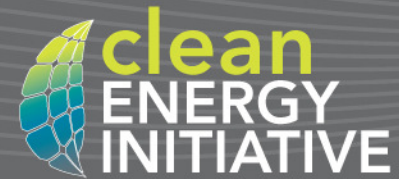




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Australia's Methane Emissions

Fugitive emissions from coal mines:

- 29 Mt CO₂ equivalent during 2009
- 5% of Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions.

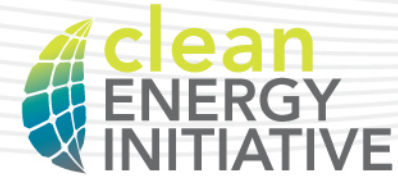
Consists of:

- Underground mining 61%
- Open-cut mining 31%
- Post mining emissions 3%
- Decommissioned underground mines 5%



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Australia's Climate Policy

- The Australian Government is working with other political parties to finalise by mid-2011 the design of a carbon price mechanism.
- Key features announced by the Prime Minister in February 2011
 - Start on 1 July 2012
 - Fixed price initially, transitioning to cap and trade
 - Broad coverage (including fugitive emissions)
 - No international linking until cap and trade
- Yet to be determined how fugitive methane emissions will be treated under the new mechanism.