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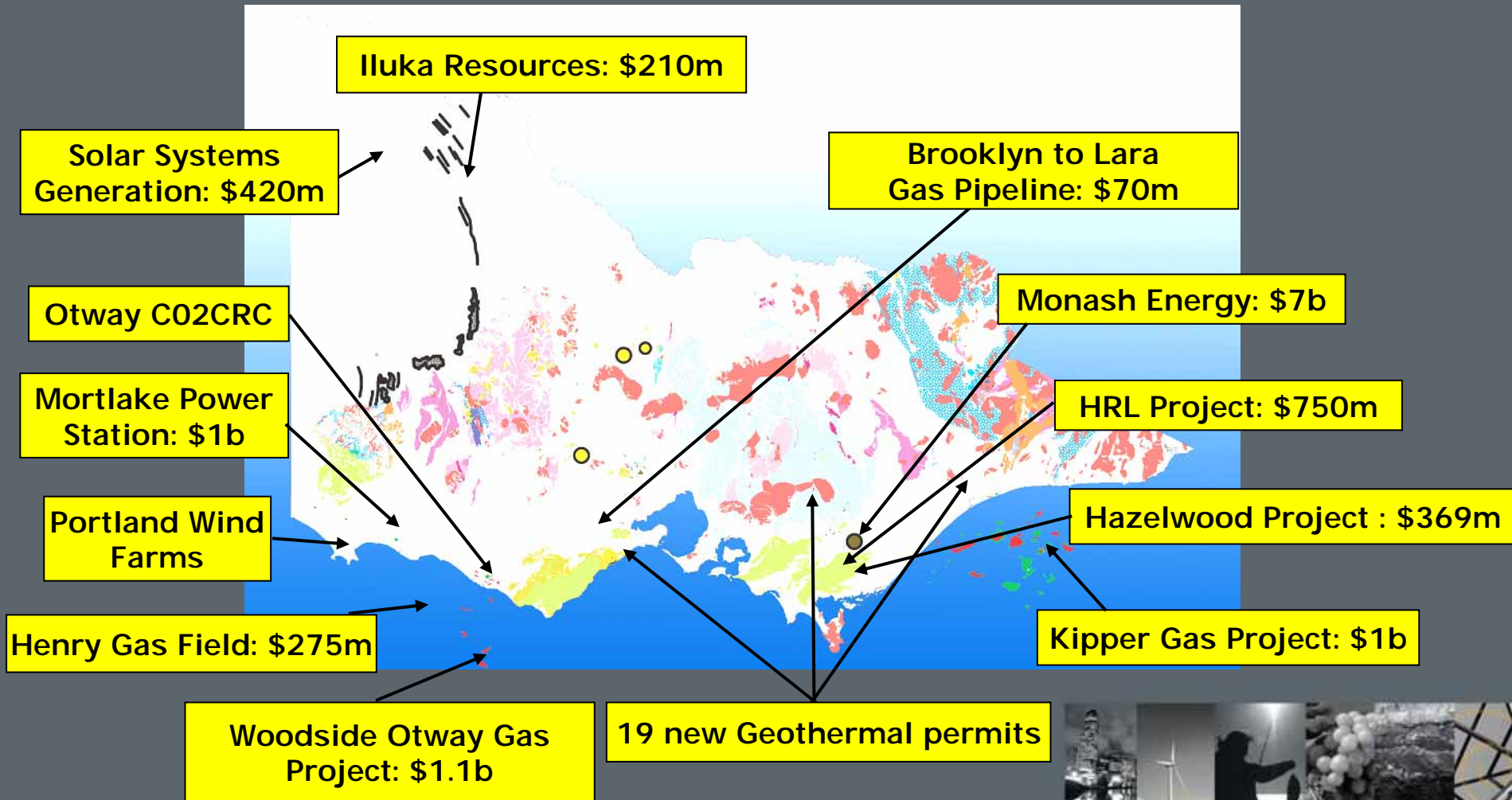


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Energy and Resources projects



Overview – Resources

Encouraging innovation

- Review earth resources R&D
- \$5.2m for investigation into carbon storage sites
- Launched Otway carbon capture and storage trial

