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Background

As part of the Clean Energy Future Package, Greg Combet, Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency, Industry and Innovation, this week announced the establishment of \$1 billion in funding for the manufacturing industry to improve energy efficiency and reduce pollution.

The funding includes an \$800 million Clean Technology Investment Program and a \$200 million Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program. The programs are competitive, merit base grant programs that will provide grants for investments in energy efficient capital equipment and low pollution technologies, processes and products. Applications for both programs are now open. More information on the application process, including eligibility criteria, is available on the AusIndustry [website](#). Minister Combet's press release is available [here](#).

Clean Energy Future

Announced in July 2011, the Clean Energy Future package is the government's plan to tackle climate change. It is a long term plan to reshape the Australian economy, cut carbon pollution and drive innovation.

The Clean Energy Future legislative package includes among other things, the carbon pricing mechanism, the set of bills for which was passed by the House of Representatives in October 2011. The Clean Energy Future package includes assistance for households, business and industry alike. The Clean Technology Investment Program and the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program are two aspects of the Clean Energy Future package that aim to assist the manufacturing industry.

The Clean Technology Investment Program

The \$800 million Clean Technology Investment Program will provide competitive, merit-based grants Australian manufacturers, allowing them to maintain competitiveness in a carbon constrained economy.

Grants are available for capital investment and associated activities that generate carbon and energy savings, including:

- replacement of existing manufacturing plant, equipment and processes;
- modifications to existing manufacturing plant, equipment and processes;
- changes to energy sources for the existing or replacement manufacturing plant or processes; and
- replacing or modifying existing manufacturing facilities to enable production of new low emissions products.

Under the Clean Technology Investment Program, grants are provided over a seven-year period from 2011–12 to 2017–18.

To download a factsheet on the Clean Technology Investment Program, [click here](#). For more information on how to apply for a grant under the Clean Technology Investment Program, [click here](#).

The Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program

Like the Clean Technology Investment Program, the \$200 million Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program is a competitive, merit-based grants program. A separate program was established for the food and foundries industries in recognition of the fact that many businesses in these sectors are very high energy users. While the Clean Technology Investment Program has an energy consumption threshold for eligibility, the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program has no such threshold.

Grants are available for capital investment and associated activities that generate carbon and energy savings, including:

- replacement of existing manufacturing plant, equipment and processes;
- modifications to existing manufacturing plant, equipment and processes;
- changes to energy sources for the existing or replacement manufacturing plant or processes; and
- establishing new facilities or modifying your current facilities to enable production of new low emissions products.

Under the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program, grants are provided over a six year period from 2011-12 to 2016-17.

To download a factsheet on the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program, [click here](#). For more information on how to apply for a grant under the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program, [click here](#).