

MEDIA STATEMENT

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National Hydrogen Technology Clusters to deliver game-changing collaboration

The Australian Hydrogen Council has today welcomed the announcement by National Energy Resources Australia (NERA) to invest \$1.75m in 13 hydrogen technology clusters across all states and territories.

Australian Hydrogen Council CEO Dr Fiona Simon made the following statements:

"I would like to congratulate NERA on today's announcement that delivers on a key recommendation from the National Hydrogen Strategy to establish a national network of hydrogen technology clusters.

"This is a real game changer. These clusters are essential to connect small and medium enterprises across the hydrogen supply chain and provide an opportunity to leverage the tremendous amount of skills and expertise in Australia.

"The hydrogen technology clusters will stimulate jobs growth and create greater efficiencies by sharing technologies, research and other resources within these virtual networks. Businesses of all sizes will be able to prepare for the increasing demand for products and services necessary across the hydrogen supply chain, from gas fitters to software engineers.

"These initiatives will help us progress towards getting hydrogen to scale in Australia but there is a lot more work to be done.

"The Australian Hydrogen Council will continue to work with all hydrogen stakeholders on the required steps to reach the target of getting hydrogen to \$2/kilogram and support the deployment and commercialisation of hydrogen."

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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, ANT Energy Solutions, ANZ Banking Group, APA Group, Arup, ATCO, AusNet Services/Mondo, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, Baker Hughes, BOC, BP, BusTech Group, Chart Industries, Coregas, CS Energy, Custom Denning, Emerson, ENEA consulting, Engie, Fortescue Metals Group, Foton Mobility, Gallagher Fuel Systems Ltd, GHD, Global Energy Ventures, H2H Energy, H2U, Haskel, Hazer, Horizon Power, Howden, Hydro Tasmania, Hyundai Australia, ITM Power, Jacobs, Jemena, KBR, Lochard Energy, Luxfer Australia, National Australia Bank, Nel, Origin Energy, Quanta Services Australia, S&P Global Platts, Samson, SG Fleet, Siemens, Southern Green Gas, Stanwell, Star Scientific, Sumitomo Australia Pty Ltd, Sun Metals, TfA Project Group, Toyota Australia, Transit Systems, UL Renewables, UPC\AC Renewables Australia, Valmec, Viva Energy, Weidmüller, Woodside, Worley.

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