Improving regulation

- New Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration
- Community engagement regulations introduced
- Successful transition of OH&S to Workcover
- Streamlining of exploration approvals



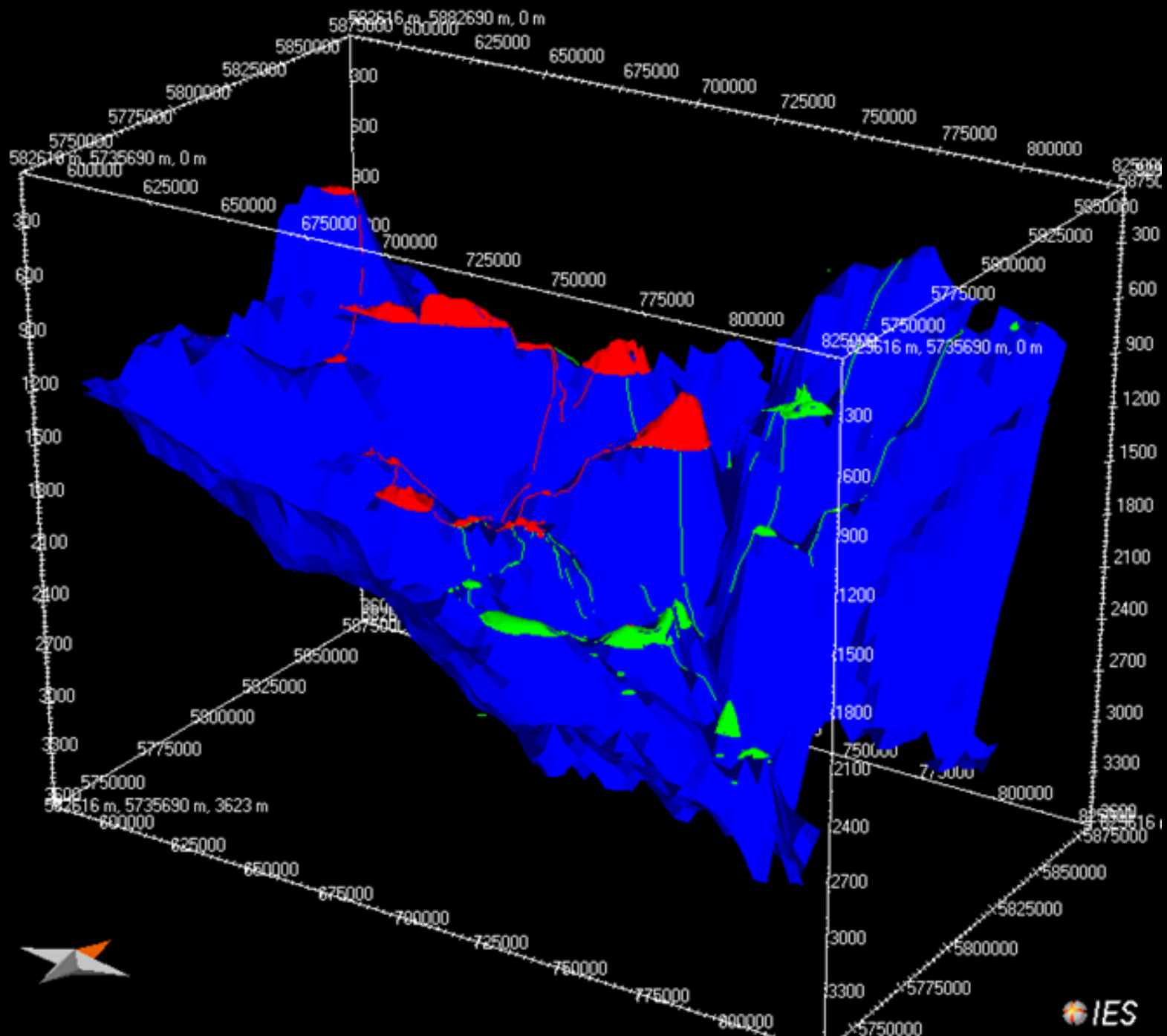
Attracting exploration

- Record levels of mineral exploration
- \$5m through Rediscover Victoria
- \$9m Gold Undercover
- Geothermal acreage release (+ 2nd round)

