



# SMART ENERGY 2024 CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

6-7 MARCH 2024 / ICC SYDNEY

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**DR FATIH BIROL\***  
IEA



**MICHELE O'NEIL**  
ACTU



**HON MATT KEAN MP**  
Member for Hornsby

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**DAY 1 WED 6 MARCH 2024**

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## 8.50am WELCOME

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT** Smart Energy Council

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

## 9.00am AUSTRALIA'S ENERGY TRANSITION

CHAIR: SAM CRAFT SMART ENERGY COUNCIL

**HON CHRIS MINNS MP** Premier of NSW\*

**ALLEGRA SPENDER MP** Federal Member for Wentworth

**MICHELE O'NEIL** President, ACTU\*

**JOHN GRIMES** CEO, Smart Energy Council

**DR FATIH BIROL** Executive Director, IEA\* (Video Msg)

## DISCUSSION

## 10.30am MORNING TEA

## 11.00am THE TRANSITION OF THE GRID

CHAIR: TBC

**MERRYN YORK** Executive General Manager, System Design, AEMO

**STEPHANIE BASHIR** CEO, Nexa Advisory

**DAVID LEITCH** Principal, ITK Services

**AMY KEAN** Director, Stride Renewables

**SIMON CORBELL** CEO, CEIG

**DAVID GRIFFIN** CEO, 5B

## DISCUSSION

## 12.30pm LUNCH

## 1.30pm THE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

CHAIR: RICHIE MERZIAN, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR,  
SMART ENERGY COUNCIL

**ARIANE WILKINSON** Senior Manager - Climate & Energy Policy, WWF Australia

**DR KATHERINE WOODTHORPE AO FTSE** President, ATSE

**KARRINA NOLAN** Executive Director, Original Power

**KRISTEN TILLEY** Ambassador for Climate\*

**HON MATT KEAN MP** Member for Hornsby

## DISCUSSION

## 3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

## 3.30pm ENERGY STORAGE OUTLOOK 2024

CHAIR: ALLISON HAWKE, GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT,  
ATMOS RENEWABLES

**JULIA SOUDER** Executive Director, Global Long Duration Energy Storage Council

**LARA PANJKOV** Senior Manager, Growth & Market Development - APAC, Fluence

**JAMES HAY** CEO, Energy Co

**DR JILL CAINEY** Policy & Research Director, Nexa Advisory

**WARWICK JOHNSTON** Founder, SunWiz

**DR BILL LILLEY** Chief Research Officer, RACE for 2030

## DISCUSSION

## 5.00pm CLOSE

**NETWORKING DRINKS – 5PM-7PM, HALL 5, SEC BOOTH**

*\*Invited*



# INNOVATION, MANUFACTURING & WORKFORCE

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**BLAIR PALESE**  
Climate Capital Forum



**TIM BUCKLEY**  
Climate Energy Finance



**SATYA TANNER**  
LAUTEC



**HON ED HUSIC\***  
Federal Industry Minister



**ZALI STEGGALL OAM MP**  
Member for Warringah

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**11.00am AUSTRALIA'S RENEWABLE SUPERPOWER OPPORTUNITY**  
CHAIR: AMY BOERSMA, COUNTRY MANAGER,  
JUM-BO CONSULTING GROUP

**TIM BUCKLEY** Director, Climate Energy Finance

**INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER\***

**BLAIR PALESE** Founder, Climate Capital Forum

**TIM HORNEMAN** Director of Australian Renewable Energy Hub, CWP

**SATYA TANNER** Country Manager Australia, LAUTEC

**JOHN TITCHEN** Director, Goldwind

**DISCUSSION**

**12.30pm LUNCH**

**1.30pm RENEWABLE MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITIES**  
CHAIR: LEIGH HEANEY, SMART ENERGY COUNCIL

**HON ED HUSIC** Federal Industry Minister\*

**ZALI STEGGALL OAM MP** Member for Warringah

**MAIA SCHWEIZER** Commercial Officer, Sun Drive\*

**RICHARD PETTERSON** CEO, Tindo Solar

**KARA FREDERICK** Founder and Managing Director, Jekara Group

**TIM HARRIS** CEO, Redflow\*

**DISCUSSION**

**3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA**

**3.30pm INNOVATION & WORKFORCE**  
CHAIR: TBC

**MICHAEL FRANGOS** CEO, Indigenous Energy Australia

**MICHAEL WRIGHT** National Secretary, ETU

**CHLOE HICKS** Executive Director, Energy Co

**DANIELLE WALZ** CEO, Training Ahead

**BETH BRUNORO** Leader, Innovation & Impact, RACE for 2030

**DISCUSSION**

**4.30pm CLOSE**

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**MARK WILLIAMSON**  
Clean Energy Regulator



