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Clean Technology

Horizontal Business Innovation and Clean Technology Review

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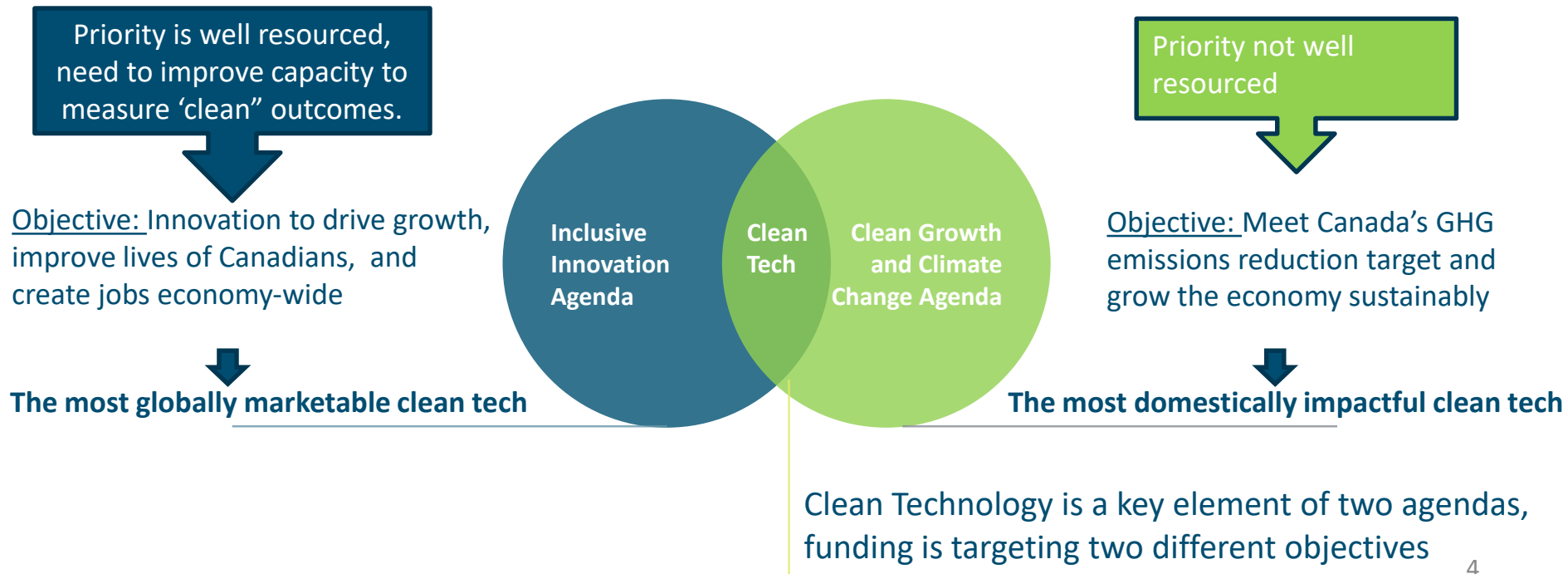
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What was the context
of Clean Technology in
the review?

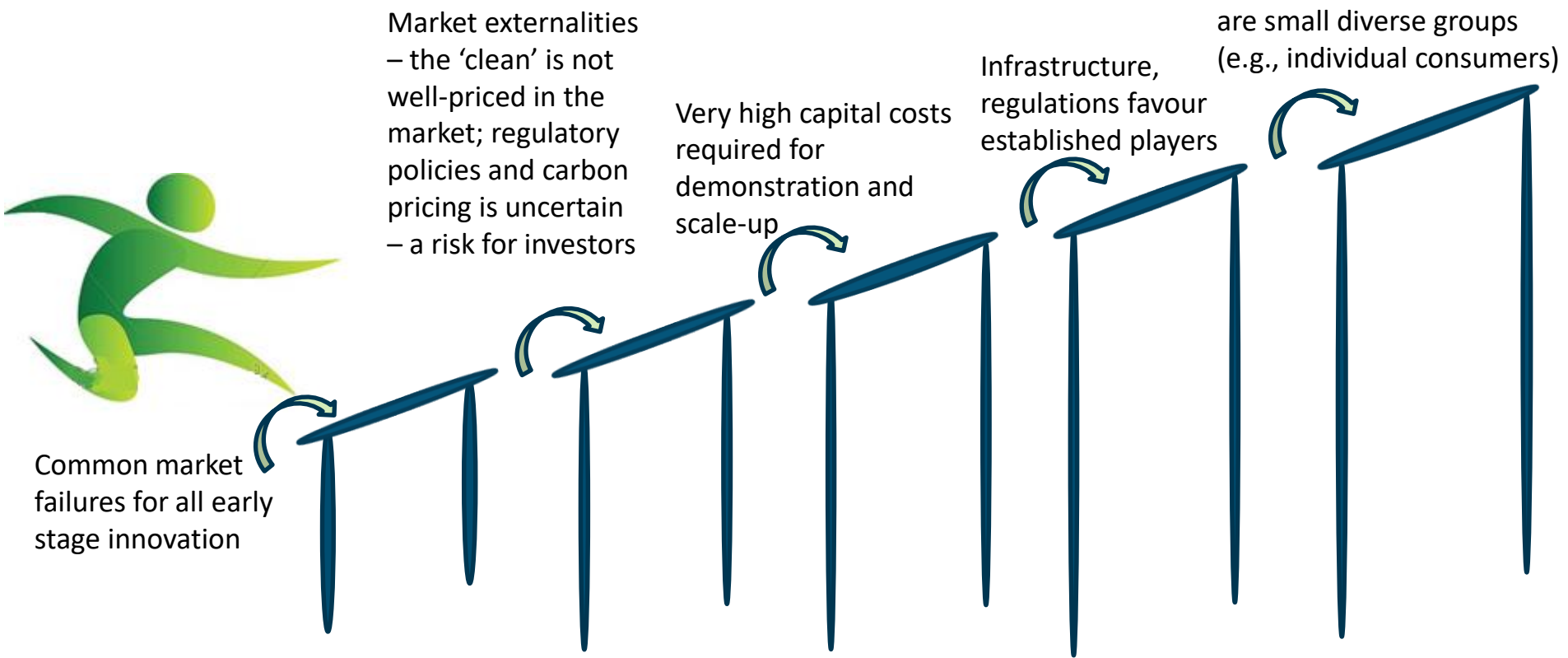
Clean technology innovation plays a key role in two major policy agendas

