

COAG Energy Council releases Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy

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The COAG Energy Council met in Perth on Friday 22nd November for the twenty-second meeting of the Energy Council. We are delighted to report that the COAG Energy Council released Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy.

The Strategy was developed by the COAG Energy Council Hydrogen Working Group chaired by Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO.

The COAG Energy Council press-release is included below:

"Today the COAG Energy Council released Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy. The strategy sets out the actions for the development of a clean, innovative, safe and competitive hydrogen industry that benefits all Australians.

Australia is well positioned to seize Asia's growing demand for clean hydrogen and become a major global player by 2030. To capture this opportunity, governments, industry and the community will need to work together to foster investment and innovation.

A key element to our approach will be to create 'hydrogen hubs' – clusters of large-scale demand that will provide the industry with its springboard to scale. Building a clean hydrogen industry will deliver skilled jobs and new career paths many in regional areas and billions of dollars in economic growth between now and 2050.

The COAG Energy Council Hydrogen Working Group would like to acknowledge the strong support, enthusiasm and engagement across Australia and the globe from many companies, institutions and individuals in the development of the National Hydrogen Strategy."

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has prepared a short video which you can view by following this link. [Access the video here](#)

Other COAG meeting outputs were:

National Hydrogen Strategy

Ministers agreed to the National Hydrogen Strategy, which will support the development of a clean, innovative, competitive, technology-neutral and safe hydrogen industry that benefits all Australians.

Ministers agree national coordination is a key priority to support industry growth. Early actions include responsive regulation, international engagement, skills and innovation. Ministers agreed Australia should take a leadership role in tracking and certifying the origin and emissions intensity of hydrogen.

Technology and Opportunities

Ministers discussed the Commonwealth's Climate Solutions Package, and its development of a technology investment roadmap. Ministers also noted the importance of improving transparency in the gas market and approved further work on transparency measures.



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