

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## Australian hydrogen industry welcomes funding boost to propel industry forward

The Australian Hydrogen Council has today welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government to invest a further \$275.5 million to accelerate the development of four additional clean hydrogen hubs in regional Australia and implement a clean hydrogen certification scheme.

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

"This funding for clean hydrogen hubs is exactly the kind of investment we need from Federal Government to propel the Australian hydrogen industry forward to ensure we are competitive globally.

"Implementing a clean hydrogen certification process is a critical step that will give our trading partners confidence of the emissions, origin and energy sources associated with hydrogen produced in Australia. We also welcome the funding to develop CCUS project as a mechanism to reduce emissions.

"I commend the Prime Minister for his recognition that hydrogen has a key role to play in a world that is focused on lowering emissions and shifting to cleaner energy solutions. Australia can step up to the mark and be a leader in hydrogen exports, while also creating thousands of sustainable jobs at home.

"The Federal Government is backing Australia's hydrogen industry and on behalf of my 70 members working across the entire hydrogen supply chain, we look forward to working with the Federal Government to develop clean hydrogen hubs, progress hydrogen projects across the nation and create a robust certification process," concluded Dr Fiona Simon.

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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, Countrywide Renewable Hydrogen, Coregas, CS Energy, Custom Denning, Daimler, Downer, 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, Hunter Energy, Hydro Tasmania, Hyundai Australia, ITM Power, Jacobs, Jemena, John Cockerill Energy, 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, Wood, Woodside, Worley.