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MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN CLIMATE ACTION KEY TO SUCCESS

Leading energy advocacy organisation the Energy Users’ Association of Australia (EUAA), which represents some of the largest energy users in Australia, has welcomed the Federal Labor government’s announcement to work with business to act on emissions by extending the safeguard mechanism that is already in placem iucnrease Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) funding, creating an electric vehicle policy and working with Emissiom Itensive Trade Exposed Industries (EITE).

“Today’s policy announcement by Federal Labor creates a strategy to act on emissions, tackling this on a number of fronts in collaboration with business - an approach we welcome and have been calling for for some time,” said EUAA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Richards.

“Many businesses have already implemented strategies to reduce their emissions, increase energy productivity and increase their use of renewable energy. The opposition announcement creates a framework to aid this work and should the Labor government win the next election, we would look forward to working with them to implement this policy in the most appropriate way possible.”

Large energy users represented by the EUAA include many large commercial and industrial manufacturers who have been calling for climate and energy policy for some time.

“The range of actions announced today including increasing funding to the CEFC will create greater opportunities to reduce emissions across the Australian community.

“Creating maximum flexibility in reducing emissions, meeting our commitments and transitioning to cleaner energy will be key to Australia’s success, keeping costs in check across the economy and protecting jobs,” said Mr Richards.

Combined, EUAA members employ over 1 million Australians, pay billions in energy bills every year and include industries such as food production, packaging, mining, raw materials, building materials, paper production and healthcare – creating essential items used by the Australian community every day.

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