- Clean Technology: *any product, process, or service designed with the primary purpose of contributing to, remediating or preventing any type of environmental damage*
- What differentiates clean technology is the 'clean' – a positive impact in the environment



... but faces a significantly more challenging path to market than most other innovations.

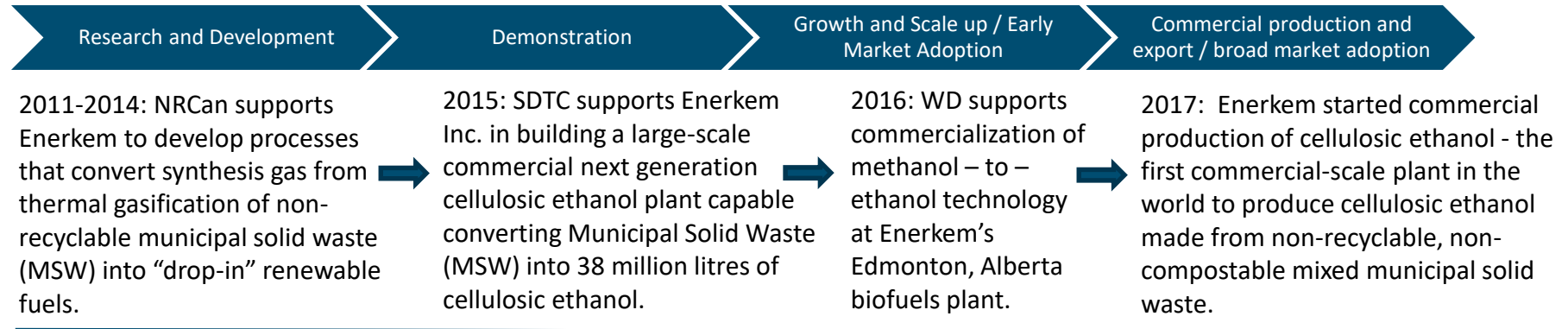
Clean tech needs more / different public support than other types:



'Clean' innovation happens in producer and adopter firms.

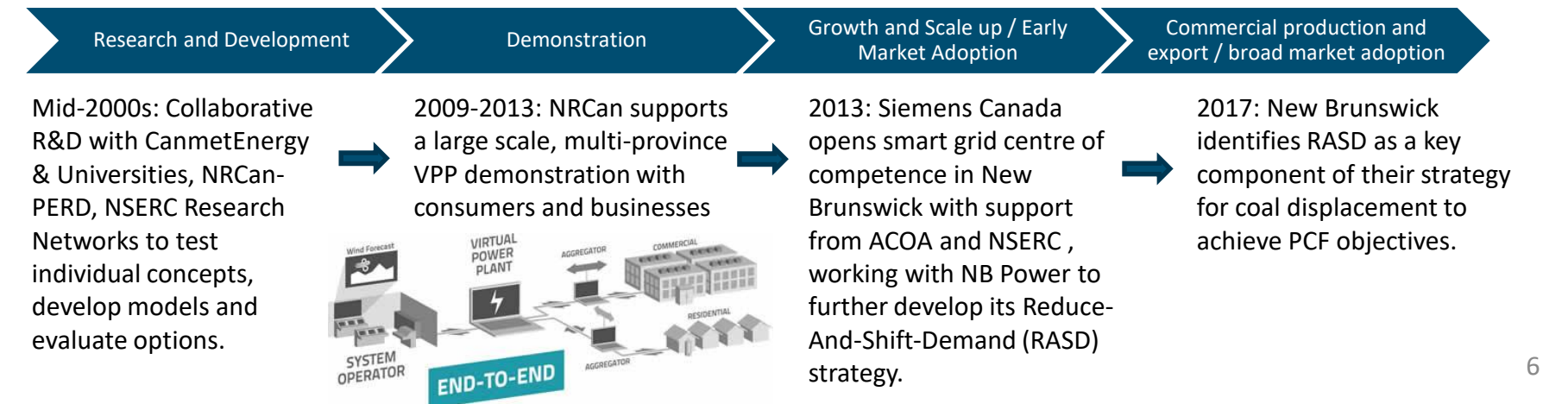
Producer-focused: A Canadian firm is developing a new clean technology for sale.

