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Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:

What does the department understand 'Just Transition' as specified under the Paris agreement, to mean? Can you give examples of specific policies (whether here, abroad or hypothetical), that would come under the Just Transition banner?

Answer:

The Paris Agreement explains that the 'just transition' of the workforce involves the creation of "decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined priorities". The Government's support for Hazelwood Power Station workers and Victoria's Latrobe Valley following the closure of the facility at the end of March 2017 is a demonstration of how the Government is giving effect to this aspect of the Paris Agreement. The Government's \$43 million support package will include \$20 million in support for local infrastructure, \$3 million to help employees and a \$20 million Regional Jobs and Investment Package to help create local jobs and growth, build a highly skilled local workforce, take advantage of export opportunities and diversify the regional economy.