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National Reconstruction  
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**Neverest Katsande**  
Director of  
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# About the Industrial Net Zero Summit

A decade of efficiency gains, fuel switching, and operational optimisation has brought Australian industry to the edge of the hard problem. The emissions that remain are structural. Eliminating them requires capital, policy architecture, and market conditions that don't yet exist at scale.

**Industrial Net Zero 2026** is about building them. Now in its fifth year, the Summit brings together industrial operators, government, researchers, and capital providers - 30+ senior speakers working through what's viable, what's investable, and what actually works.



## The Two Days

### Day 1 | Tuesday 13 October

#### Conditions, policy & the bankability gap

Framing the challenge, scrutinising the Safeguard Mechanism, and examining the investment, disclosure, and just transition conditions that determine whether commitments translate into action.

### Day 2 | Wednesday 14 October

#### Capital, technology & operating through the transition

What's deployable now, what makes projects investable, and how organisations stay operational while decarbonising - from energy procurement, to Scope 3, to the next 24 months of funding.

## Top 7 Reasons to attend



#### 01. Get ahead on the policy curve

The Safeguard review, ASRS, and the \$5B Net Zero Fund are all landing at once - understand what they mean in practice before they hit.



#### 03. Understand what's genuinely investable now

A clear-eyed view of what's deployable today, what's fundable, and what remains a longer-term bet.



#### 05. Access capital actively looking to deploy

Connect with financiers, government agencies, and infrastructure funds actively seeking industrial decarbonisation projects.



#### 07. Build relationships before the race starts

The organisations that move fastest when conditions align will be the ones that started building the right relationships now.



#### 02. Learn from operators making real progress

Case studies from the organisations actually delivering; hard-won lessons from the coalface of industrial decarbonisation.



#### 04. Shape the Safeguard Mechanism

Direct dialogue with policymakers on the Safeguard review, funding criteria, and the market design needed to unlock investment at scale.



#### 06. Align government, industry and research

The enabling conditions for real projects get built through conversations that don't happen anywhere else.

## Conditions, Policy & the Bankability Gap

08:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee

08:50 Opening Remarks from the Chair



**Clare Tubolets**  
Chief Executive Officer  
[SmartCreteCRC](#)

09:00 Framing Australia's decarbonisation challenge



**Hon. Matt Kean**  
Chair  
[Climate Change Authority](#)

### Closing the gap between ambition and finance

09:30 Government Address

10:00 Panel: Ensuring policy ambition has the desired effect



**Tim Buckley**  
Director  
[Climate Energy Finance](#)



**Louie Trajkoski**  
Senior Director, Investment  
[Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility](#)



**Kim Curtain**  
Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change & Sustainability  
[NSW DCCEE](#)



**Dena Jacobs**  
Executive Director Strategy, Planning & Innovation  
[Infrastructure NSW](#)

10:50 Morning Tea & Networking

### Making the Safeguard Mechanism work for you

11:40 An honest assessment of the first two years of Safeguard



**Matt McKee**  
Chief Researcher  
[Beyond Zero Emissions](#)

12:10 Panel: Ensuring the Safeguard Mechanism review meets industry needs



**Marghanita Johnson**  
Chief Executive Officer  
[Australian Aluminium Council](#)



**Denise Spinks**  
Chief Executive Officer  
[Cement Industry Federation](#)



**Nadia Truninger**  
Sustainability Manager, Reporting, Continuous Manufacturing  
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**Mussaret Nagree**  
Chief Energy Transition Environment & Government Relations Officer  
[Wesfarmers Chemicals Energy & Fertilisers](#)



**Kathryn Smith**  
General Manager, Carbon Markets  
[Clean Energy Regulator](#)

13:00 Networking Lunch

### Where capital meets the coalface

14:00 The bottlenecks slowing industrial decarbonisation



**Tamara Sling Ronen**  
Environmental Director  
[Lion](#)

14:30 Panel: How industry is making decarbonisation pathway decisions



**Meredith Read**  
Head of Sustainability  
[Orica](#)



**Nathan Juchau**  
Manager, Sustainability,  
[Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group](#)



**Michael Kilgariff**  
Chief Executive Officer  
[Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia](#)



**Fiona Murfitt**  
Vice President  
[Sustainability, Evolution Mining](#)

15:10 Afternoon Tea & Networking

### Turning decisions into delivery

15:40 Carbon leakage: Keeping emissions and industry onshore



**Frank Jotzo**  
Centre for Climate & Energy Policy  
[Australian National University](#)

16:10 Just transition: Workforce, communities and the social contract



**Grahame Irwin**  
Regional Workforce Transition Officer  
[Dept. of Employment & Workplace Relations](#)

16:40 Can Australian industry win in a decarbonising Asia?



