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ABC - [Ferguson focuses on energy security](#)

Federal Energy and Resources Minister Martin Ferguson says energy security is just as important as reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Scoop.co.nz - [New Zealand joins new clean energy partnership](#)

New Zealand is to work with the United States to promote the use of cleaner and more efficient sources of energy in island nations and territories, Energy Minister David Parker announced today.

The New Zealand Government, the United States Federal Government and the State Government of Hawaii have signed a new initiative, the International Partnership for Energy Development in Island Nations (EDIN).

Daily Mercury - [Truck strike threat to cut off city](#)

FEARS are growing that a national truck strike starting Monday will threaten Mackay's essential supplies.

Truck drivers are protesting against issues ranging from rising fuel prices and sub-standard rest stops to new government legislation they say is unworkable.

Fresh food sellers and supermarket chains are concerned the stoppage could last for days and have a major impact on vital supplies to the region.

Australian Food - [ATA condemns truck strike violence threats](#)

The organisers of next week's trucking industry shutdown, which could have a significant impact on food supplies, should abandon their plans if they cannot guarantee the safety of drivers who are not involved, according to Trevor Martyn, Chairman of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA).

Bulky and obtrusive rack-mounted solar panels may be a thing of the past.

Spurred by recent advances in technology, solar panel makers are scrambling to come up with neater and cleaner products that will overcome the aesthetic objections of home owners to traditional solar panels.

ABC - [Threat of truck strike violence upsets livestock industry](#)

The livestock industry is condemning threats of violence against truckies who intend to ignore a national strike planned for next week.

The Australian Long Distance Owners and Drivers Association expects thousands of truckies to strike for more than a week starting Monday.

ABC - [IRC to hear truckies' fuel demands](#)

Truck drivers are taking their fight over rising fuel prices to the New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission, pushing for a compensation system that could affect households across the state.

The Transport Workers Union (TWU) will make an application to the commission for a fuel levy that would allow drivers to recover costs of rising oil prices from transport clients.

Voxy.co.nz - [Greens: Coal Or Kiwi: Solid Energy At It Again](#)

25 JULY 2008 - More native forest, snails and kiwi habitat are destined for destruction by Government-owned coal company Solid Energy.

The company is yet again applying to extend its Stockton open-cast coal mine, north of Westport, onto conservation land, the Green Party has revealed.

ABC - [Emissions scheme 'could cripple energy industry'](#)

The energy industry has warned power plants will close and electricity prices will rise under the new emissions trading scheme and has called for more assistance from the Federal Government.

Modelling commissioned from ACIL Tasman by the Energy Supply Association finds that even the most modest emission cut of 10 per cent could cause the closure of power stations in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

Heral Sun - [Good oil flows at Santos](#)

SURGING oil prices helped petroleum outfit Santos to an 18 per cent increase in quarterly revenue, despite a substantial fall in production.

The company said production for the past quarter had fallen 11 per cent compared with the same period last year, and was 1 per cent higher than the first quarter of this year.

While production was down, Santos managed to sell its oil for 56 per cent more, contributing to an 18 per cent revenue increase compared with the second quarter last year.

Scene.co.nz - [Rising costs may fuel apartments](#)

Inner-city apartment living might be the answer to rising petrol prices.

It'll be interesting to see if high fuel prices pump up apartment living in Dunedin, Ewan McComb, of Dunedin's Platinum Properties, says.

But property developer Ian Lisk says earthquake and other regulations will stall apartment growth.

SMH - [Govt 'rushing' carbon trading: Turnbull](#)

Federal opposition treasury spokesman Malcolm Turnbull has fallen into step behind his leader, declaring an emission trading scheme shouldn't be introduced until it is in Australia's interest.

In government, the coalition supported a start date of 2012, but earlier this week leader Brendan Nelson indicated it would reject the legislation until big polluting countries agreed to reduce their emissions.

Mr Turnbull, a former environment minister, had steadfastly supported a 2012 start date - until now.

