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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 DCCEEW](#)



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



Daniel Besley
Branch Head – Product & Industrial Emissions, Net Zero Industries Division
[DCCEEW](#)

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



Peter Castellas
Founder
[Climate Investor Forum](#)



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



Denise Spinks
Chief Executive Officer
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Nadia Truninger
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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 Safety & Sustainability
[DuluxGroup - Yates](#)



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 **Power-to-X: Building the innovation ecosystem for industrial decarbonisation**



Thomas Gao
Senior Manager
[NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer Office](#)

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
Board Director
[Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia \(HVIA\)](#)

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

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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.

Facilitators:



Don Johnston
Co-Founder &
Executive Director
Generation Steel



Raj Aggarwal
Co-Founder &
Executive Director
Generation Steel

Masterclass B: Advanced sustainability reporting for industrial operators

Change text to: 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,
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