

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Australian Hydrogen Council welcomes subsidy for Zero Emissions Vehicles**

The Victorian Government will introduce a subsidy of up to \$3,000 for new Zero Emissions Vehicles, including hydrogen vehicles, as part of a plan to reach net zero emissions in road transport by 2050 and support jobs.

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

“I welcome the Victorian Government’s focus on developing a fleet of Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) to meet its target of net zero by 2050 and its ambition for 50% of new cars sold in Victoria by 2030 to be zero-emission vehicles.

“These incentives to drive ownership of ZEVs will encourage vehicle manufacturers to make a wider range of these vehicles available to the Australian market. As a result of this, prices will fall for consumers.

“Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV’s) are being proven around the world and will become widespread in Australia but there is a need to develop more hydrogen refuelling stations to facilitate the uptake of FCEVs for domestic vehicles. This will also spur growth in the heavy transport sector where hydrogen has the potential to significantly reduce emissions.

“We look forward to working with the Victorian Government to develop feasibility studies and further support its Hydrogen Industry Development Plan to advance hydrogen production and export capabilities across Victoria,” concluded Dr Fiona Simon, CEO of the Australian Hydrogen Council.

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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, 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, Silver Metal Investment, 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.

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