**PROF RENATE EGAN**  
UNSW



**GEOFF BRAGG**  
Sunman



**RIA O'HEHIR**  
Greenbank Environmental



**WARWICK JOHNSTON**  
SunWiz

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**9.00am MARKET UPDATE**  
CHAIR: RIA O'HEHIR, CEO, GREENBANK ENVIRONMENTAL

**MARK WILLIAMSON** CER

**PROF RENATE EGAN** UNSW

**WARWICK JOHNSTON** Managing Director, SunWiz

**RAY SEE** CATL\*

**CHRIS TAYLOR\***

**DISCUSSION**

**10.30am MORNING TEA**

**11.00am ACCREDITATION UPDATE**  
CHAIR: BOBBI McKIBBIN, DIRECTOR, SOLAR INTEGRITY\*

**JESSICA EDWARDS** CER

**DISCUSSION**

**12.30pm LUNCH**

**1.30pm PRODUCT SHOWCASE**  
CHAIR: TBC

**REX WANG** Regional Marketing Manager, Growatt

**NED** Pylontech

**RICKY JIANG** Alpha

**OSW**

**AARON LEE** LG Energy Solution

**RAYSTECH**

**JINKO SOLAR**

**LOUIS EDWARDS** Head of Renewable Energy Finance, Plenti\*

**LLIAM RICKETTS** Co-Founder, Supply Partners\*

**RISEN\***

**DISCUSSION**

**3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA**

**3.30pm AS/NZS 4777 UPDATES AND ITS IMPACT IN THE DESIGN OF SOLAR  
INSTALLATION - 30 CORE CPD POINT PRESENTATION**  
CHAIR: GLEN MORRIS, OWNER, SOLARQUIP

**DISCUSSION**

**5.00pm CLOSE**

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**KYLEA TINK MP\***  
Member for North Sydney



**DANNY KENNEDY**  
California Clean Energy Fund



**ZOE WHITTON\***  
Pollination



**HON DR KEVIN RUDD AC\***  
Aus Ambassador to the US

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**9.00am AUSTRALIA'S SMART ENERGY OPPORTUNITY**  
CHAIR: ALAN KOHLER, CONSTANT INVESTOR

**HON CHRIS BOWEN MP** Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy \*

**HON DR KEVIN RUDD AC** Australian Ambassador to the US\*

**ZOE WHITTON** Managing Director, Pollination\*

**SIMON HOLMES À COURT** Director, Smart Energy Council

### DISCUSSION

**10.30am MORNING TEA**

**11.00am THE ELECTRIFICATION OF EVERYTHING**  
CHAIR: KATHERINE McCONNELL, CEO BRIGHT E

**SENATOR JENNY McALLISTER** Assistant Minister for Climate and Energy\*

**DANNY KENNEDY** Managing Director, California Clean Energy Fund

**PROF RENATE EGAN** Executive Director, Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics

**JED DURDIN** CEO, Circular Energy Group\*

**HEIDI LEE** CEO, Beyond Zero Emissions

### DISCUSSION

**12.30pm LUNCH**

**1.30pm SMART TRANSPORT 2024**  
CHAIR: JASON VENNING, COUNTRY MANAGER, FIMER

**KYLEA TINK MP** Independent Federal Member for North Sydney\*

**HON JO HAYLEN MP** Minister for Transport and Roads, NSW\*

**TIM WASHINGTON** CEO, Jet Charge

**ANITA SAUNDERS** Program Manager, Electric Vehicle Charging Network, RAA

**VIVIAN MILES** Chief Strategy Officer, NRMA

**STEPHEN FORSHAW** Chief Representative for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, Airbus

### DISCUSSION

**3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA**

**3.30pm POWERING ASIA**  
CHAIR: TBC

**SRETTHA THAVISIN** Prime Minister of Thailand\*

**TETCHI CRUZ CAPELLAN** APVIA Secretary General & President Sun Asia Energy (Philippines)\*

**PATRICK MAYOH** NSW President, Australia China Business Council

**JAGJEET SAREEN** Global Climate Practise Partner, Dalberg (New Delhi Office)\*

**REBECCA MIKULA-WRIGHT** CEO, Asia Investor Group on Climate Change\*

**TIM BUCKLEY** Director, Climate Energy Finance\*

### DISCUSSION

**5.00pm CLOSE**

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Austrade



**HON MALCOLM TURNBULL**  
GH2



**JODI MCKAY**  
Australia India Business Council



**JOSHUA HOLLINGSWORTH**  
First Nations Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry



**JOANNA KAY**  
Zero Carbon Hydrogen Australia

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**11.00am THE GREAT RACE**  
CHAIR: VANESSA SULLIVAN, NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NICHE

