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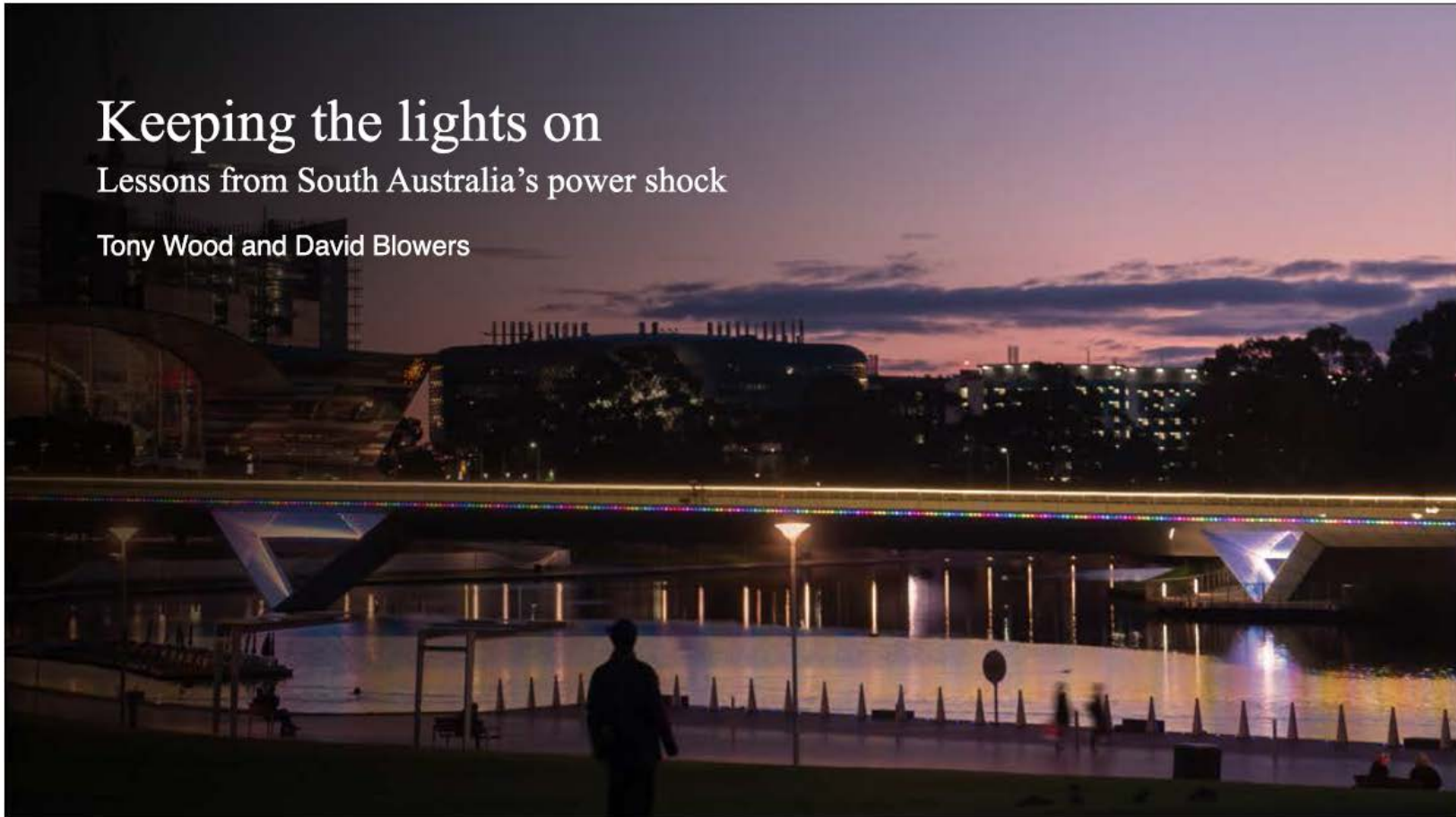
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The policy challenge – background

- **A fundamental transformation of our energy system is happening**
- **Climate change policy and energy markets are in conflict.**
 - **South Australian power “crisis” (July, not September)**
 - **Islanding of Tasmania**
 - **Hazelwood speculation**
 - **Renewable energy target uncertainty**
 - **State and territory policies**
 - **Domestic gas market under stress**
- **A realignment is underway**
 - **Minister for the Environment and Energy**
 - **August meeting of the COAG Energy Council – Friday’s “emergency” meeting**
 - **2017 domestic climate change policy review**
- **We need credible, scalable policy that builds on current climate policies**
- **What’s best and what’s achievable?**
 - **It’s all politics, at least for now**

The policy challenge – network implications

- Climate change policy is uncertain, but fundamentals are being challenged
 - Credibility, scalability and predictability remain absent
 - Complementary policies fill the void, but badly
- Inter-system transmission
 - The Australian system was designed for this
 - Nor were the regulatory systems and processes
- Intra-system transmission
 - Network extensions – market or regulated
- Distribution
 - Ring fencing of non regulated activities
 - Essential services issues



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