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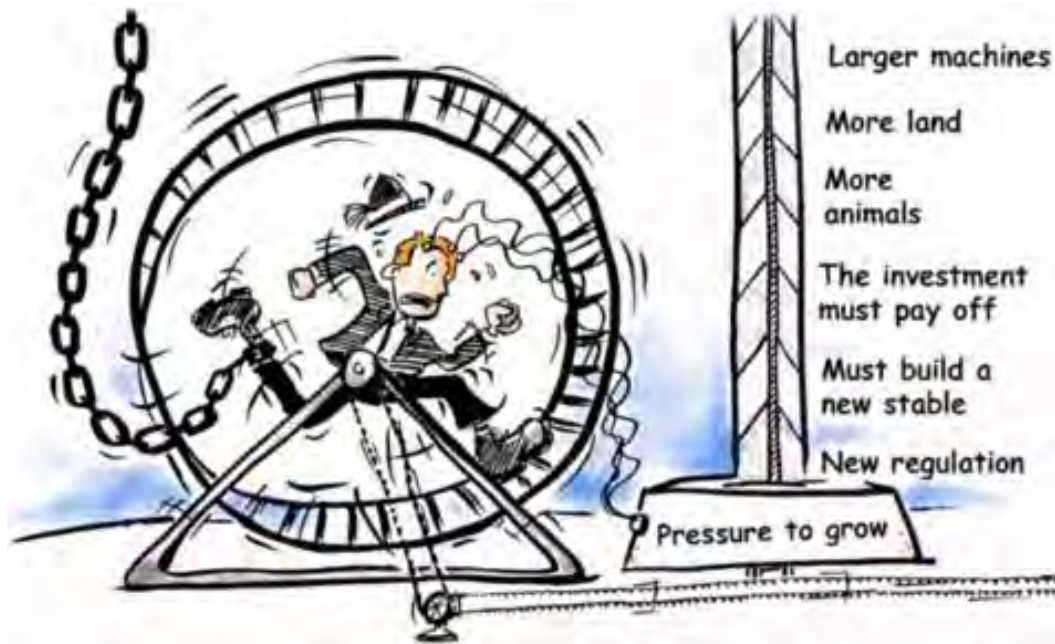
P2: Energy Efficient Solutions

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Aim

To reduce industry vulnerability to rising energy costs, increase sector/farm profitability and improved competitiveness of NSW primary industries.

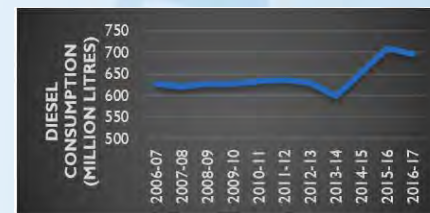
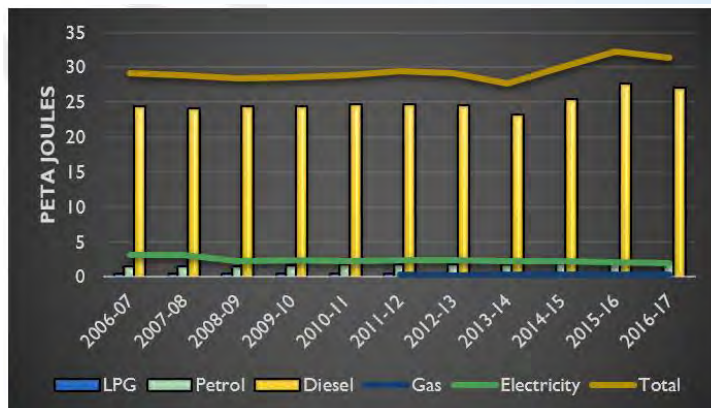
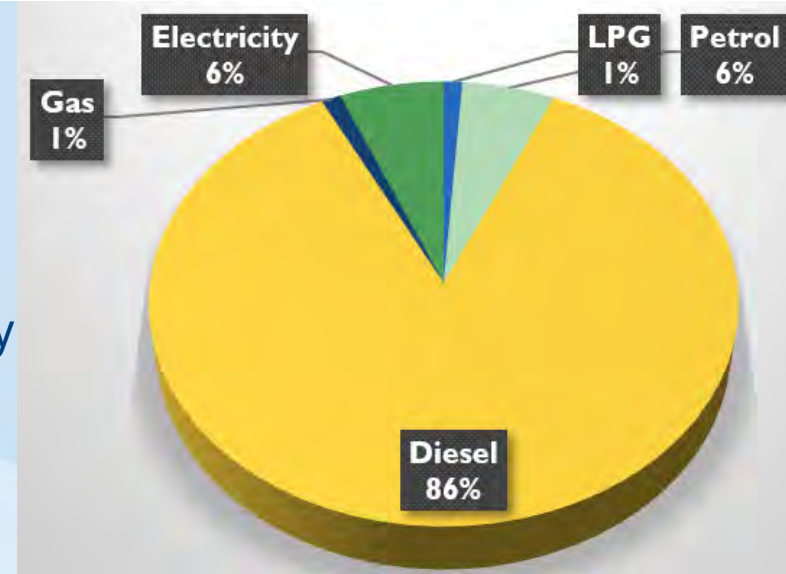


