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A new yearbook on the power industry, to be launched in Sydney tomorrow, highlights the need for urgent renewal and expansion of energy infrastructure through significant capital investment.

Powering Australia: the business of electricity supply will be launched by the New South Wales Energy Minister, the Hon Ian Macdonald.

Jaqui Lane, Chief Executive of the yearbook's publishers, Focus Publishing Interactive, says the new publication appears at a critical time in the Australian debate about energy supply. "It will be distributed to policymakers throughout the country and to many of the people who advise them and will provide a highly topical reference book in the present environment."

Its content, she adds, focuses on the need to mobilise massive amounts of capital to provide energy infrastructure and to reduce the power sector's environmental footprint. Contributors estimate that at least \$75 billion will need to be outlaid between now and 2030 on generation, electricity networks and gas pipelines.

Jaqui Lane says *Powering Australia* aims to provide an annual review of how investors will deliver this massive development in a carbon-constrained environment -- "one of the most complex tasks facing Australians this century."

Powering Australia is published by Focus Publishing Interactive and is Focus's first book on the Electricity sector. Focus has produced books for corporations, industry groups, service organisations, and governments both around Australia and throughout the world. Focus's Chief Executive Officer, Jaqui Lane will open the launch at 5pm, Governor Macquarie Tower, Sydney on Wednesday 27th February, 2008. www.focus.com.au

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