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New Energy Networks Australia Chair Appointed

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Energy Networks Australia CEO Andrew Dillon has welcomed Tim Rourke, CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy Chief Executive Officer, as the new Chair of the Energy Networks Australia Board.

Mr Rourke was elected yesterday at a full meeting of the Energy Networks Australia Board.

"Tim is a dynamic industry leader who has already made a valuable contribution as deputy chair for the past two years and I look forward to working with him more closely as Board Chair," Mr Dillon said.

The Board also elected Australian Gas Infrastructure Group Chief Executive Officer Ben Wilson as Deputy Chair.

Mr Rourke succeeds Nino Ficca, AusNet Services Managing Director, who has served as Chair for the past two years.

Mr Rourke thanked Mr Ficca for his committed service.

"Nino's wisdom and experience has served the board and our organisation well during a period of significant change in our sector," Mr Rourke said.

Andrew Forrest gives \$20m to help kickstart a hydrogen industry in Australia

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Iron ore magnate Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest's Fortescue Metals Group and CSIRO have joined forces to deliver a \$20 million deal to develop and commercialise new hydrogen technologies to support the creation of a new hydrogen industry in Australia.

The deal, announced in Brisbane on Thursday afternoon, will include a commercialisation agreement of CSIRO's metal membrane - a technology that allows the extraction of pure hydrogen from ammonia.

While the focus in recent years has been on the influx of electric cars, led by Californian-based Elon Musk and Tesla, industry experts believe hydrogen-powered cars could also make it into mass production.

Mr Forrest said Fortescue was keen to get involved to unlock the potential of hydrogen which could be the low-emission fuel of the future, with a \$19.1 million contribution over the next five years.

Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest is backing hydrogen as a fuel source. Jason Alden "We are at the beginning of an energy revolution and Fortescue intends to be at the forefront of this once-in-a-generation opportunity," he said.

"By combining CSIRO's global leading research and development with Fortescue's capability to rapidly develop new technologies, we will firmly establish our position in the global hydrogen industry."

CSIRO will work with Fortescue to identify, develop and commercialise technologies to support the creation of an Australian hydrogen industry and future global intake.

The agreement includes commercialisation arrangements for the membrane technology, with a subsequent five-year investment in hydrogen research and development.

Big car makers such as Mercedes-Benz, Honda, Hyundai and Toyota are all manufacturing hydrogen-powered cars and selling their vehicles, in Japan, Korea, the EU and the United States. Hyundai is planning to release a hydrogen-powered car in Australia with a range of 800 kilometers.

Hydrogen has a low density, making it notoriously difficult to transport and store in tanks and other existing fuel infrastructure. Read the full article [here](#)

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