Objectives

- Reduce exposure of primary industries to energy related business risk
- Better inform industry on the merits of a range of new technologies, equipment and production systems in the context of rising energy costs for energy intensive industries
- Provide examples of real world energy efficiency approaches that work, providing increased investment certainty and enabling dissemination of these lessons to the broader sector
- Reduce risks associated with the early adoption of energy efficiency options in agriculture

What is happening with energy ?

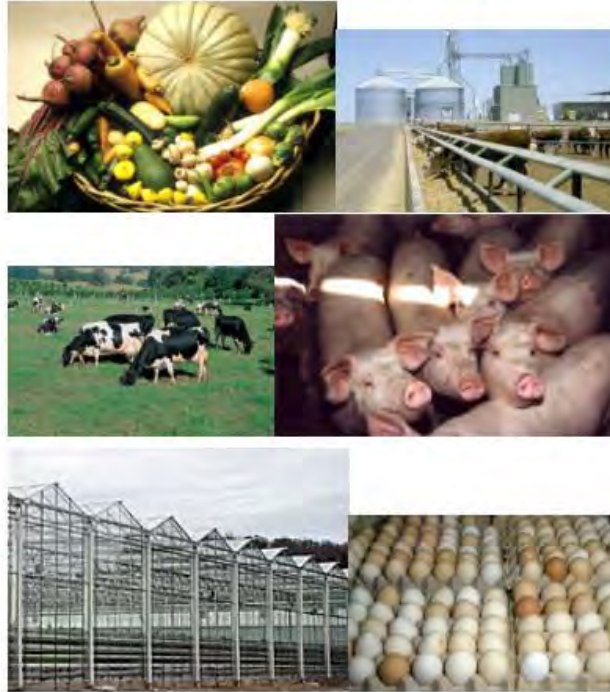
- ❑ Agriculture, fisheries and forestry in NSW consumed 31.342 Peta Joules in 2016-17
- ❑ Overall sector energy consumption is gradually increasing - diesel fuel
- ❑ Broadacre sectors reliant on diesel fuel
- ❑ Increasing concerns over price volatility and security



Source: Australian Energy Update 2018



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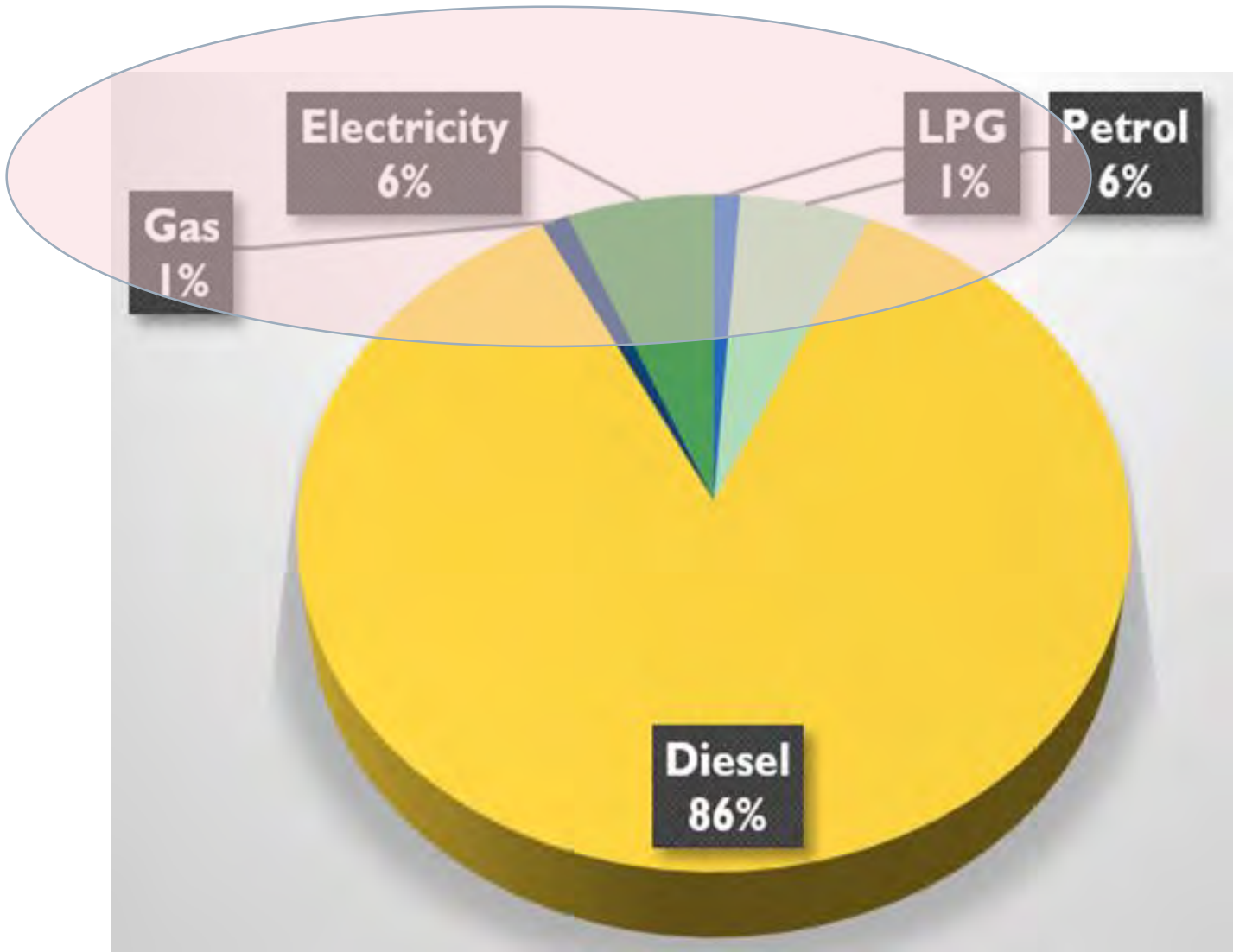


