

## Energy efficiency policy & SMEs

**EMAK Workshop** 

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### Topics

1. Ai Group research

2. Ai Group activity

3. Learning experience

4. Current feeling

5. Next steps

### Ai Group research

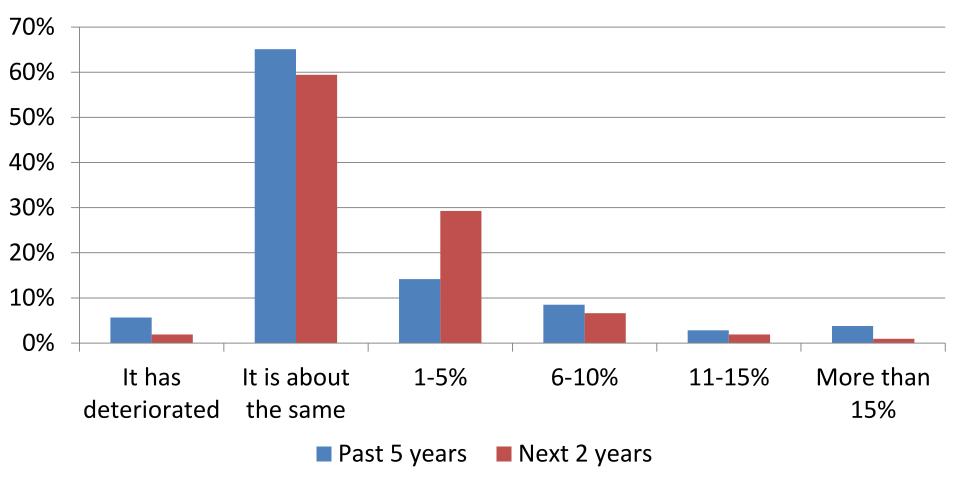
2010 survey: little achieved in efficiency