Example: Enerkem – Converting municipal solid waste into biofuels



Adopter-focused: A Canadian firm is looking to improve the environmental impact of operations.

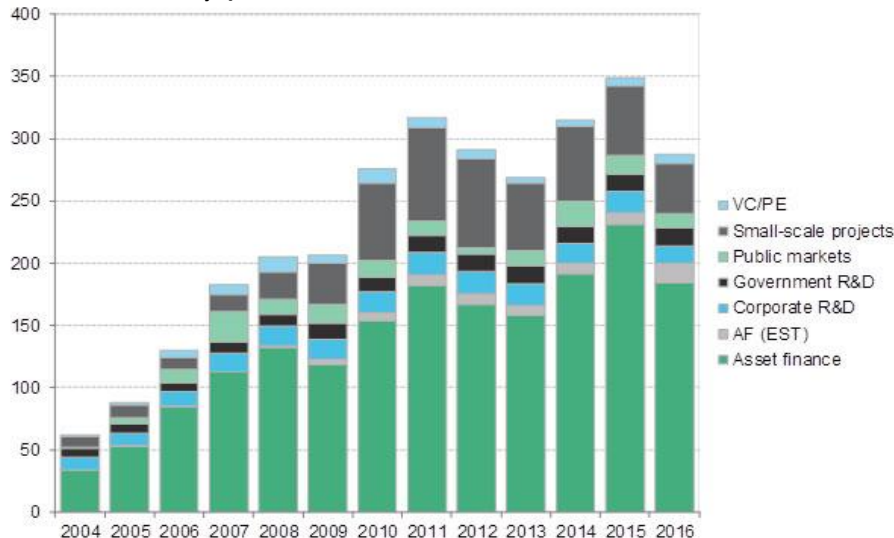
Example: New Brunswick Power's "PowerShift Atlantic" (PSA) - one of the world's first fully grid-integrated virtual power plants (VPP)



The Inclusive Innovation Agenda focuses on innovation to capture the global clean technology market opportunity ...

Budget 2017: the global market for **clean technology** (cleantech) has surpassed \$1 trillion per year and will continue to grow over the next decade. As the world increasingly seeks out more sustainable and renewable sources of energy, and new technologies to improve the quality of air and water, Canadian companies can lead the way. Our clean technology companies are well-positioned to compete and win in this large and growing global market.

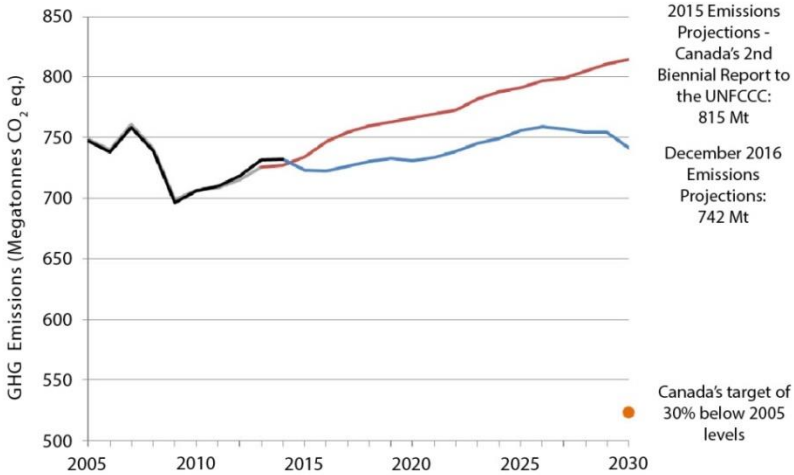
Global new investment in clean energy by category, 2004 to 2016, \$bn



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

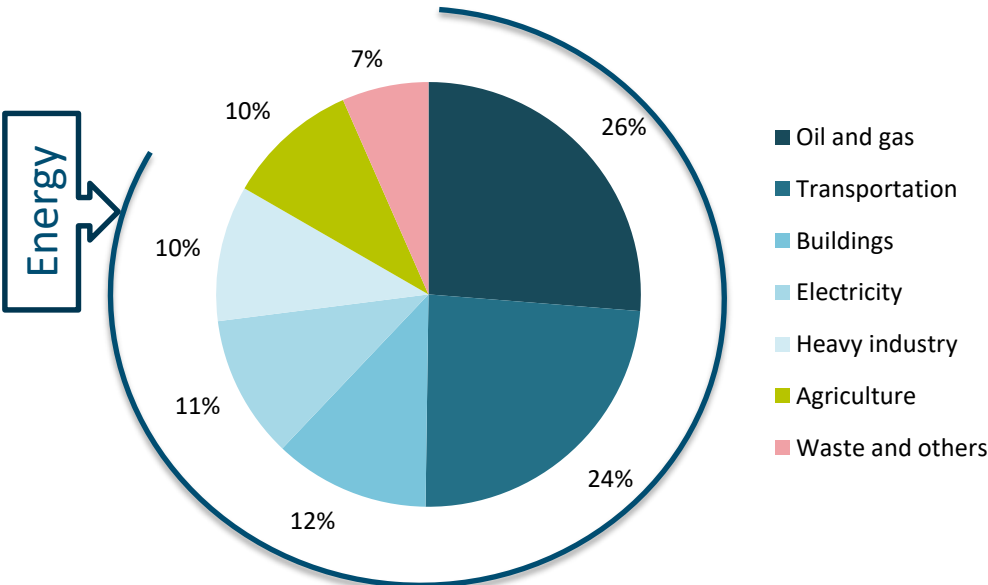
- Canadian companies can't rely on the domestic market alone - 83 % of companies expect to be exporting in 2015.
- In 2014, more than half the industry revenues came from exports.