**James Bowen**  
Lead Analyst, Australian Industrial Decarbonisation  
[Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis \(IEEFA\)](#)

17:10 Closing Remarks & End of Day 1

17:20 Networking Drinks



## Capital, Technology & Operating Through the Transition

08:30 Welcome Coffee

08:50 Opening Remarks from the Chair

### Powering the transition

09:00 **Managing energy volatility and procurement risk**



**Dani Alexander**

Chief Executive Officer

**NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub**

09:30 **What technology can industry deploy in the next 24 months?**



**Neverest Katsande**

Director Commissioning

**Origin Energy**

10:00 **Panel: Bridging the scale gap - why industrial technologies stall after pilot stage**



**Joel Coward**

Global Manager,  
Sustainability & ESG  
**Bradken**



**Heath Anderson**

Group Manager,  
Sustainability  
**Qube**



**Zahra Jabiri**

Head of Operation -  
On Grid Power  
Transmission  
**APA**



**Andrew Fang**

VP Projects &  
Sustainability  
**Meranti Green Steel**

10:40 Morning Tea & Networking

11:10 **Thermal energy storage for industrial process heat**



**Will Reeves**

Investment Manager

**Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)**

### Winning the race for capital

11:40 **Capital discipline in transition: Balancing cost, carbon and competitiveness**



**Tony Wood**

Senior Fellow

**Grattan Institute**



12:10 **Panel: Making industrial decarbonisation investable**



Moderator:

**Eric Kimmel**

Manager, Industry  
Partnerships & Funding  
**Department of Climate  
Change, Environment,  
Energy & Water NSW**



Panelist:

**Emily Whelan**

Associate Director, ESG  
**National  
Reconstruction Fund  
Corporation**



**Karen Brown**

Executive Director  
**Climate Transition,  
ANZ**



**Sarah McCarthy**

Senior ESG Analyst  
**Unisuper**



**Anoop Thakur**

General Manager,  
Procurement &  
Sustainability  
**Orora Group**



**Mark Couchman**

Domestic Lead -  
Institutional  
**Export Finance  
Australia**

12:50 Networking lunch

### Decarbonise without disruption

13:50 **How to stay operational while decarbonising**



**Rosalinda Bustamante**

Global Sustainability Manager  
**Dyno Nobel**

14:20 **Making decarbonisation business as usual**



**Evan Smith**

National Sustainability Manager  
**Holcim Australia**

14:50 Afternoon Tea & Networking

15:20 **Building supply chains that can carry the transition**



**Heather Bone**

Director, ESG  
**Team Global Express**

15:50 **Scope 3: Navigating the next frontier of industrial accountability**



**Scott Edwards**

Associate Director, Sustainability  
**Coca-Cola Europacific Partners**

### The Road Beyond 2026

16:20 **The next 24 months of policy, technology and funding**



**Yvette Manolas**

CEO & Independent Consultant  
**Yvette Manolas Consulting**

16:50 Closing Remarks & End of Conference

# Post-conference masterclasses ➤ Thursday 15 October

One full day of intensive, practitioner-led learning

## Masterclass A: Building a credible industrial decarbonisation roadmap

For operators who need a practical, defensible net zero roadmap. Covers emission profiling, abatement prioritisation, sequencing quick wins vs. long-horizon bets, and making the internal business case. Stress-test against policy and technology scenarios.

**Outcomes:** Leave with a working roadmap structure to apply immediately.



## Masterclass B: Advanced sustainability reporting for industrial operators

Designed for sustainability professionals with a foundation in climate-related reporting who want to deepen their understanding of AASB S2 and its application in industrial settings. Topics include reporting boundaries, materiality, governance, risk management, scenario analysis, financial impacts, and emissions measurement considerations for industrial operators.

**Outcome:** Participants leave with practical approaches for applying AASB S2 requirements and strengthening climate-related disclosures in an industrial context.

Facilitators:



**Jack O'Donoghue**  
Director, Advisory,  
Strategy &  
Transformation  
**BDO**



**Kevin Frohbus**  
Partner, Advisory,  
Sustainability & Carbon  
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**BDO**

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