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Energy ministers' decision to shelve 'coal keeper' mechanism welcome move

Melbourne, 8 December 2022, [Nexa Advisory](#) welcomes today's Energy Ministers' announcement to accelerate variable renewable energy (VRE) resources and storage capacity, and the associated decision to cease consideration of the Energy Security Board's options for a capacity mechanism.

Industry participants and key stakeholders have always supported the prioritisation of a mechanism that would enable the clean energy transition process and ensure stability of the national energy market.

The Capacity Mechanism put forward by the Energy Security Board (ESB) was deeply flawed and would never meet the above criteria.

Nexa's CEO and Founder, Stephanie Bashir, said:

"Today's decision is fit-for-purpose for the demands of the 21st century energy transition. Well-designed mechanisms that incentivise the cheapest form of new generation capacity, and reward investment in flexible generation types and storage, is exactly what the Australian energy market needs.

"Clean energy transition in Australia is critical to meeting our climate targets, ensuring energy security and supply stability, and controlling and abating cost of living pressures on households and business. The previously proposed ESB capacity mechanism would never actually solve supply and cost of living pressures.

"This is a strong step forward to meet Australia's energy security needs."

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Nexa is a full-service advisory firm. We work with public and private clients including renewable energy developers, investors and climate impact philanthropists to help accelerate efforts towards a clean energy transition. We've been shaping the energy industry for over 20 years. With a proven track record across policy creation, advocacy, political risk assessment and project delivery, we're holistic in our approach and deliver solutions with commercial intent.

The Nexa Advisory team is a collaboration of passionate energy specialists, all committed to the successful transformation of Australia's energy markets. The team is focused on helping clients grasp the unpredicted opportunities the energy transformation will bring. The decentralisation of energy promises, for the first time, to enable a truly democratised ecosystem with people and communities at the centre.