

The 2026–27 Federal Budget delivered major investment in fuel security, domestic gas supply, cleaner fuels and electrification infrastructure, alongside the launch of the National Environmental Protection Agency from 1 July 2026. It also continued support for hydrogen, critical minerals, battery manufacturing and renewable energy through the Future Made in Australia agenda which has been highlighted in the past two budgets.

Basic Key takeaways

Energy Security & Domestic Supply

\$14.8bn fuel security package to strengthen Australia's fuel resilience including:

- \$7.5bn Fuel & Fertiliser Security Facility (loans, guarantees via Export Finance Australia)
- \$3.2bn Australian Fuel Security Reserve and higher minimum stockholding obligations
- \$10m provided for feasibility studies into new domestic oil refineries and upgrades to existing refinery capacity

Domestic Gas Reservation Mechanism from 1 July 2027:

- 20% of LNG exports reserved for domestic use
- Aimed at improving gas availability and moderating domestic gas prices

\$1.1bn Cleaner Fuels Program – Demand-Side Support

- Commitment to introduce explicit demand measures to underpin domestic low-carbon liquid fuels
- Development of a green fuel bunkering strategy.

\$80m EV Charger infrastructure

- Targeted funding for kerbside and regional charging blackspots

- Accelerated electrification of a national logistics fleet
- Significance: System-level electrification support beyond household EV incentives

National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) - Live from 1 July 2026

- \$500m over four years
- Aimed at centralising environmental approvals and accelerating renewable energy and critical minerals project development while strengthening environmental standards
- As announced prior to Budget night, renewable infrastructure will fall within the definition of taxable Australian property. Non-residents will now be subject to tax on these investments with potential for a CGT discount on certain renewable assets. [Foreign investors in the firing line: Treasury's expanded CGT regime - SW Accountants & Advisors](#)

Did the Budget measure up?

The 2026–27 Federal Budget continued opaque investment in hydrogen, critical minerals, battery manufacturing and renewable energy supply chains through the Future Made in Australia agenda. However, despite several large funding commitments, the Budget fell short of delivering the scale of structural reform and long-term certainty many in the energy and resources sector were seeking.

We score it: **2/5**



"Energy Policy: Opaque and Underpowered" – Support is there but lacks real heat.



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