

Low carbon Australia transition

Political strategy internship

2011

Around the world there are research and policy proposals for the transition to a carbon neutral economy. One of the best proposals is Zero Carbon Australia, which is a research partnership between Beyond Zero Emissions and the University of Melbourne Energy Research Institute.

Dan Cass & Co has a position for 2 interns working on the policy and politics of the carbon neutral economy.

Interns will volunteer their services in return for coaching, skills development and access to networks.

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Scope

Conduct research and contribute to the development of a political strategy to influence Australian climate policy and politics.

Hours: 50-80hrs

Duration: Feb-March 2011

Location

One meeting per fortnight at office, otherwise online. A hot desk is available in inner Melbourne.

Outputs

1. Critical pathway of key decision makers in Federal energy and climate policy during 2011. The Critical Pathway document of 10-20 pages will describe all the key decision makers and information about how they make decisions.
2. Successful consultations with stakeholders and decision-makers

Background

During 2011 the Multi-Party Committee on Climate Change will attempt to negotiate a new carbon policy that will be supported by the Government, independent MHRs and the Australian Greens.

Research methodology

The initial research should be done online, to create a draft of the Critical Pathway. The next stage is to consult with stakeholders and decision makers, to test assumptions in the Critical Pathway and produce the final working document.

Tasks

- Online research
- Conducting research interviews
- Making appointments
- Typing summaries of recorded interviews
- Participating in lobbying meetings

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