ABC - [Community control 'key' to windfarms](#)

Making the most of wind energy in Australia could depend on the community owning and operating small-scale wind farms, say some experts.

The comments come as a cooperative in Daylesford, Victoria seeks support for their proposal to build and operate Australia's first community-owned and operated wind farm.

"Wind farms are vital if we're going to reduce our carbon emissions," says Professor John Thwaites, chairman of the Monash Sustainability Institute at Monash University.

"But we're not going to be able to do that if we've got widespread community

opposition."

ABC - [Vietnam and China tussle over oil resources](#)

Two of the world's largest oil companies are taking on China in a dispute that involves Vietnam and the South China Sea.

This week Vietnam's state oil group Petrovietnam announced the resumption of oil exploration with two joint venture partners BP and Exxon Mobil. Beijing responded by telling Exxon Mobil to pull out of the deal. Last year BP suspended its planned seismic surveys following Chinese criticism

Presenter: Claudette Werden

Speakers: Dr Fereidun Fesharaki i chairman and CEO of FACTS Global Energy consultancy; Dr Kang Wu - senior research fellow at the Hawaii based East West centre; Victor Shun - Singapore based oil analyst

WERDEN: The South China Sea is ringed by Vietnam, The Phillipines, Malaysia, Brunei and China. Each country lays claim and most have fought over some parts of the sea and Spratly Islands which lie in the middle and are thought to contain large oil and gas deposits. In recent years there's been an escalation of oil exploration and survey activity mainly by China and Vietnam with the help of foreign joint venture partners, including two of the world's largest oil companies Exxon Mobil and BP. This week Beijing told Exxon to pull out of the deal with PetroVietnam, claiming the activity infringed on Chinese territory.....an example of Beijing's bully boy tactics according to leading international energy consultant Dr Fereidun Fesharaki. He suggests it may be an attempt by Beijing to fast track a territorial agreement between China and Vietnam.

FESHARAKI: Vietnam is one of the last bastions left, everything else is closed to the national oil companies who control everything so they are kind of desperate to get in, the Chinese are trying to scare them off and this all pushes the Vietnamese to some kind of agreement in favour of China.

ABC - [Billion dollar gas platform for Bass Strait](#)

large new oil and gas field in Bass Strait will be tapped, in a \$1.4 billion project.

ExxonMobil subsidiary Esso and BHP Billiton will develop the Turrum Field, which involved building a new platform next to an existing one off the Gippsland Coast.

The development will extract one trillion cubic feet of gas and 110 million barrels of oil.

Herald Sun - [Chain of electric car stations 'should be built across Australia'](#)

A CHAIN of electric stations should be built across Australia to encourage motorists to switch to the electric car.

A leading motoring organisation says dramatic government steps need to be taken to

reduce Australia's dependence on fossil fuels, which is increasingly coming from the Middle East.

The NRMA says Australia is running out of oil and will have to switch to ethanol and electric cars.

ABC - [Dispute over cost of gas crisis](#)

The gas crisis is expected to cost the West Australian economy \$1.8 billion over five years according to figures released by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

It is estimated the disruption to gas supply reduced the state's economic growth by half of one per cent in the 2007/2008 financial year.

But the Treasurer Eric Ripper says growth in the economy is expected to be back on track in 2008/2009.

SMH - [Company presentation at the Australian Uranium Conference](#)

SMH - [New LPG system 'saves fuel, adds power'](#)

A new LPG fuel system for vehicles, boasting better consumption and more power, has become available in Australia.

Australian LPG Warehouse says its new-generation liquid-injection gas system offers significant advances over the usual vapour sequential injection systems.

ABC - [Oil Search, PNG sign agreement on gas reserves](#)

Oil Search has signed an agreement with the Papua New Guinean Government to develop its remaining liquefied natural gas (LNG) reserves in the country.

Sixty percent of the company's 2 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves are already committed to a multi-billion dollar LNG project run by Exxon Mobil.



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