

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Victoria's renewable hydrogen industry gets a green light

The Australian Hydrogen Council has today welcomed the announcement by the Victorian Government on its Renewable Hydrogen Industry Development Plan. The plan announces two forthcoming grants programs that will be opened mid-2021:

- The \$6.2 million Expanded Victorian Hydrogen Program to enable renewable hydrogen pilots, trials and demonstrations.
- The \$1 million Hydrogen for Industrial Users Program to support businesses to take the first steps to switch to using renewable hydrogen through business cases and feasibility studies.

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

“I commend the Victorian Government on its comprehensive plan focussed on renewable hydrogen opportunities which details funding programs, export infrastructure and plans to build a skilled workforce that will create regional jobs and a thriving new industry.

“This plan will provide a roadmap for Victoria's hydrogen industry to stay on track with other Australian states and territories that are advancing their renewable hydrogen production and export capabilities.

“There is a distinct opportunity in Victoria to generate sustainable jobs and sustainable energy. This plan shows that there is political will to transition to net zero while taking into consideration the economic opportunities that come with the transition.

“The AHC has been calling for a Federal Hydrogen Market Development Plan that encompasses a target date for reaching H2 under 2 and identification of the minimum number of projects needed to reach the price target. Meeting Australia's stated hydrogen objectives requires strong leadership to plan and collaborate with partners and stakeholders.

“We look forward to working with the Victorian Government to ensure hydrogen plays a pivotal role in the energy transition.”

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### **About Australian Hydrogen Council**

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