



## SUSTAINABILITY ROUND OF THE EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUND

The Rudd Government will undertake a special \$650 million Sustainability Round of the Education Investment Fund (EIF) in 2009.

The funding for vocational education and training providers and higher education and research institutions is an opportunity to give immediate practical effect to sustainable design, energy and research. This will transform our tertiary campuses into 21st century environments that will not only play a key role in delivering a sustainable future through teaching and research but also act as demonstration sites for new and emerging technologies and enable them to be tested at scale.

In this budget the Australian Government is investing massively in the high skill jobs of the future—boosting the number of Australians from all backgrounds with high level qualifications, promoting quality research and driving greater innovation and productivity in Australian workplaces.

At the same time, the Government also confronts another great challenge: climate change. It is a challenge for our nation, our economy and our environment. We cannot consider the challenges of productivity without also considering how our economy must respond to the impact and opportunities of climate change.

If we are to be part of the climate change solution, then the Australian jobs of the future must be those that are creating clean energy and tackling climate change.

### What will this investment deliver?

The supplementary EIF Sustainability Round includes:

- \$400m for research infrastructure related to the Clean Energy Initiative, and
- \$250m for VET, higher education and research infrastructure related to climate change and sustainability activities.

Funding will be provided for five years from 2009-10.

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### Next steps

Information about the EIF Sustainability Round, including guidelines and application form, will be available on the website ([www.deewr.gov.au/eif](http://www.deewr.gov.au/eif)) when the round opens later this year.