



# Delivering the next level of Future Fuels research to develop our industry

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# Today's presenter

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# Welcome

## Today's presentation:

- **Hydrogen and biomethane – now over 100 real-life projects**
- **Pipeline industry is a key driver of this nascent industry**
- **With scale comes the need for more new engineering knowledge and a better understanding of our communities and customers**
- **Next generation of research to enable the industry to delivering increasingly large and effective projects.**

# About Future Fuels Cooperative Research Centre

Long term, industry-led collaboration between 100 industry, all State governments and six academic organisations, co-funded by the National Government



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# Action orientated, industry led, applied research

Trusted voice of evidenced-based knowledge

100 projects and over 50 PhD scholarships covering:

- **Future Fuel Technologies, Systems and Markets**
- **Social Acceptance, Public Safety, Security of Supply and Policy & Regulatory Changes**
- **Network Lifecycle Management**

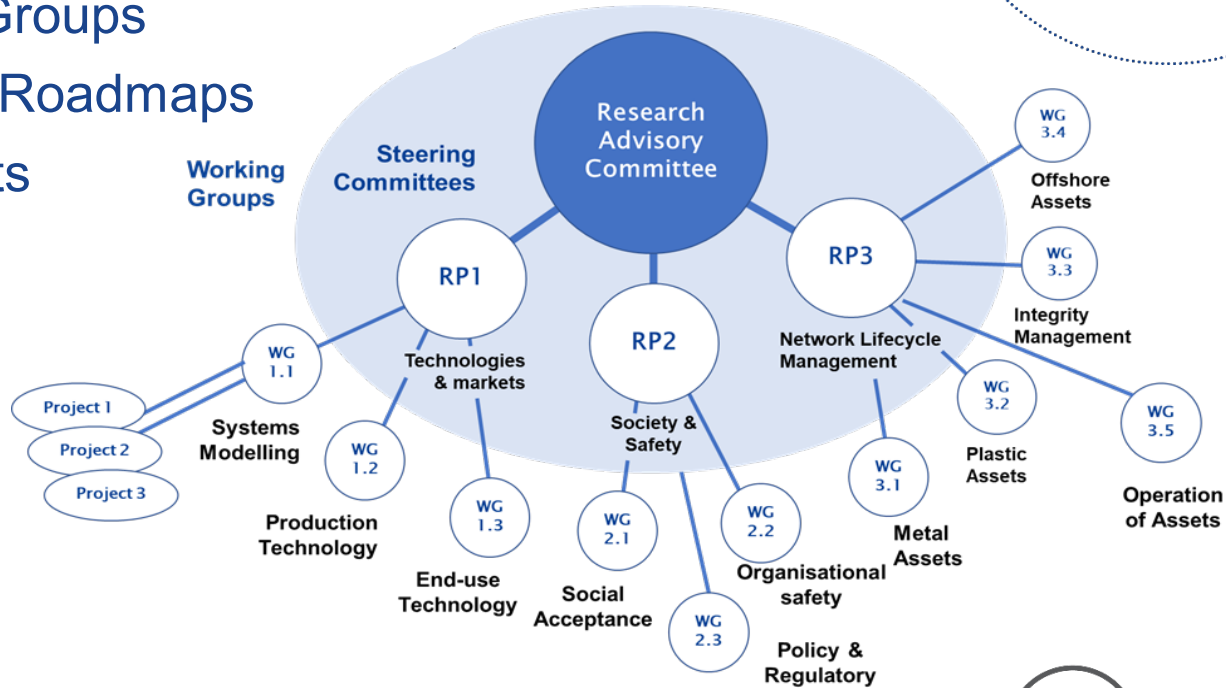
# Research Management Structure

10 Focused Working Groups

10 Detailed Research Roadmaps

210 Industry Specialists

150 Researchers



# Our regular international linkages

with other infrastructure related research organisations



- Working Groups monthly
- Evidence based projects in UK and Europe
- Expanding on 20-year research relationships





# Steels research progressing at pace

- Hydrogen embrittlement,
- Tensile strain
- Fracture initiation and propagation
- APA Parmelia Gas Pipeline
- Hydrogen Pipeline Code of Practice





# Steels: tensile testing in hydrogen

- SafeTi Lab at the University of Wollongong
- Overseas Labs now with years of testing backlog
- Crucial to ASME B31-12 Option B pathways



