

## UNIT 5 – CORRECTION OF THE SYNTHESIS

Title: Australia's challenge to meet emissions targets

Key issue: *Will Australia move from lip service to decisive action?*

### I. **Australia, The lucky country**

Doc 4: It relies on coal but also gas and iron-ore which have been intensively dug for decades all over the country (in-depth digging (even in Tasmania / endless queues of tankers)

Doc 2: This soil richness enables Australia to generate electricity while also

Doc 3: ... boosting its economy thanks to exports of coal and gas. The country relies on global exchanges.

Doc 1: This makes Australia one of the greatest polluters

### II. **Concerns**

**However, Australia has been singled out as being the worst polluter and one of the first victims of climate change.**

Doc 3 & 2: Australia is at the forefront of adverse climate change impacts while also grappling with the awareness of the wealth still lying underground, a factor that has hindered politicians from taking decisive steps.

Doc 1: Since the election of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, there is a growing expectation among world leaders that Australia will take decisive action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Doc 4 & 1: Yet, politicians seem to be paying lip service since the existing companies are still allowed to dig out more fossil fuels, some new plans of fossil fuels have even been signed.

### III. **Solutions**

Doc 1 & 3: the role of politicians: by incentivizing they may encourage citizens to switch to reduce their energy consumption like by improving energy efficiency in their homes, a green decision taken by a third of them.

Doc 3 & 4: the role of businesses is crucial in offering a solution by transitioning to renewable energies. They could make the most of Australia's sunshine and replace coal and oil by solar energy. Almost a third of Australians have already installed solar panels.

Doc 1 & 2: Yet, many Australians are getting sceptical, half of them considering they cannot make a difference by acting individually, while others even believe meeting the 2030 zero emission target is a pipe dream.