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Grattan Institute appoints energy specialist to key post

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Grattan Institute is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Tony Wood as director of its Energy Program.

“Tony’s appointment signals Grattan Institute’s continued emphasis on the importance of finding solutions to Australia’s energy needs within the context of a carbon constrained future,” said Grattan CEO, Professor John Daley.

Mr Wood joins Grattan Institute after two and a half years as Program Director of Clean Energy Projects at the Clinton Foundation. Before that he spent 11 years working at Origin Energy, which included a secondment to the first Garnaut review.

“Tony has built widespread relationships within the energy sector and is seen as a trusted adviser by government,” Professor Daley said.

Mr Wood is focused on the need for policy to take an integrated view of the public interest, the economics and incentives for infrastructure, and the role of business.

Some significant energy concerns for Tony are:

- The challenges faced by the energy market as the electricity grid prepares for a period of substantial new investment;
- The need to simplify and streamline the wide variety of policy mechanisms in place to reduce emissions, particularly if a carbon price is introduced; and
- The impact on generation capacity if the numbers of electric motor vehicles increase significantly.

Mr Wood said he was pleased to be able to join Grattan Institute and to continue to participate in the Australian energy debate.

“Grattan Institute has engaged Australia’s best strategic and public policy thinkers to conduct independent and rigorous analysis and propose practical solutions to the issues that will make a difference to Australian society,” Professor Daley said.

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