Facilitating projects

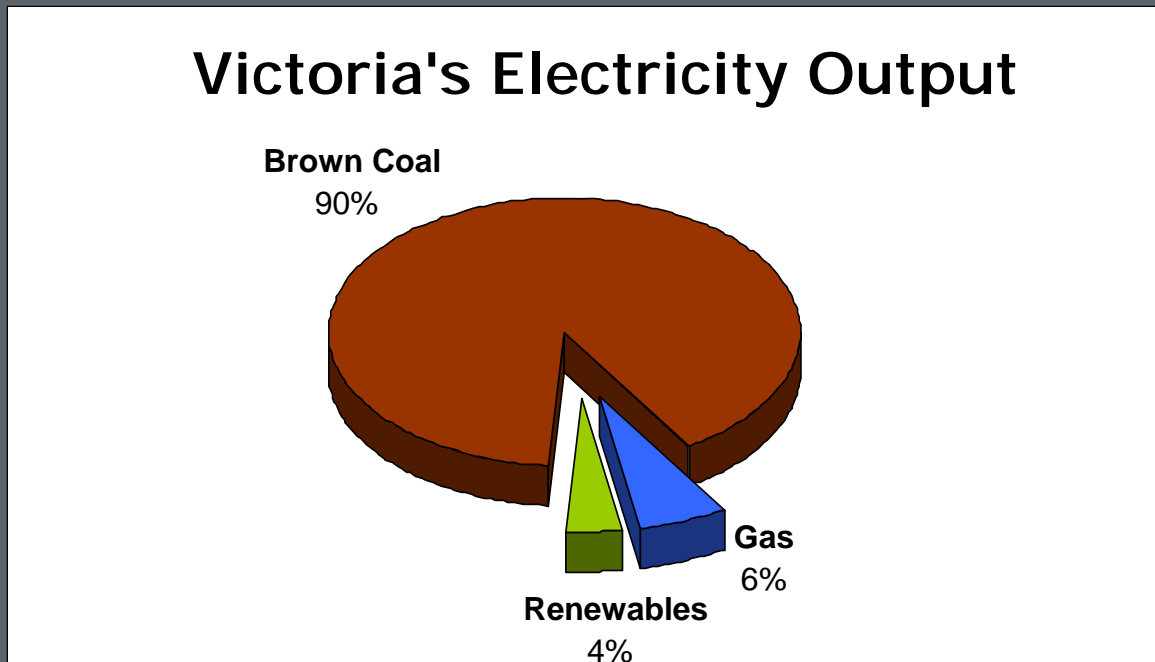
- Otway Gas
- Monash Energy
- Iluka Resources
- \$12.2m Clean Coal Victoria





Overview – Energy

Victoria's energy supply is dependent on our brown coal reserves



The climate change challenge

Climate change is one of the most significant long-term challenges facing the State

The stationary energy and transport energy sectors are central to Victoria's efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions

Victoria has set a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent from 2000 levels by 2050

