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Wood Energy : Beaufort Hospital and Other Case Studies

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1. Living Energy



10 years old. Installed over 40,000kW of wood boiler capacity (25 boilers)

Installed boilers ranging from 100kW to 22,500kW

Partnered with Hargassner and Binder (Austrian) as well as Visdamax (Malaysian)

Wood Energy specialists : focus is on the area that is economic : **HEAT !!**









2. Why Wood Energy?

Well-proven, reliable technology : Good old combustion

Amongst the best pay-back of all carbon abatement opportunities

Under-utilised for various reasons (short term-ism, policies, mis-information)

Bio-mass fuel is abundant, so supply is hardly ever an issue, and it compares well on costs :





 Natural Gas prices are forecast to increase due to LNG commitments ex Queensland

Angela MacDonald-Smith, Financial Review, May 2013 :

".....but the fear is that much worse is to come as \$60 billion in liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects start production in 2014-15 and customers in eastern Australia have to compete for supply with export markets in Asia."

- Supply vs Demand must be balanced
- Prices forecast to go up to around \$18/GJ



- Medium/large **Heat** Users
- Especially users of expensive fuels, or 'coal exiters'
- Ideally with good year-round heat loads
- Schools, Uni's, Hospitals, Pools are at the heart of the community, so are good exemplar sites

4. Wood Energy : A Politician's Dream ?

- 1. It's proven and practical, and economic <u>now</u>
- 2. Wood energy reduces costs for heat users, improving competitive advantage
- 3. It's Sustainable
- 4. It provides a beneficial use for by-products (waste to energy)
- 5. Local demand can normally be matched with local resource
- 6. It creates local jobs, and supports rural communities
- 7. It helps improve air quality and water quality and soil quality (salinity)
- 8. It reduces reliance on finite fossil fuels, thereby building energy resilience
- 9. It's part of a sensible shift towards renewable, sustainable energy sources ADD IN CO₂ ABATEMENT – WHAT ELSE CAN POLITICIANS WANT ?!



- Boilers are highly developed products
 - Automated ignition
 - Automated fuel feed
 - Automated boiler tube cleaning
- As convenient as fossil fuels....?

• SEE VIDEO.....

















Site	Old Fuel	Boiler Size	Capital	Payback
Hospital	LPG	300kW	\$0.6m less grant	2-3 years
Sewage Plant	Diesel	500kW	c.\$1.2m less grant	3-4 years
University	Coal	1100kW	c.\$1m less grant	4-5 yrs vs LPG
Polytechnic	Coal	2 x 650kW	c.\$1m	3-4 yrs vs LPG
Aquatic Centre	Brown coal	850kW	c.\$0.6m	Other benefits
Hospital	LPG	1500kW	c.\$1m	4-5 years
Olympic Pool (South Australia)	Sawdust	500kW	c.\$0.5m	8-10 years
Beaufort Hospital	LPG	100kW	c.\$0.4m	8-10 years



Beaufort, Victoria

	Prior	Now			
Heat Source	LPG	Wood Chip			
Annual Bill	\$75,000	c. \$25,000			
Driver for replacement : Sustainability, Leadership					
Capital Cost c. \$0.4m					
Payback : c. 8-10 years					
Competition : Stay on LPG					
Features : 100kW, containerised, 2 x chip agitators, 2 x 2000li buffer tanks.					

Case Study 8 : Beaufort Hospital



























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7. Summary : Wood Energy is not just a Politician's Dream

- 1. It's proven and practical, and economic now, especially when all factors 'costed'
- 2. Wood energy reduces costs for large heat users, improving competitive advantage
- 3. It's Sustainable
- 4. It provides a beneficial use for by-products (waste to energy)
- 5. There's localised demand, matching localised resource
- 6. It creates local jobs, and supports rural communities
- 7. It helps improve air quality and water quality and soil quality (salinity)
- 8. It reduces reliance on finite fossil fuels, thereby building energy resilience
- 9. It's part of a sensible shift towards renewable, sustainable energy sources
- 10. It's a cost effective way to reduce CO2 emissions

When selecting new or replacement plant, should Government Procurement Policies include these broader factors in the selection criteria ?