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Adam Marshall
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Western NSW

MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 13 September 2019

\$2.25 MILLION TO SLASH ON-FARM ENERGY USE

Primary producers are being urged to put their best ideas forward to cut costs and reduce on-farm energy use, with up to \$2.25 million now available in NSW Government grants.

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall today launched the Energy Efficiency Solutions project, while visiting the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute.

"In the midst of the worst drought on record, it's more important than ever that farmers are efficient, and get the best bang for their buck so they can improve their business' bottom line," Mr Marshall said.

"We know our primary producers are some of the State's best innovators, which is why we want to hear from them directly to help get these vital cost-cutting and energy reducing projects off the ground."

Focusing on intensive-farming, proposals can range from clean power generation and storage, efficiency enhancements to machinery, and energy optimisation through on-farm value adding.

"Whether it's finding a way to reduce energy use by better utilising farm machinery and equipment, or improving return on investment by turning farm produce into consumer products on-site, this is an opportunity to cut costs and boost profits," Mr Marshall said.

Ten grants of up to \$50,000 are available to fund feasibility studies. The NSW Government will then invite at least five successful projects to apply for funding of up to \$350,000, to implement a pilot project based on their proposal.

Successful proponents who are awarded the pilot project funding will be required to contribute matching funding up to 50 per cent of the cost of the project.

Applications must be lodged online by October 31. For more information visit [\[URL TBC\]](#)

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▶ Attention intensive farmers!

Tired of rising energy costs eroding your profits?

Have an idea to improve the situation that you need help assessing and testing?

NSW DPI through its Energy Efficiency Solutions project is looking to fund innovative on-farm proposals focused on energy optimisation in the NSW beef feedlot, horticulture, dairy, pork and poultry sectors. Funding will be available for both feasibility and pilot assessment to successful proposals that meet the section criteria. **Financial assistance through the project is available for both feasibility (up to \$50,000 ex GST) and Pilot scale implementation (up to \$350,000 ex GST).** Request for proposals now open with applications due by 4pm **AEDT**, 21st October.

More information including application forms and critical dates:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/climate-change-research-strategy>