... while the Clean Growth and Climate Change Agenda focuses on innovation to drive significant emissions reductions in Canada ...



- Energy, a key input in the economy, is responsible for 83% of GHGs with additional significant negative impacts on air, and water.
- Energy system needs to be transformed over the next 35 years
- Firms are deeply implicated in the process of transformation as both suppliers and users of energy

2015 GHG Emissions Sources



To limit global warming to 2°C, the world needs to reduce emissions from energy by 80% by 2050, and all countries need to essentially eliminate them by the end of the century.

Source: International Energy Agency

... but the two agendas reinforce each other –
each agenda's success strengthens the other.

Developing globally competitive clean technology companies:

- Increases the tool set for reducing Canada's emissions
- Increases expertise, skills and knowledge available in the market
- Establishes global reputation for strength in the sector

Inclusive Innovation Agenda

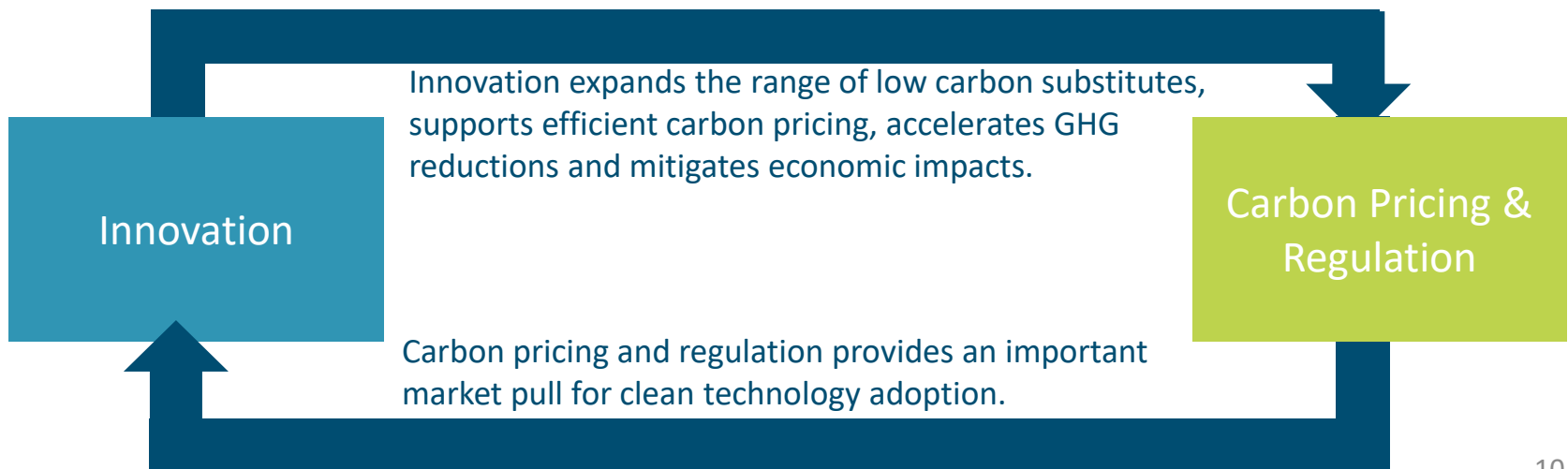
Clean Growth and Climate Change

Driving innovation in Canada to reduce GHGs:

- Strengthens the domestic market for clean technology producers
- Increases long term competitiveness of resource industries
- Lowers long-term cost of energy – important input to economy
- Establishes global reputation for strength in the sector
- Complements carbon pricing and reduces carbon leakage risk.

Regulations have a Significant Impact on Clean Technology

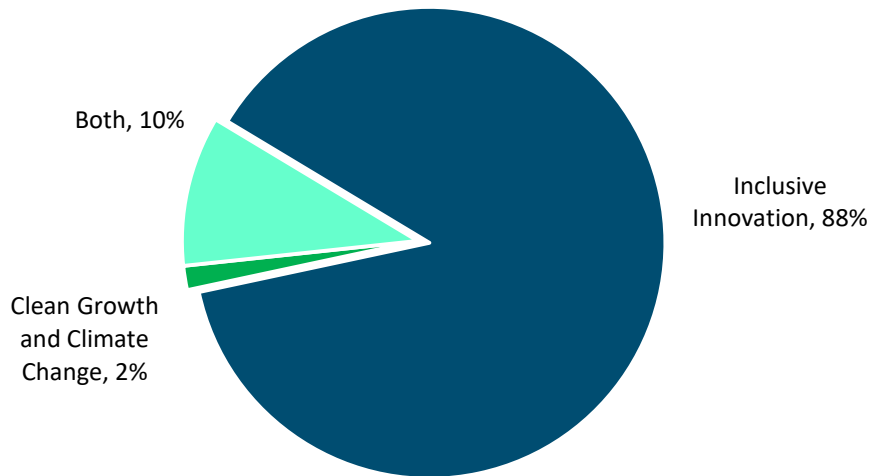
- Although not in the scope of this review, regulation will have a major impact on adoption of clean technology - the introduction of a carbon price in Canada, development of a Clean Fuel Standard and accelerating the phase-out of conventional coal-fired electricity by 2030 are key elements of Canada's emissions reduction strategy.
- Carbon pricing will increase the effectiveness of innovation programming in supporting emissions reductions by providing market pull.
- Innovation is required to succeed:
 - ECCC has identified a 66 Mt gap between 2030 targets and current measures that is to be filled by public transit, green infrastructure, technology and innovation and stored carbon – a short timeline to achieve results.
 - the Deep Decarbonisation Pathways Project concluded that Canada requires 'next generation' technologies to achieve 50% of its total required abatement by 2050.