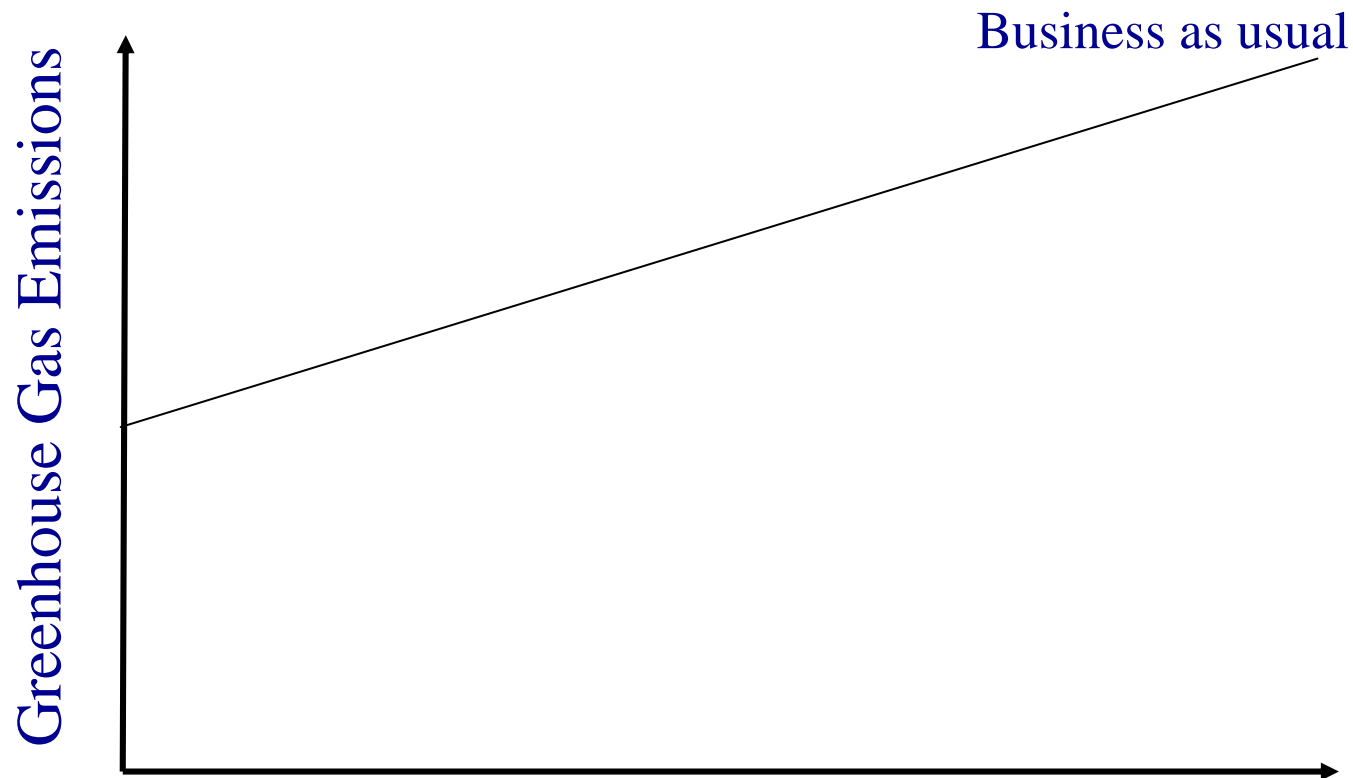
Victoria faces a national emissions trading scheme from 2010

We are taking practical steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as we move towards a carbon-constrained future



