

MEDIA STATEMENT

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AUSTRALIAN HYDROGEN COUNCIL BACKS LATEST HUNTER HUB

Melbourne, Australia: Today's commitment of another \$82 million for two hydrogen hubs in the Hunter Region underlines the area's strategic advantages in the move to a net zero economy, the Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) says.

The recent Federal Budget committed \$100m for early works to make the Port of Newcastle hydrogen-ready.

The Coalition today pledged another \$41m to the Port of Newcastle and a further \$41m for Origin Energy's Hydrogen Hub.

AHC CEO Dr Fiona Simon said co-locating hydrogen users and producers in areas with access to port, road and rail infrastructure is an important step forward for the hydrogen industry.

"The Hunter ticks all those boxes and also offers a large workforce that's ready to make the transition to a hydrogen economy a reality," Dr Simon said.

"This is another building block being put in place to create lasting jobs and build our export capacity."

In recent weeks funding has been announced for hubs in Gladstone and Townsville in Queensland, Kwinana and The Pilbara in Western Australia and Darwin in the Northern Territory.

"These hubs are crucial to enable Australia to meet its net zero targets. We look forward to working with industry and government to accelerate the development of hydrogen hubs around Australia," Dr Simon concluded.

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About Australian Hydrogen Council

The Australian Hydrogen Council is the peak representative body for the Australian hydrogen industry.

Members include Air Liquide, Aluminium Revolutionary Chassis Company, Ampol, ANZ Banking Group, APA Group, Arup, Arthur Phillips Pty Ltd, ATCO, Ark Energy, Aurecon, AusNet Services/Mondo, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, AVEVA, Baker Hughes, BLK Auto, Bloom Energy, BOC, BP, Chart Industries, Chevron, CIP Aus Pty Ltd, Countrywide Renewable Hydrogen, CEJN, Coregas, CS Energy, Cummins South Pacific, Clough, Daimler, Downer, Edify Energy, Emerson, Endeavour Petroleum, ENEA consulting, ENEOS Corporation, Engie, Energys, Ernst & Young, EQUIS, Fortescue Metals Group, Fichtner Australia, Foton Mobility, GE Power, GeelongPort, GHD, Global Energy Ventures, H2U, Haskel, Hazer, HDF Energy, HRL Technology Group, Honeywell, Horizon Power, Howden, Hyundai Australia, ITM Power, ITOCHU Australia Ltd, Jacobs, Jerrara Power, Jemena, John Cockerill Energy, KBR, Lochard Energy, Luxfer Australia, National Australia Bank, Nel, Norton Rose Fulbright, Marnco Pty Ltd, Origin Energy, Oli Capital, Quanta Services Australia, S&P Global Platts, Samson, SG Fleet, Siemens Energy, Silver Metal Investment, Southern Green Gas, Stanwell, Star Scientific, Sparc Technologies, Sumitomo Australia Pty Ltd, TFA Project Group, Toll Group, Total Eren, Toyota Australia, Transit Systems, TYMLEZ, UL International Australia, UPC\AC



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