

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Australian Hydrogen Council grows alliances to fast track the industry

**15 July 2020** – Today, the Australian Hydrogen Council announced it has signed a series of Memoranda of Understanding with key organisations to collaborate on hydrogen issues, share information and facilitate project partnerships to fast track the deployment of hydrogen technologies.

The Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) has new partnerships with five industry bodies: Bioenergy Australia, the Clean Energy Council, the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association, the Asia-Pacific Hydrogen Association and the New Zealand Hydrogen Association.

These new partnerships are in addition to AHC's existing MoUs with H2Korea, Energy Networks Australia and the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

AHC CEO Dr Fiona Simon said that collaborating with national and international partners is vital, particularly at this stage of the emerging hydrogen industry.

"Members of the AHC are leading hydrogen projects that will revolutionise how we produce and use energy for generations to come," she said.

"We need local and international partnerships to grow the global hydrogen industry, and to meet Australia's own goal to be a major hydrogen exporter and get to 'H2 under 2'.

"These MoUs will help the AHC stay connected to – and work with – other related industries, which will increase Australia's access to global research and relevant insights.

"Both the APAC region and Canada are home to incredible hydrogen research and developing industries. Working together, we can share policy and technology options that will help fast track industry development.

"Australia needs to be ready to take advantage of this opportunity provided by hydrogen to transform the economy, and part of this involves sharing knowledge with our national and international counterparts.

"This series of agreements signal our shared objective, and the objective of our members, and I look forward to working with these bodies in the near future," Simon concluded.

Michael Helleman, Head, Energy and New Energy Technologies (a/g), at Austrade says "Given the potential of hydrogen to generate jobs and growth, Austrade has prioritised support for activities seeking to attract productive foreign direct investment and bring new technology into the sector.

"The work of the Australian Hydrogen Council and its members in growing international partnerships in the sector will be of key importance in accelerating the growth of the hydrogen industry.

"Austrade congratulates the AHC on the announcement of these new alliances. We look forward to continuing to work with industry to support growth in Australia's hydrogen sector," concluded Helleman.

### **About Australian Hydrogen Council**

The Australian Hydrogen Council is the peak body for the hydrogen industry in Australia, with members from across the hydrogen value chain, including vehicle manufacturers, energy companies, infrastructure providers, research organisations and governments. The council serves to connect the emerging hydrogen industry and its stakeholders in building a secure, clean and resilient energy future based on hydrogen.

### **About the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association**

The Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) is a national association that supports industry, academia, government agencies, financial organisations and other stakeholders focused on hydrogen and fuel cell technologies and products. As the collective voice of Canada's world-leading hydrogen and fuel cell sector, the CHFCA's mission is to strengthen Canadian leadership, raise awareness of the benefits of the technology, and accelerate the adoption of its members' products and services in Canada and abroad. Headquartered in Vancouver, the CHFCA currently has more than 50 members across Canada. You can also follow CHFCA on Twitter at @PoweringNow or visit [www.chfca.ca](http://www.chfca.ca) for more information.

### **About Bioenergy Australia**

Bioenergy Australia is committed to accelerating Australia's bioeconomy. Its mission is to foster the bioenergy sector to generate jobs, secure investment, maximise the value of local resources, minimise waste and environmental impact, and develop and promote national bioenergy expertise into international markets. Bioenergy Australia empowers, shares knowledge with, and connects Australian bioenergy producers, investors, researchers, and users to make Australia's bioeconomy world-class. <http://www.bioenergyaustralia.org.au>

### **About Clean Energy Council**

The Clean Energy Council is the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia. It is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation, representing and working with Australia's leading renewable energy and energy storage businesses, as well as rooftop solar installers, to further the development of clean energy in Australia. The Clean Energy Council is committed to accelerating the transformation of Australia's energy system to one that is smarter and cleaner.

### **About Asia-Pacific Hydrogen Association**

Established in December 2019, the Asia-Pacific Hydrogen Association acts as the regional platform for all stakeholders in the hydrogen industry to collectively promote the best interests of the hydrogen sector. Members include utilities, power project developers, equipment manufacturers, technical consultants, financial institutions, regional associations and other institutions in the hydrogen sector.

### **About New Zealand Hydrogen Association**

The New Zealand Hydrogen Association is a collection of organisations supported by the Government, who work together to assist New Zealand in a transition to a low emissions future using renewable hydrogen as an integral part of New Zealand's evolving energy needs. The organisation aims to facilitate collaboration and cooperation with national and international governmental, institutional and private sector agencies to advance the commercialisation and uptake of low emission hydrogen for use in New Zealand and for export.