

Media Release

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GLOBAL GREEN ENERGY LEADERS TO MEET AT MELBOURNE SUMMIT

Melbourne will host the inaugural Asia Pacific (APAC) Offshore Wind and Green Hydrogen Summit from 29-31 August, backed by the Andrews Labor Government.

The summit will bring more than 1,000 delegates to Melbourne for discussions aimed at advancing the uptake of offshore wind and green hydrogen production in the region.

Secured by the Melbourne Convention Bureau, the three-day conference will attract business travellers to Melbourne helping to fill hotel rooms and support jobs in the business events sector.

The summit provides an opportunity for the Labor Government to showcase its policies and programs in wind energy and green hydrogen to other governments, renewable energies bodies and industry leaders from the APAC region.

Victoria will be the home of Australia's first offshore wind farms – a key part of achieving our offshore wind targets of 4 GW by 2035 and 9 GW by 2040 – and help us deliver up to 59,000 jobs as we work towards net zero by 2045.

Victoria has cut its emissions by more than any other state, tripled the amount of renewable energy and created thousands of jobs – but there is more to do, with an ambitious renewable energy target of 95 per cent by 2035.

The APAC Offshore Wind and Green Hydrogen Summit joins the strong calendar of business events secured by the Melbourne Convention Bureau for 2023, including the Rotary International Convention which will bring around 14,000 international and national visitors to Melbourne next month.

Melbourne's track record in securing and delivering world-class business events is underpinned by ideal event infrastructure, quality accommodation, accessible public transport and exciting city experiences.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"The summit will bring international visitors to Melbourne and provide an opportunity to learn and share ideas about important energy issues for our region."

"We continue to invest in business events because they boost visitation, support local jobs and put Melbourne on the global stage as a city for knowledge and innovation."

Quote attributable to Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio

"Victoria is leading the country in establishing Australia's first offshore wind energy industry and our potential for green hydrogen continues to grow and attract investment – creating more jobs in renewable energy generation."

Quote attributable to Melbourne Convention Bureau CEO Julia Swanson

"We are thrilled to have secured this high-profile business event for Melbourne, which highlights the role business events play in supporting Victoria's commitment to sustainability."

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