What does the Phase II Data tell us?

Alignment of Clean Technology Spending is Primarily to the Inclusive Innovation Agenda ...

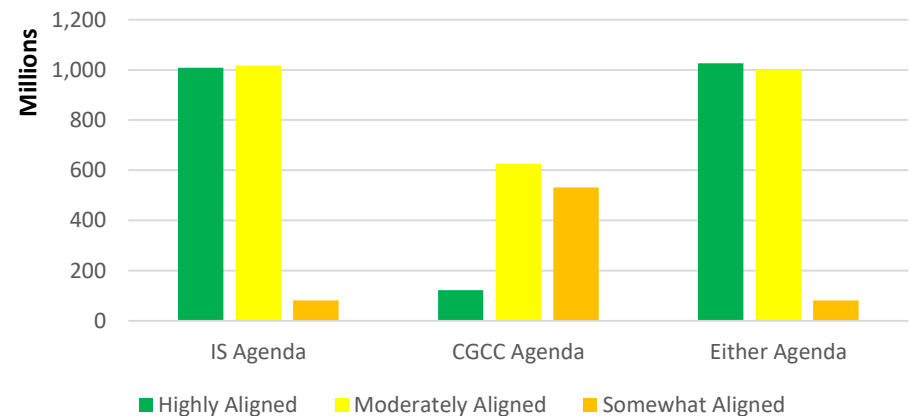
Investments in Highly Aligned Programs over 5 Years



- 98% of clean tech spending was rated as highly aligned to the Inclusive Innovation Agenda
- Only 12% was considered highly aligned to the clean growth and climate change agenda

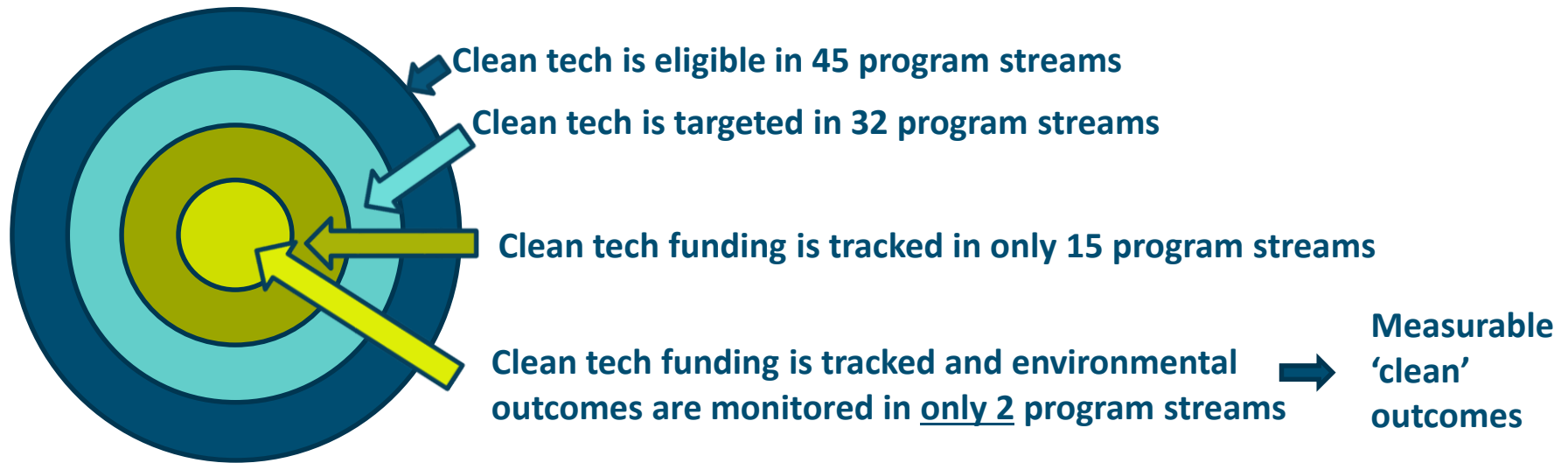
- Most clean technology innovation spending is targeting the producer-focused articulation of clean tech
- Environmental outcomes are only tracked in two programs - even 'moderately aligned' CGCC programs didn't monitor environmental outcomes (e.g.,GHGs)

