

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Australian Hydrogen Council backs new Net Zero Authority

Melbourne, Australia: The Australian Government has announced it will legislate a National Net Zero Authority responsible for promoting an orderly and positive economic transformation to deliver net zero.

The Australian Hydrogen Council welcomes the creation of this body by the Albanese Government and hopes to see planning for hydrogen infrastructure included in the authority's scope.

"The Australian Hydrogen Council warmly welcomes the establishment of a National Net Zero Authority announced today.

"We have long called for a co-ordination body tasked with delivering an evidence-based approach to planning and coordinating the transition to net zero.

In '[Unlocking Australia's Hydrogen Opportunity](#),' we recommended that hydrogen be included in their scope, particularly applications that are more likely to require clean hydrogen to decarbonise and more likely to achieve large scale. Ideally these applications should demonstrate an ability to open the market to other applications through knowledge and technology sharing, geographic proximity, and/or cost reduction.

"We know that very few hydrogen projects are making final investment decisions, which has implications not only for Australia's hydrogen export ambitions but also local industrial decarbonisation efforts.

"The market requires a signal to show Australia is serious about hydrogen and we hope this authority will have the teeth to make decisions on the infrastructure necessary for the transition.

"The authority will need to be adequately funded to ensure it can plan, co-ordinate and report on the progress of the energy transition across the entire economy.

"We look forward to seeing more details about the National Net Zero Authority during the delivery of the Federal budget next week and to continuing to work with government and industry to ensure Australia realises its capability to be a major hydrogen producer," Dr Simon concluded.

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About Australian Hydrogen Council

The Australian Hydrogen Council is the peak representative body for the Australian hydrogen industry, with members from across the hydrogen value chain. We represent the emerging hydrogen industry and connect it with its stakeholders to collectively create a clean and resilient energy future that has hydrogen as a key part of the energy mix.

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