2012 survey: significant turnaround

2013 surveys: barriers remain

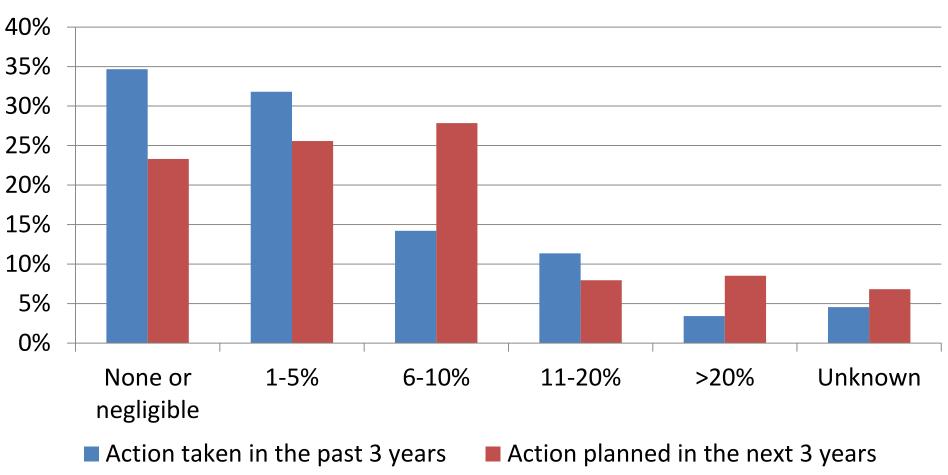
### 2010 – efficiency improvements

# Estimated efficiency improvements (2010, manufacturing)



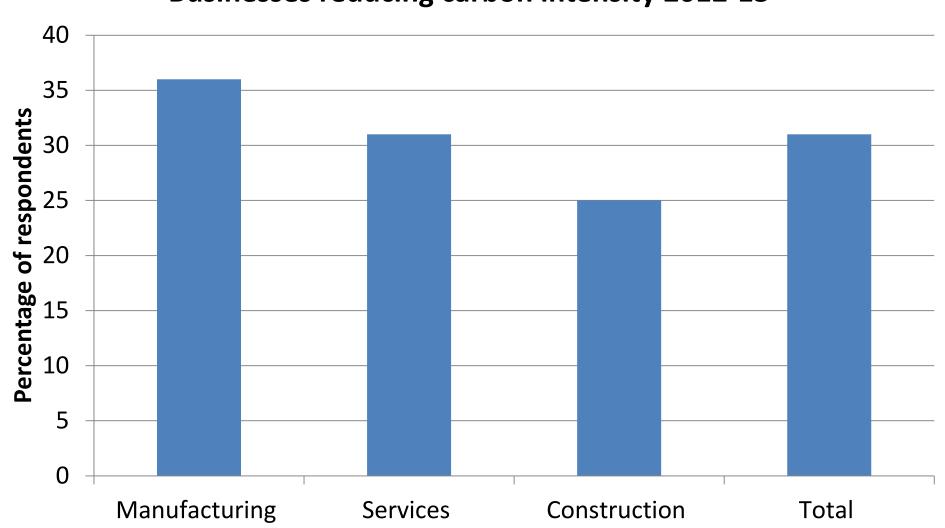
### 2012 – efficiency improvements





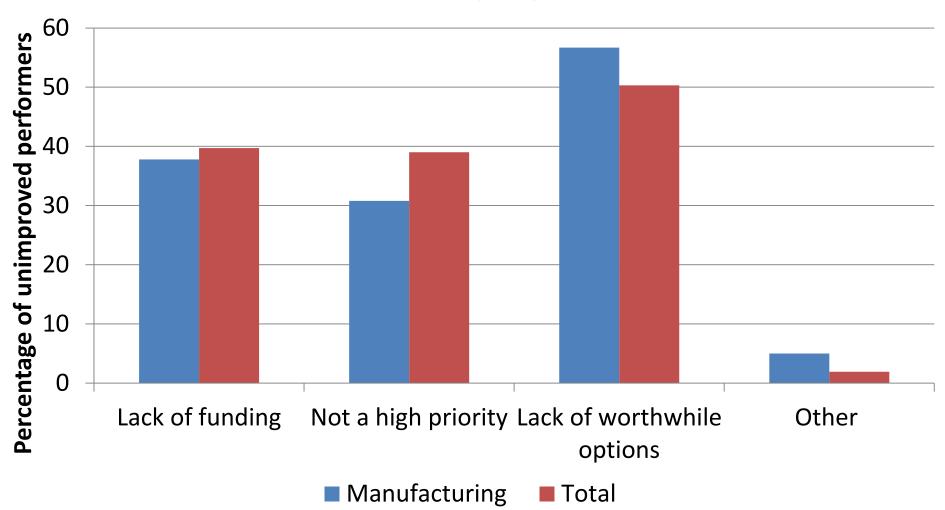
### 2013 – intensity improvements



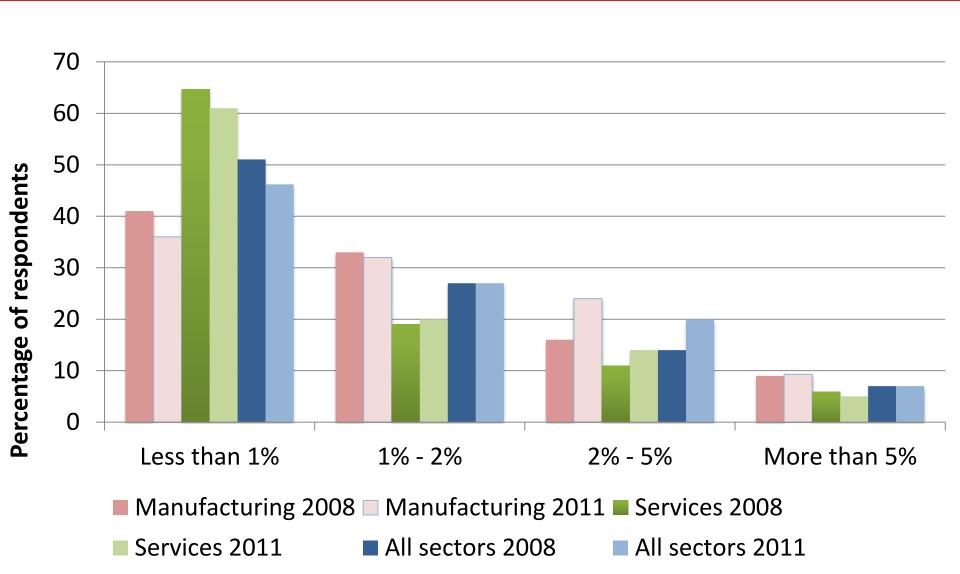


### 2013 – barriers to improvement

#### **Barriers to carbon intensity improvement (2012-13)**



### Energy spend as % turnover



### Ai Group activity

Ongoing in-house energy services team

Information Grants: Energy Efficiency Assist

Clean Technology Investment Program involvement

Resource Efficiency Assist (VIC and SA) - current

### Energy Efficiency Assist SME audit

Opportunities identified	TOTAL energy savings	GHG savings	Energy cost savings	Capital cost	Payback (years)
	(GJ/yr)	(t CO <sub>2</sub> -e/yr)	(\$/yr)	(\$)	
Upgrade 400W high bay lamps to 150W LED equivalents	20,962	6,760	1,140,900	3,577,015	3.1
Upgrade 36W T8 fluorescent lamps to 22W T8 LED lamps	4,958	1,516	328,333	1,290,789	3.9
Compressed air leakage reduction	1,179	341	55,362	51,560	0.9
Installation of VSD on equipment	1,403	482	65,398	337,890	5.2
Installation of timer on equipment	515	157	14,979	21,785	1.5
Other(e.g. installation of day light sensor, insulation of pipes, hibernation setting for the computers, upgrade 18W T8 fluorescent lamps to 11W T8 LED lamps and adjust HVAC settings)	11,355	2,870	559,625	1,886,820	3.4
Totals	40,373	12,124	\$2,164,596	\$7,165,859	3.3

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Episode 3: Energy Efficiency Opportunities with Process Cooling & Refrigeration



This module will take approximately 15 minutes to complete



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### Learning from experience

- Information:
  - Still in demand
  - Needs to be well pitched
  - On site assistance makes a difference
- Opportunity is there...
- ... but transaction costs need to be low...
- ... and SMEs need individual support to identify and implement
- Policy / budget vagaries are damaging

### Current attitudes

Awareness of energy cost imperatives

Wider economic conditions are a more constant worry

Caution about policy flux

Pause in activity as incentives wind down

### Next steps

Retail energy prices at sustained highs or rising further

Future generation options are expensive

Manufacturing in transition

Efficiency remains imperative to competitiveness, abatement