

MEDIA STATEMENT

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HYDROGEN COUNCIL PRAISES COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL PLAN

Melbourne, Australia: An commitment by Australian energy ministers to a National Transition Plan to move the country to a zero emissions economy is a watershed moment, the Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) says.

The commitment came in an emergency meeting convened yesterday by Federal Energy Minister Chris Bowen to address the issue of soaring power prices.

AHC CEO, Dr Fiona Simon, said it was heartening to see all Ministers focussed not only on short-term issues like pricing but also the bigger picture.

“Failing to plan is planning to fail,” Dr Simon said.

“All states and territories have already committed to reducing emissions in their power grids and hitting net zero by 2050 – it’s how we get there that’s unclear.

“We need to carefully co-ordinate work across both the gas and electricity sectors to manage the energy transition and support energy affordability for consumers.”

The AHC called for a new body to develop an evidence-based approach to planning and coordinating the transition to net zero in a white paper in September last year.

“We said then that co-locating hydrogen producers, users and exporters in hubs isn’t enough,” Dr 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, 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, 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, Frontier Energy Limited, 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, Laing O'Rourke, Lochard Energy, Luxfer Australia, National Australia Bank, Nel, Norton Rose Fulbright, Marnco Pty Ltd, Origin Energy, Oli Capital, PDC Machines LLC, Quanta Services Australia, S&P Global Platts, Samson, SG Fleet, Siemens, 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, Yara Clean Ammonia Australia Pty Ltd

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