Overall Alignment Across Priorities



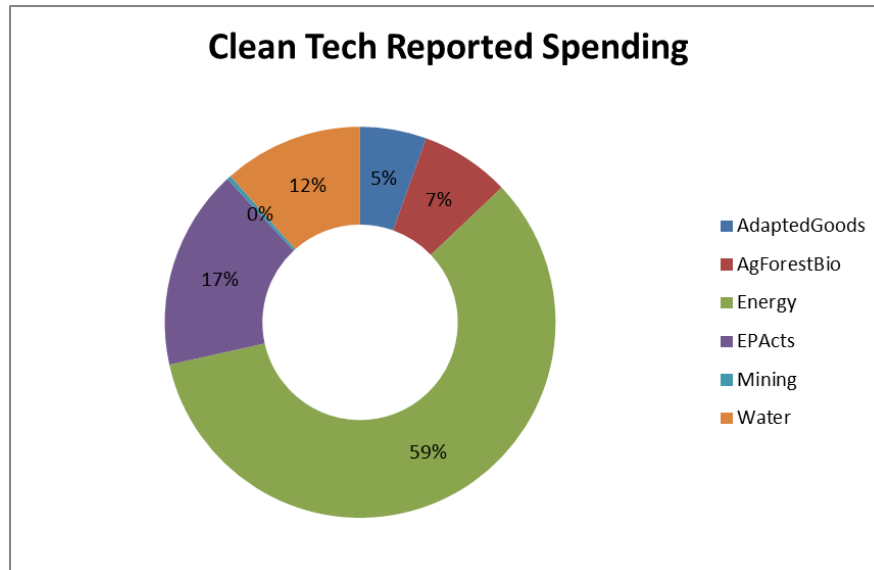
... with limited monitoring and reporting on 'clean' outcomes

Involvement of program streams in clean technology



- Low capacity in the system for monitoring and reporting on 'clean' – exceptions are SDTC and NRCan's Energy Innovation Program.
- "What gets measured gets done": Not tracking clean outcomes suggests programs will have less impact on the Clean Growth and Climate Change agenda.

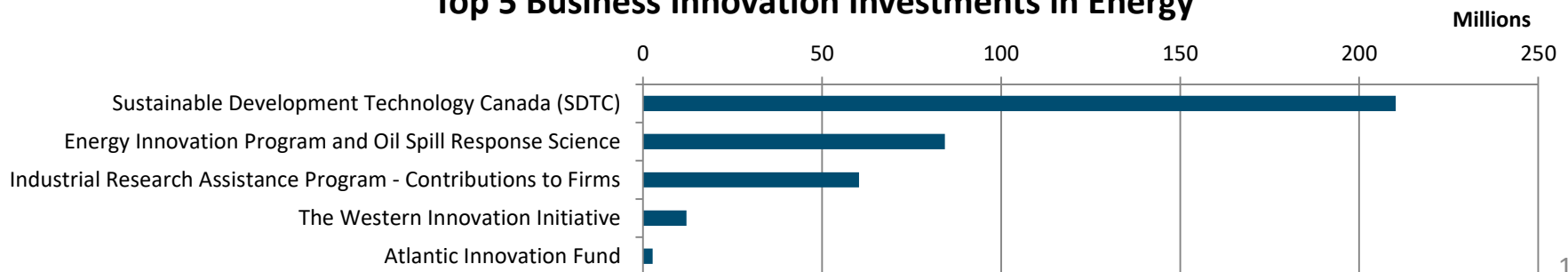
Investments by category suggests an underinvestment in energy ...



- At 83% of GHG emissions, energy represents only 59% of innovation investments.
- While other environmental outcomes are also important, transformational change is required in energy to achieve emissions reduction targets.
- Other notable gaps: mining, and agriculture

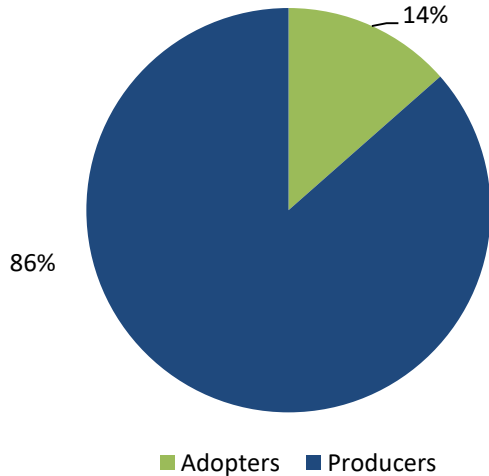
- The 59% spent on energy is scattered between 14 program streams, with a few larger players making significant investments

Top 5 Business Innovation Investments in Energy



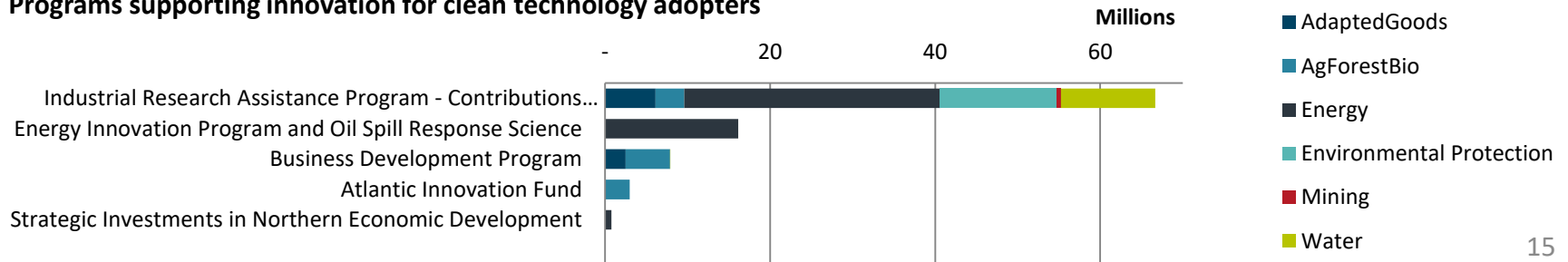
... and an underinvestment in support of adopter-led innovation ...