**JOANNA KAY** General Manager, Zero Carbon Hydrogen Australia

**PROF ROD SIMS AO** Chair, Superpower Institute

**SHANE GADDES** Head of the Net Zero Industries Division, DCCEEW

**DARREN MILLER** CEO, ARENA\*

**FELICITY UNDERHILL** Head of Markets & Strategic Partnerships, Fortescue Future Industries\*

**SAM CRAFTER** Head of Office of Hydrogen, South Australia

**STEVE QUILTER** Executive General Manager, Stanwell

### DISCUSSION

**12.10am IN CONVERSATION 'THE HYDROGEN OPPORTUNITY'**

**HON MALCOLM TURNBULL** Chair GH2

**JOANNA KAY** General Manager, Zero Carbon Hydrogen Australia

**12.30pm LUNCH**

**1.30pm UNLOCKING TRADE POTENTIAL**  
CHAIR: CARMELA PAVLIC SEARLE, DIRECTOR ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION, DFAT

**FRANCES VAN RUTH** Net Zero and Outbound Investment Lead, Austrade

**JODI MCKAY** National Chair Australia India Business Council

**JAMES CHOI** Managing Director, J2 Advisory

**RICHARD ANDREWS** CEO, Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee

**FLORENCE LINDHAUS** Head of Hydrogen, Australia-German Chamber of Industry

**DR NUKI AGYA UTAMA** Executive Director at ASEAN Centre for Energy\*

**APRIL PALMERLEE** CEO, American Chamber of Commerce

**3.30pm IN CONVERSATION WITH FIRST NATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

**MATTHEW COOKE** Chairman, First Nations Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**JOSHUA HOLLINGSWORTH** First Nations Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**JOANNA KAY** General Manager, Zero Carbon Hydrogen Australia

**3.30pm SURMOUNTING HYDROGEN HURDLES**  
CHAIR: SCOTT HAMILTON, SENIOR ADVISOR, SMART ENERGY COUNCIL

**KAREN ROUSE** CEO Water Research Australia

**JANE EDQUIST** Director Clean Energy Workforce Policy, DCCEEW\*

**JAGJEET SAREEN** Global Climate Change Lead, Dalberg

**NICK EASINGWOOD** Head of New Energy in Project Finance, ANZ\*

**MARTHA HACKSHAW** Regional Manager, Redrawn Australia\*

**JULIE-ANNE SMITH** Market Leader Energy Transition & Sustainability Services, Bureau Veritas

**4.15pm AWARD CEREMONY FOR HYDROGEN INNOVATION CHALLENGE**  
CHAIR: ZOE CONLIN-WILLIAMS, INTERN, ZERO CARBON HYDROGEN AUSTRALIA

**4.25pm SUMMARY**  
JOANNA KAY, GENERAL MANAGER, ZERO CARBON HYDROGEN AUSTRALIA

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**AMANDA BROWN**  
Clean Energy Regulator



**PHIL CROTTY**  
LG Energy Solution

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**9.00am BUSINESS SUCCESS AND SALES**  
CHAIR: TBC

**EDDY MAY** NRG Solar\*

**BRYN FOLETTA** iStore\*

**BOBBI McKIBBIN** Director, Solar Integrity\*

**ANDREW McCARTHY\***

**ALAN HUNTER** CEO, National Renewable Network\*

**DISCUSSION**

**10.30am MORNING TEA**

**11.00am BUSINESS SUCCESS AND SALES - PRODUCT SHOWCASE**  
CHAIR: TBC

**DAVID PETHICK** Omnidian

**TESLA (TBC)**

**DISCUSSION**

**12.30pm LUNCH**

**1.30pm SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE**  
CHAIR: TBC

**PHILIP CROTTY** Managing Director, LG Energy Solution Australia

**AMANDA BROWN** Clean Energy Regulator

**DISCUSSION**

**3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA**

**3.30pm EV CHARGING TRAINING SESSION**  
CHAIR: GEOFF BRAGG, SMART ENERGY COUNCIL

**4.30pm CLOSE**

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