# Appliances: industrial and residential



Industrial Burner on Natural Gas



95% Hydrogen

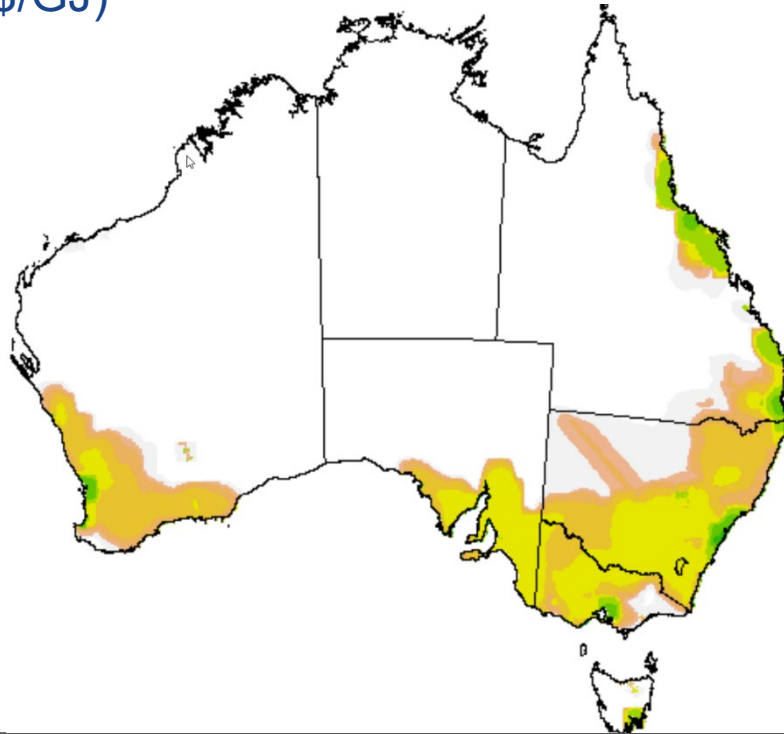
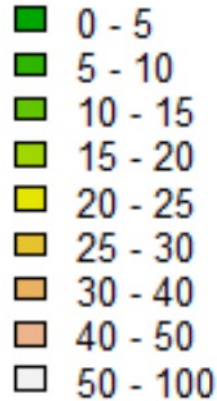
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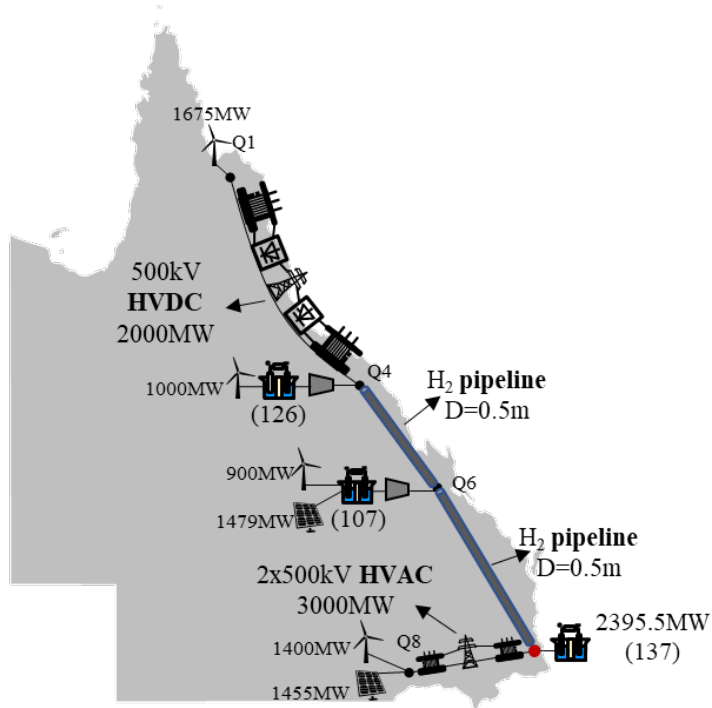


# Building biomethane viability

LCOE of biomethane (\$/GJ)



# Techno economics – Integrated Systems Thinking



Designing cost-effective infrastructure to address key issues:

- VRE hubs and electrolyzers co-located?
- Transport electricity or molecules?

Long duration, large scale, inter-seasonal, underground H<sub>2</sub> storage



Interim findings from a  
groundbreaking study



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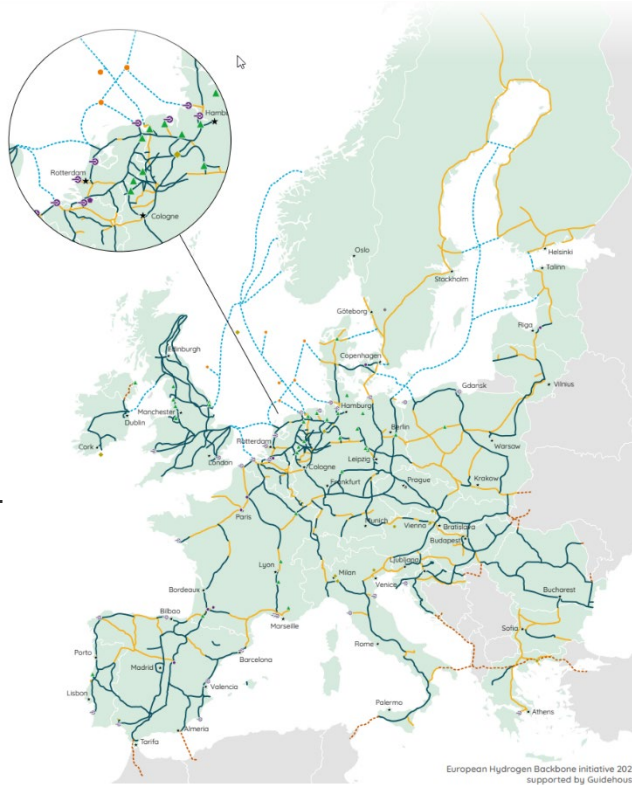
# European Hydrogen Backbone and REPowerEU targets



Fit for 55 H2 Target was previously less than 5 MTPa in 2030.

