

Applications are now OPEN | NEXTgen Program

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Standards Australia's NEXTgen Program selects emerging industry and technical experts and provides them with an exciting opportunity to become involved in the national and international standardisation processes supporting Australian industry and government.

Through the program, participants will access training and gain direct exposure to the standards development process and context. They will attend and participate in webinars, meetings, and professional development activities. Emerging leaders will share knowledge and collaborate, developing a deep understanding of what it takes to shape robust standards that contribute net benefit to the Australian community. Participants will create a valuable network of key Australian stakeholders and peers across industry sectors.

The goal of the program is to support the future of standards development through investing in the next generation of standards leaders and experts. Program participants gain the necessary skills to further increase their involvement in standardisation and contribute to the development of important standards in their field.

Emelia Addo Stakeholder Engagement Manager at Standards Australia believes that it's a great opportunity for young professionals to network with industry experts and develop their professional brand. [applications](#) are now open and will close 30th June.

If you would like more information on this program and/or organise for past participants to speak about their experience, please contact Emelia:

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Expert panel formed to review Australian energy businesses

Media Release – The Energy Charter

An independent Accountability Panel has been appointed to review many of Australia's key energy businesses under a world-first initiative to improve customer outcomes, the Energy Charter.

Mr John Cleland, Energy Charter CEO Council Chair and CEO of Essential Energy said the appointment of the independent panel was an important milestone in the Energy Charter. "I am pleased to welcome Dr Cassandra Goldie, Mr Andrew Richards and Mr Philip Weickhardt to join the Chair, Dr Wendy Craik AM on the independent Accountability Panel for the Energy Charter," Mr Cleland said.

The CEO of the Australian Council of Social Service, Dr Cassandra Goldie has been appointed as the Panel's consumer representative. Dr Goldie has extensive experience in economic and social issues, civil society, social justice and human rights. She has more than a decade's experience in advocating for an affordable and equitable transition to clean energy, especially for people on low-incomes.

Mr Andrew Richards, CEO of the Energy Users of Association of Australia, will serve as the Panel's commercial and industrial end-user representative, having worked within the energy industry for the past 28 years and played a key role in numerous state and federal parliamentary inquiries into energy and climate change policy.

Former Orica CEO and Productivity Commissioner, Mr Philip Weickhardt has been appointed as the Panel's industry representative. Mr Weickhardt has previously chaired the Business Council of Australia's Energy Reform Taskforce. They join Dr Wendy Craik AM, who was appointed as Chair of the Accountability Panel in January. She currently chairs the Climate Change Authority, is a board member of the Reserve Bank and the Advisory Board for the Centre for Strategy and Governance. She previously served as Commissioner at the Productivity Commission and President of the National Competition Council.



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