

3rd April 2023

Kahil Lloyd
Executive Director, Hydrogen
Department of Energy and Public Works
Queensland Government
GPO Box 2457
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Kahil,

Re: Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Bill 2023

The Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) is the peak body for the hydrogen industry, with over 100 members from across the hydrogen value chain. Our members are at the forefront of Australia's hydrogen industry, developing the technology, skills and partnerships necessary to ensure that hydrogen plays a meaningful role in decarbonising Australian industry.

AHC welcomes the opportunity to respond to the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Bill 2023*. As the future environment and industry of hydrogen is being developed, it is integral to have the infrastructure and legislated framework to proceed with confidence. We appreciate this action to remove barriers and welcome the further consultation of Queensland's regulatory framework to ensure hydrogen compatibility later in the year.

AHC supports the amendments to the *Gas Supply Act 2003* to include and regulate hydrogen as a covered gas, and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* to extend licensing to incorporate transmission pipelines for hydrogen and renewable gases.

We welcome the use-agnostic approach and the extension of regulation to include export and liquefaction facilities.

Furthermore, we recognise that this work sits alongside the *National Gas Law* and *National Energy Retail Law*, and acknowledge and support the consideration of the Department of Energy and Public Works in ensuring consistency of terminology and approaches throughout these amendments.

AHC supports the Queensland Government's approach to the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Bill 2023* and look forward to engaging with further regulatory review later in the year to support and encourage efficiencies for hydrogen.

If you wish to discuss any element of this in further detail, please contact me at ncerexhe@h2council.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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