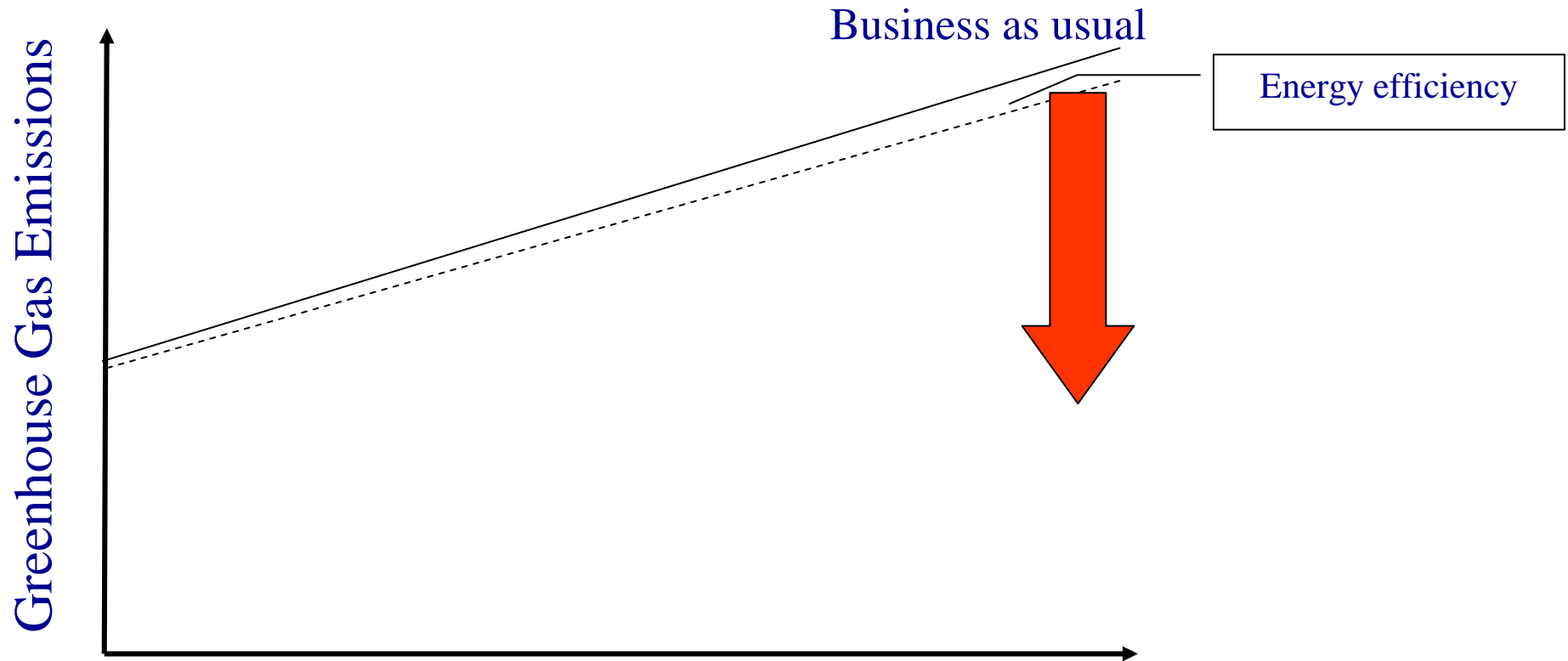
The Government's response

A range of measures...



