‘Just Transitions’: Energy, Employment and Environment

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Questions

a. How will Victoria meet its energy needs in a carbon-constrained environment?

b. What does the transition to a green economy mean for new industrial development and employment?

c. How can Gippsland (and the Latrobe Valley) position itself to capture new ‘green’ industries and employment?
1 Sustainable Development, Unions and the Future of Jobs

Conceptual difficulties (Old jobs as new ones? And Growing ‘Clean’ Jobs: Low carbon goods & industries

New technologies/New enterprises

Training and learning
2       Sustainable Development, Unions and the Future of Jobs

Cleaning up ‘Dirty’ Jobs:
Reducing emissions and energy use

Carbon pollution

Jobs

Communities

Regions
Initiatives

- Developing Green industries
  - Union investments in Green companies (CEPU)
  - ‘Green’ worker cooperatives

- ‘Green’ Skills
  - Green Plumbing Centre (CEPU)
  - Skills councils

- Environmental clauses and ‘Green’ delegates

- Southern Cross Climate Change Coalition
  - The ACTU and ACF’s ‘Green Gold Rush’
Development Role

- Regional & industrial policy
- Transition policy
- Employment & skills policy
What are the next steps?

- Organisation
- Capacities
- Alliances and Coalitions
- Vision: Social Justice
Workshop

- What type of industries and jobs can the region attract? What type of industries and jobs do we want to attract?

- What can unions, government, industry and communities do together to assist in the transition?

- What is required and who should be involved to make a ‘just’ transition for the region?