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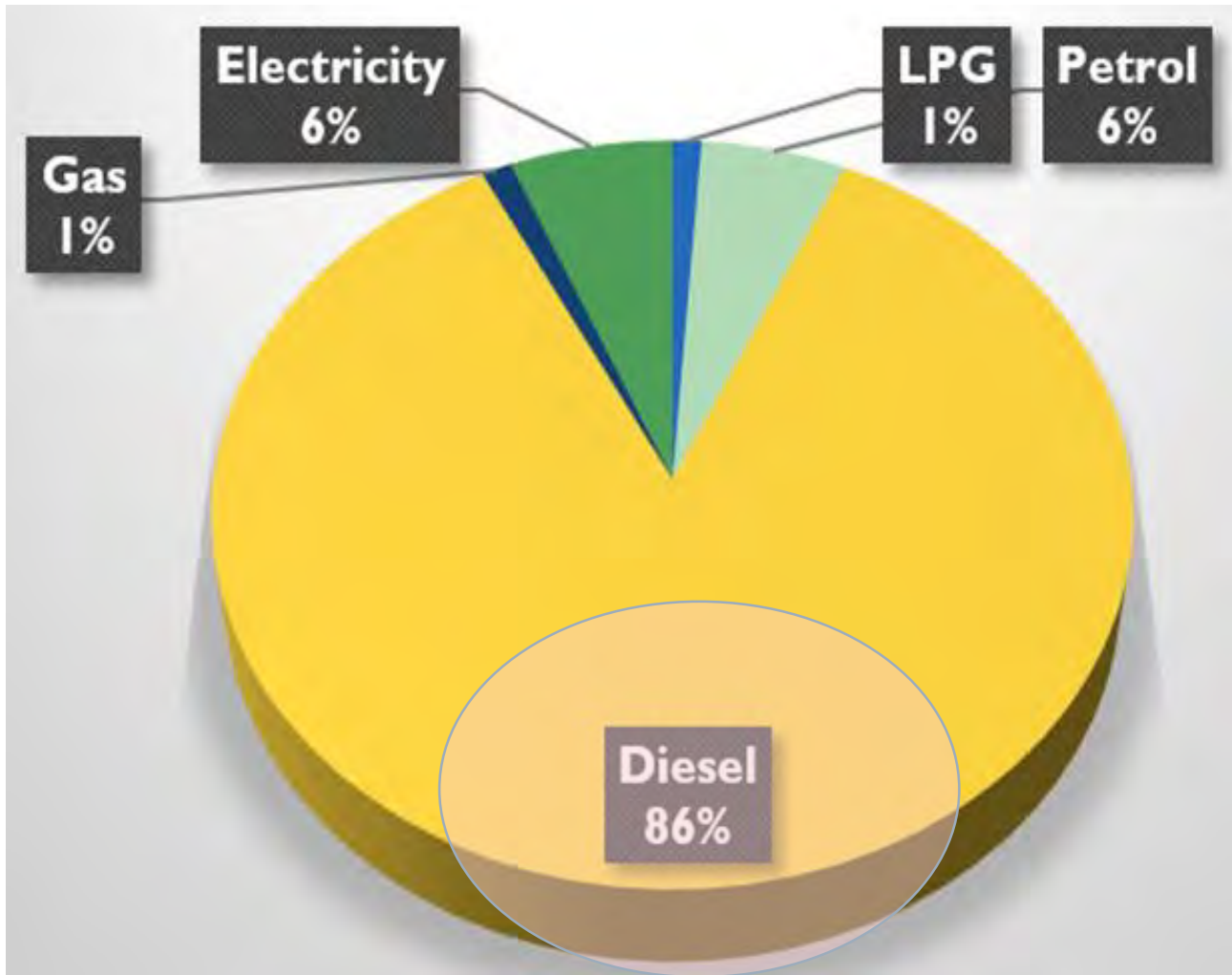
- 21 submissions across the targeted intensive subsectors
- 11 proposals awarded funded feasibility assessments (~\$50K each)
- 6 proposals shortlisted for pilot funding (50% up to \$350K each)

Next steps

- Due diligence assessment and final negotiations
- Funding Deeds in place end July 20

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Purchasing a fuel-efficient tractor

If chosen correctly, modern tractors can deliver significant energy savings and operational efficiencies over older machinery. Tractors are increasingly specialised and making it essential to match their features to specific tasks and environments. Below, fuel-efficiency factors are discussed in relation to usage requirements, dealer engine performance, chassis configuration, linkages, power take-offs, and wheel, tyre and ballasting features.

Introduction

The acquisition of a new tractor is a significant management decision involving hundreds of thousands of dollars and long-term commitment to a particular production system and ancillary equipment.

A tractor near the end of its life typically operates at well below its rated performance and is likely to be using outdated technologies. Correctly specified, a new tractor will use less fuel to perform the same job and may also incorporate digital technologies that help you to organise and monitor your farming operations.



Figure 1: If your tractors are older than you are, it is probably time to upgrade. But how do you select the right tractor for the job? And what considerations are most important?

Ideally, you will be able to select a machine at an attractive price that is inherently efficient and that also will help you and your operators to be more efficient in the paddock. This is easier said than done, however. The process warrants considerable time and effort, as investing in an unsuitable machine can lock in fuel wastage and other operational inefficiencies for decades.

Scope of this paper

This paper focuses on the energy-efficiency aspects of the tractor-purchasing decision. It does not cover all factors involved in selecting an appropriate machine. Having said this, it may surprise you how many of your general considerations have an energy-efficiency dimension.

Things can get complicated when price is the overarching driver of your decision. If a machine with poor energy efficiency is sufficiently cheap, the discount may be enough to



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