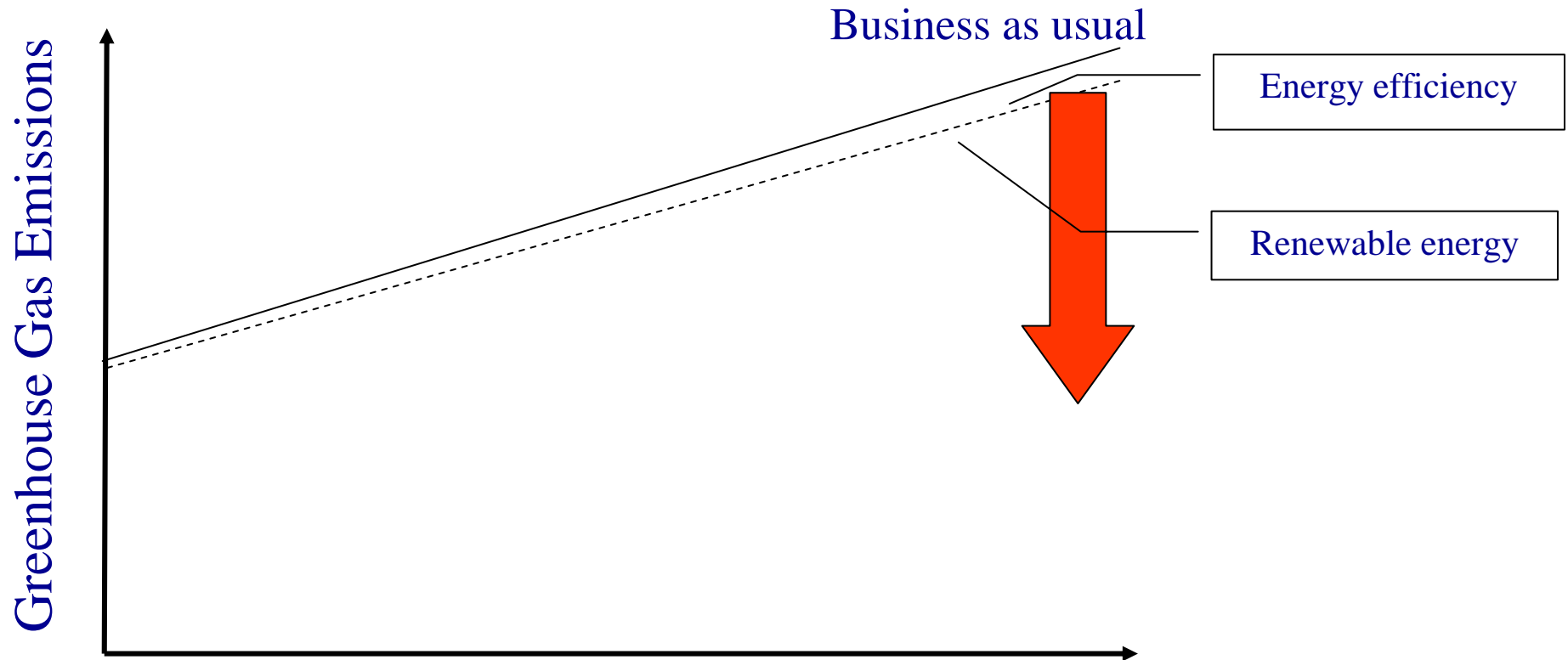
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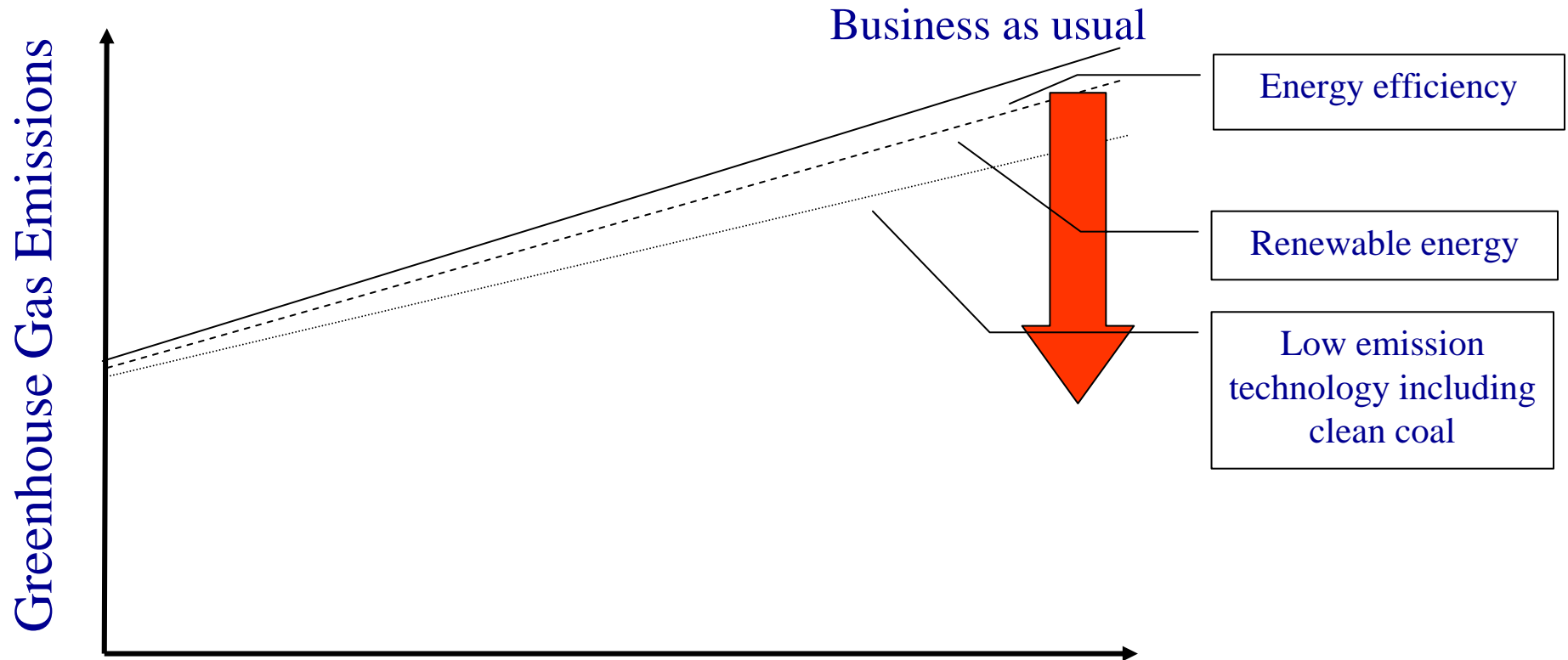