Producers and Adopter Innovation Support



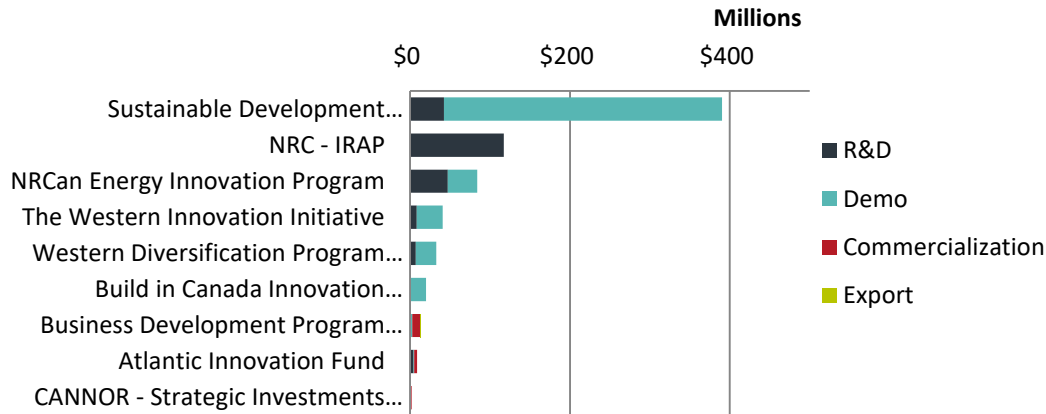
- Regulations impact adopters – carbon pricing impacts natural resources sectors in particular, which represent 16% of GDP, \$25B in government revenues, and 93% of GHG emissions.
- **Innovation reduces the negative impact of climate change policies on GDP in 2050 by half and significantly lowers the carbon price needed.**
(OECD Taxation, Innovation and Environment)
- **Canadian clean technology producers are responsible for only 1.6% of global clean technology** – Canadian firms may not meet a Canadian adopters innovation needs.

Programs supporting innovation for clean technology adopters

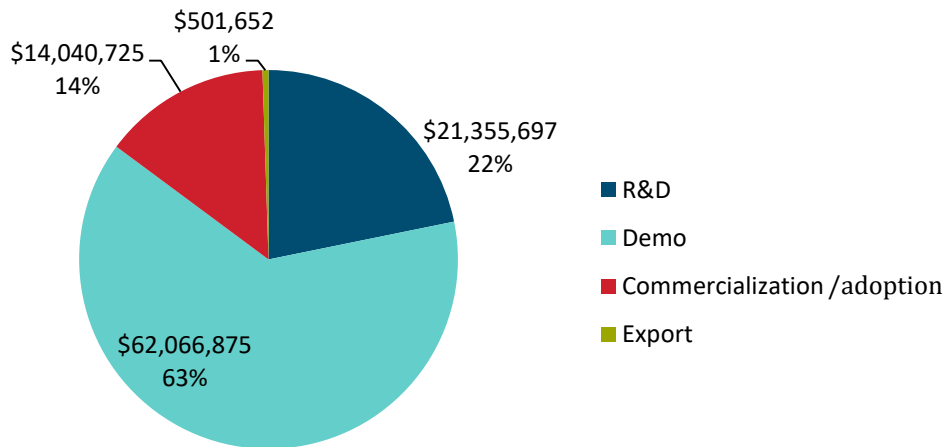


... with too many players concentrating in demonstration.

