D projects**

- ANLEC R&D AUD\$150m, COAL21 share AUD\$75m
- Support for Otway Basin CO<sub>2</sub> injection