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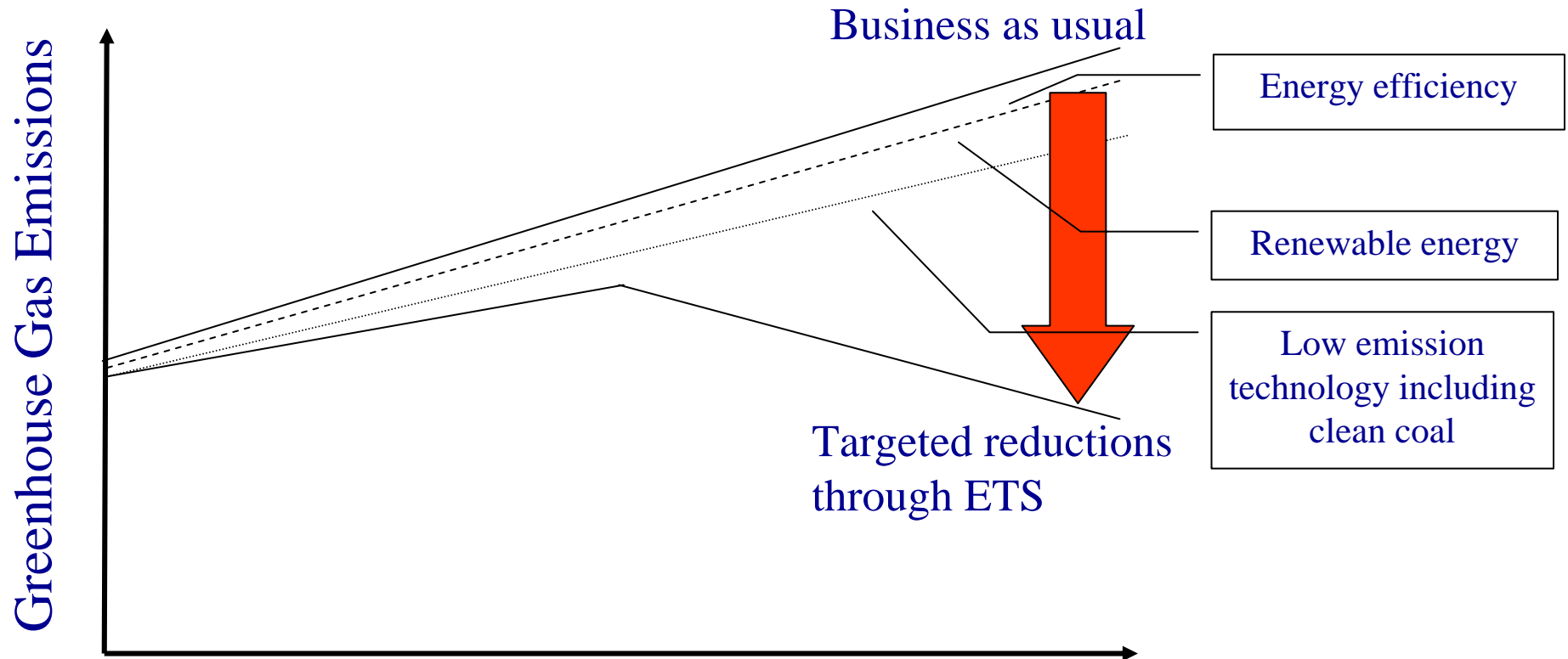
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2008/09 Budget initiatives