Reporting Clean Tech Spending by Stage of Innovation



All RDA Clean Tech Spending Reported

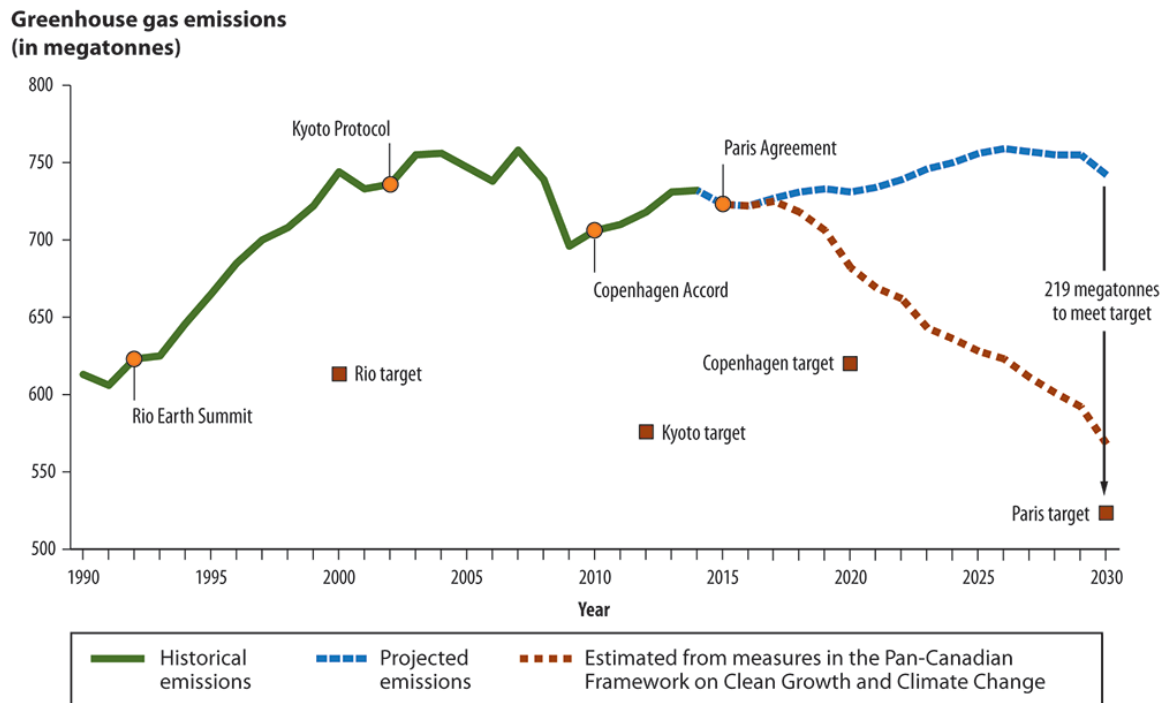


- 85% of reported RDA funding is in RD&D.
- IRAP is funding early, small interventions in firms.
- SDTC is funding larger interventions in firms.
- SBDA's are funding medium to large interventions with a range of stakeholders (firms, non-profits, other government)
- RDA funding would be better placed post-demonstration to support market adoption of clean technologies to support clean growth targets.
- This would move roughly \$85M from RD&D to adoption.



What did the experts
tell us?

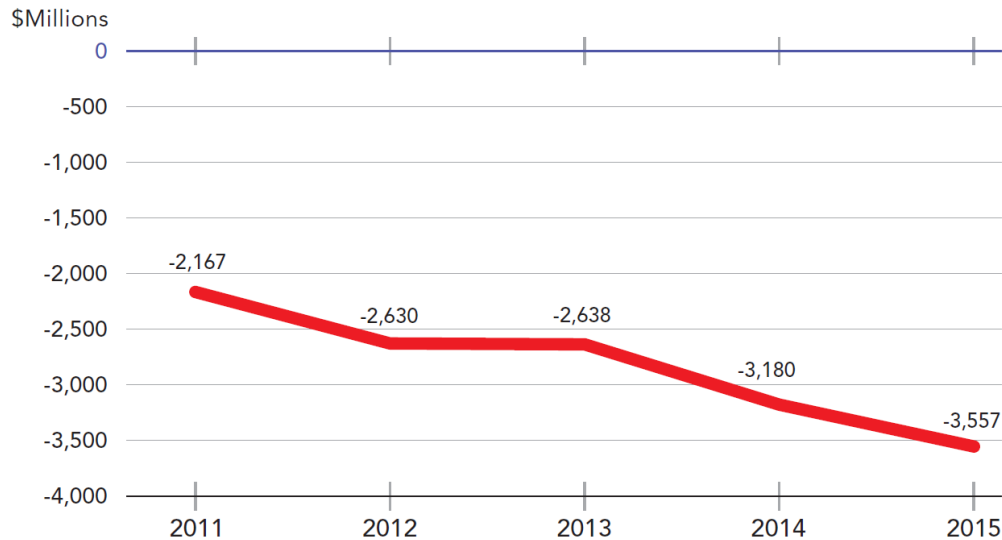
Previous approaches have not worked in achieving emissions reduction objectives ...



CESD 2017 Audit: “Over the past 25 years, the Government of Canada announced four federal commitments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as part of international agreements. With each commitment, the timeline for the federal government to meet its emission target was pushed further into the future”

... and it also hasn't worked for clean technology producers.

RETAINED EARNINGS, CANADIAN CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FIRMS, 2011-2015



Source: Analytica Advisors

Source: Statistics Canada. N=713

- Retained earnings for the industry have declined each year for the past five years.
- Firm-level financial data reveals a negative return on sales since 2011, most operate in unprofitable markets.
- Returns to shareholders even for mature firms remain below those of the lowest-risk investments in the economy.
- Markets for low-carbon innovation have yet to emerge.

Canada's clean-technology industry now includes 850+ technology companies, including many SMEs operating across Canada. (aerospace - 700, automotive - 450)

An integrated systems approach to key challenges is required.

Input from experts through a SSHRC literature review:

- Driving clean innovation requires more than just fixing market failures
- Must also address *system* failures and barriers
 - Overcome *incumbent technology lock-in* that impedes innovation uptake
 - Understand specific systems, target barriers, foster innovation
- Emerging research says governments don't just fix markets; *co-create and shape* them to achieve important *public missions* (e.g. low carbon)
 - Must 'tilt' the playing field (i.e. provide direction) towards 'clean'.

Growth has not only a rate, but also a direction – Mariana Mazzucato

Many opportunities for further analysis were identified

- Linking program data to large data stores at Statistics Canada and ECCC provides the opportunity to better understand innovation program impacts and potentially simplify client reporting.
 - Statistics Canada, e.g.,:
 - Survey on Environmental Goods and Services
 - Annual Industrial Consumption of Energy Survey
 - Economic data on revenues, employment, exports and R&D expenditures
 - ECCC data, e.g.,: large final emitters reporting, National Pollutant Release Inventory data.
- This approach requires a coordinated investment of time and money
- Ideally, innovation programs track and provide data on both successful and unsuccessful but eligible applicants.