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GENERAL

While thin in places the presentations represented the best available approach given time and computation limitations.

SPECIFIC

Requested comment topics

Short-term annual growth rate

I do not think this growth rate will continue for the following reasons:

Relations with PRChina will hinder exports for a considerable time, even when present limitations are lifted.

Limitations in exporting iron ore will be the next imposition as soon as Brazil, Russia ramp up availability for reasonable quality iron ore. Forrest investment in hydrogen/energy and Rinehart into cattle/food confirm this.

Increasing international action on climate change will reduce Australian exports of coal and LNG, reducing export income and also decreasing local coal and gas prices.

The present drive for local activity will not result in overall increase in Australia's income but result in some rearrangement in wealth.

Scenario settings

PV uptake

The recent uncertainty/threat to charge for connection to the distribution system does not bode well for the otherwise expected increase in PV uptake. Initial enthusiasm is waning and new home investors are more concerned with potential return on investment. The fear that the power system may become less reliable does not seem to compensate for this. As a result the general spread of PV uptake is considered optimistic.

Battery uptake

Comments for PV uptake apply with the additional limitation that batteries are an investment "add-on" to a PV system in any case.

EV uptake

The uptake of EV's is primarily dependent on reasonably priced cars being available together with Government action.

Hydrogen fuel cells

The concentration of hydrogen in heavy vehicles is considered appropriate.

Regards,
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