\$110m for large scale carbon capture and storage

\$12.2m over four years to establish Clean Coal Victoria

\$5.2m to investigate carbon capture and storage sites in the Gippsland Basin

\$3.6m for the Cooperative Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies

\$2m to develop a supportive policy and legislative framework for Carbon Capture and Storage

\$72m for large-scale pre-commercial sustainable energy projects

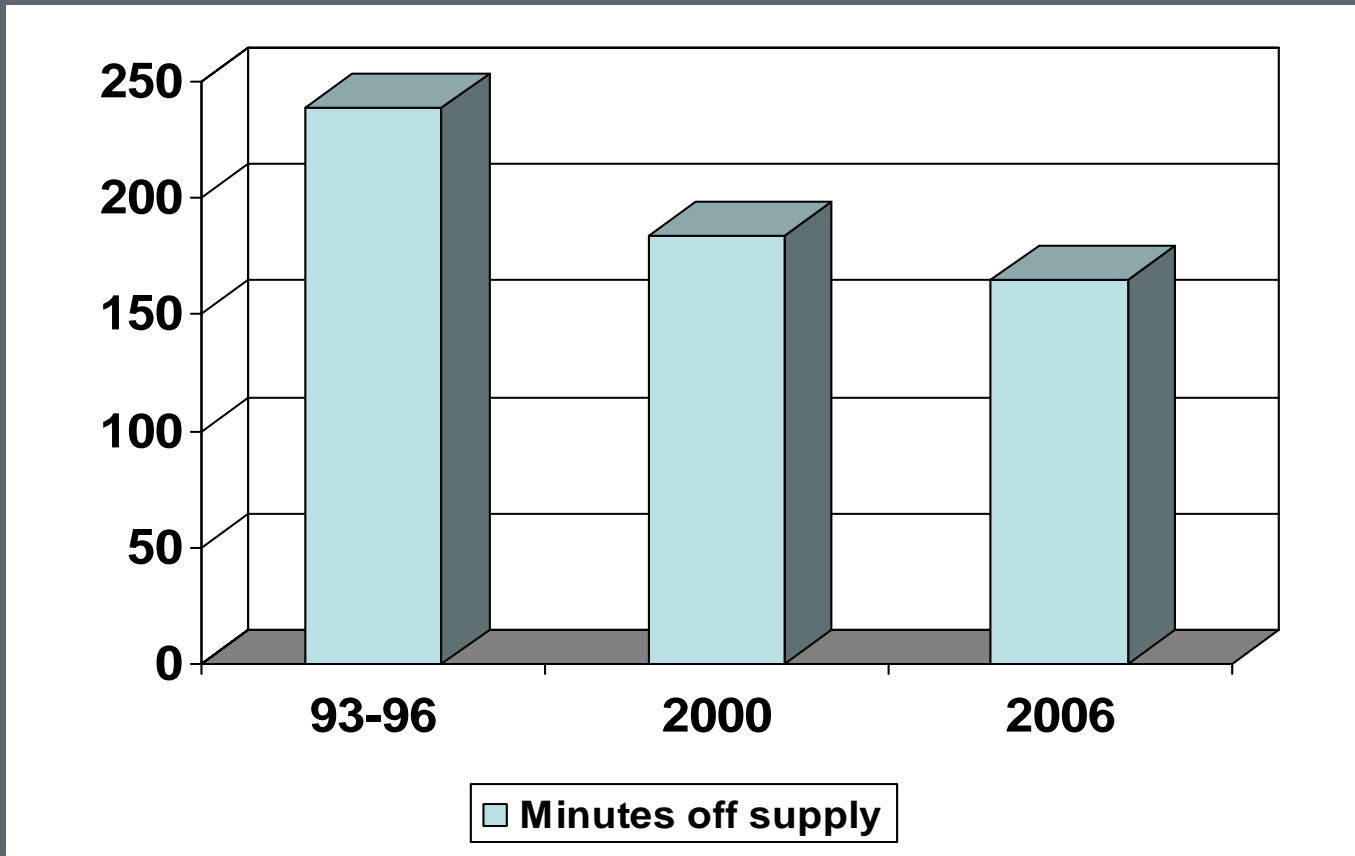
\$12.5 million for an integrated Natural Resource Allocation and Management System

\$2m for Sustainable Transport Energy policy initiatives



Energy

The Victorian Government is committed to maintaining a secure, efficient, affordable, safe and sustainable supply of energy



Conclusion



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