REPowerEU sets a target of 10 million tonnes of domestic renewable hydrogen production and 10 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen imports by 2030.

Boosting sustainable biomethane production to 35 bcm by 2030, needing EUR 37 billion euro over the period.



# New Entity

## Operating Activities

- Collaborative Research
- Contract Research
- Advisory Services
- Education & Training
- New Ventures

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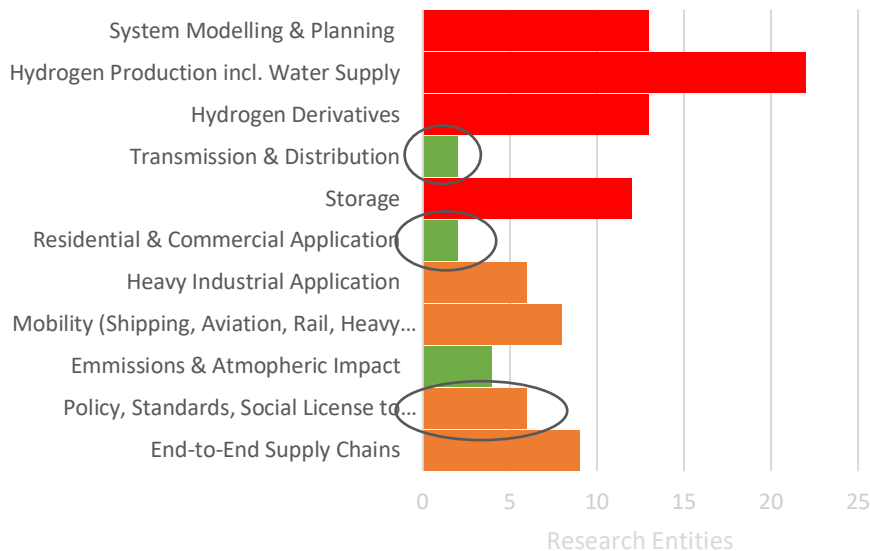
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  - H2Safe(TI) Lab – Full Scale Pipe Fracture
  - H2Safe(TI) Lab – Polymer
  - H2Safe(TI) Lab – Appliances

# Hydrogen Supply Chain Research Intensity

Australian hydrogen Supply Chain Research Heat Map



FFCRC is almost the sole entity enabling research in hydrogen in the transmission and distribution network and in residential and commercial applications.

# Developing and Validating the Research Program

## Gas Vision 2050 Identified Actions

Consumer Engagement  
Technical/Environmental/Economic Regulation

Security of Supply  
Connecting a diverse range of biomethane producers to the network  
Joint Planning  
Renewable Gas Target

Bio & Renewable methane – quality specifications  
Hydrogen Safety – Distribution and Transmission Networks  
Hydrogen Appliance - Testing

Hydrogen Appliance - Development

Engagement Training & Trusted Advice

System Modelling and Multi-level planning

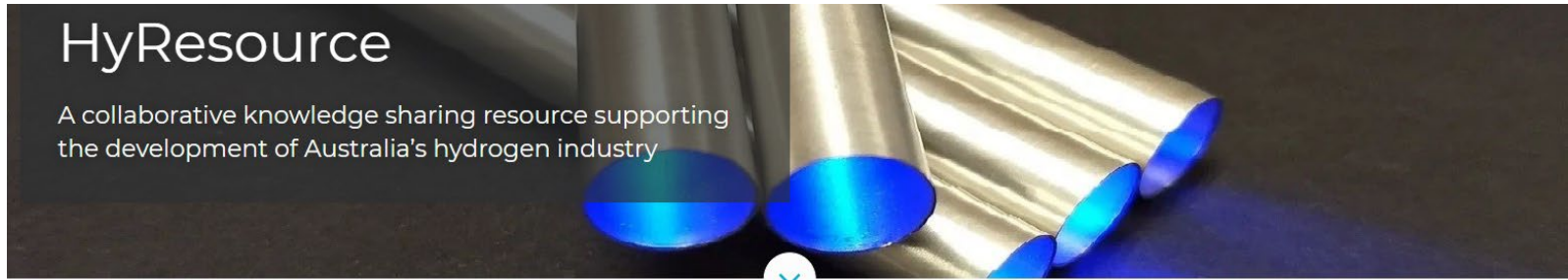
Testing, Demonstration and Advanced Engineering

Enabling Technology Research & Development

## New Entity Research Programs

- Initial list of projects (80+) has been identified by FFCRC through Research Roadmaps, Working Groups and Steering Committees.
- List has been circulated to industry proponents and feedback has been received regarding level of interest/need and priority.
- Project proposals and budgets are currently being development for research projects with M/H level of interest/needs by industry

# HyResource is following hydrogen projects and R&D



Find out more at <https://research.csiro.au/hyresource>



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