

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ARENA funding is a welcome boost for the hydrogen industry

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) has today announced that it has conditionally approved \$103.3 million towards three commercial-scale renewable hydrogen projects, as part of its Renewable Hydrogen Deployment Funding Round. The successful projects are for Engie Renewables Australia, ATCO Australia and Australian Gas Networks.

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

On behalf of the Australian Hydrogen Council members, I would like to welcome ARENA's \$103.3 million investment commitment to support industry. Building some of the biggest electrolyzers in the world to date will put Australia on the map as a key trading partner and blending hydrogen into public gas pipelines will help decarbonise our natural gas networks.

"This type of investment is the boost that the industry needs to progress commercial, large-scale projects. This investment should be matched with good policy to encourage demand and improve the economics of producing hydrogen, which will ultimately increase supply of hydrogen.

"The global call for decarbonisation has put hydrogen on the table as a way to reduce emissions across many industries. Australia has all the raw ingredients in place with our solar and wind power capacity, and export experience.

"Momentum for hydrogen is building and we will continue working with the Federal Government and ARENA to support objectives set out in the National Hydrogen Strategy," 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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