

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### STATES ASK AND THE FEDS ANSWER

**Melbourne, Australia:** Confirmation that Bell Bay in Tasmania and Port Bonython in South Australia (SA) have joined the ranks of the nation's hydrogen hubs underlines the imperative of Federal-State co-operation, the Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) says.

The Coalition today promised \$70 million to help establish a hydrogen production hub at Bell Bay which will include upgrades to water infrastructure, transmission networks and port works.

A simultaneous \$218m commitment to the Port Bonython hub, which includes funding for associated development in Whyalla, Port Pirie and Port Augusta in SA, continues the move towards a national network.

AHC CEO Dr Fiona Simon said Tasmania and SA have been at the forefront of moving their economies to a sustainable footing.

"This will be a real shot in the arm for both states' employment and exports prospects," Dr Simon said.

"Continuing collaboration by the States and Territories and the Commonwealth is now an imperative.

"We look forward to the development of a regulatory framework and national standards to put the hydrogen economy on a commercial footing," 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 Renewables Australia, Valmec, Viva Energy, Weidmüller, Wesfarmers Chemicals, WSP Australia Pty Ltd, Woodside, Worley.

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