

First Nations Clean Energy Symposium

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21-22 July 2022, Grand Hyatt, Melbourne



THURSDAY 21 JULY 2022

| TIME | AGENDA ITEM | SPEAKERS |
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| 8:00 AM | Registration open - Grand Hyatt, Level 8 - Pre-function area | |
| 8:30 - 8:50 AM | First Nations caucus meeting - Grosvenor Room <i>All First Nations Welcome</i> | |
| 9:00 - 10:00 AM | OPENING PLENARY - Savoy Ballroom Welcome to country Introductions and setting the scene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cissy Gore-Birch, MC • Jamie Lowe, NNTC • Karrina Nolan, First Nations Clean Energy Network / Original Power • Chris Crocker, First Nations Clean Energy Network / Impact IP |
| 10:00 - 10:30 AM | PANEL #1 - Savoy Ballroom <i>First Nations clean energy achievements globally</i> Our First Nations friends in Canada and the US are well advanced in using clean energy to transform communities, creating jobs, business opportunities and a clean future. Hear case studies of community power and how we can apply the lessons here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett Isaac, Navajo Power • Freddie Campbell, Indigenous Clean Energy Canada |
| MORNING TEA | | |
| 11:00 - 11:40 AM | PANEL #2 - Savoy Ballroom <i>Opportunities and challenges of clean energy for our mob</i> Across the country, First Nations communities are right now designing and building renewables, from small scale solar to microgrids, while others are negotiating with large scale proponents. Hear from them about what's working, what's not and what they've learnt along the way. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellie Kamara, CEO, Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation • Jason King, TO, Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation • Les Shultz, Mirning / Ngadju • Gadrin Hoosan, Borrooloola • Lauren Mellor, Original Power |
| 11:40 - 12:30 PM | PANEL #3 - Savoy Ballroom <i>National landscape and politics of clean energy transition</i> The path to the renewables revolution in Australia has not been smooth! Big picture thinking economists, campaigners and unionists who've paved the way reflect on what's got us here and what we need to transform our nation, discussing everything from climate change policy to people power, infrastructure needs to net zero targets and beyond. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul Griffith, Founder Rewiring Australia • Ross Garnaut, Economist - Author of Superpower • Amanda McKenzie, Climate Council • Claire O'Rourke, The Sunrise Project • Trevor Gauld, Electrical Trades Union |
| LUNCH | | |
| 1:30 - 2:15 PM | PANEL #4 - Savoy Ballroom <i>An economic transition to clean energy</i> The nuts and bolts of how we transition to a clean energy economy are many and varied. We explore what the transition looks like, from the global economy to impacts on local communities. How do we assert native title rights and build resilience in regional and remote communities? What infrastructure do we need? Who finances the shift and how will the market adjust? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Buckley, Climate Energy Finance • Amanda Cahill, Next Economy • Chris Faris, ARENA • Emily Gerrard, Comhar Group |
| 2:15 - 3:15 PM | WORKSHOP #1 - Savoy Ballroom <i>Community Energy Models</i> Getting communities clean energy connected is both challenging and rewarding. Bring along your questions and thinking caps to this interactive workshop which profiles a number of community-driven projects, from a remote solar-powered community centre, to homelands replacing diesel with solar hybrid systems to microgrids for larger communities and more. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Mellor, Original Power • Chris Coker, Impact Investment Partners • Andrew Bray, RE-Alliance |
| AFTERNOON TEA | | |
| 3:45 - 5:00 PM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS WORKSHOP #2 - First Nations closed session - Grosvenor Room A closed workshop for First Nations mob to hear about, discuss and give input into the Network's draft best practice principles. Tell us how they could be useful, what's important and what's missing. There'll be an opportunity to highlight specific policy concerns and collaborate on ways we can take collective action. WORKSHOP #3 - Best Practice for Industry - Savoy Ballroom Industry is as keen as we are to do things differently when it comes to clean energy development. We'll pinpoint what's at the heart of 'best practice' as well as what free, prior and informed consent really looks like. Then open the floor to ideas for how industry can best support First Nations' engagement in the renewables boom and share in its benefits. | <p><i>Facilitated by the First Nations Clean Energy Network (FNCEN)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lily O'Neill, Melbourne Uni Climate Futures • Anirudha Nagar, NNTC (FPIC) • Tom Widdup, NNTC (FPIC) • Justin Coburn, Beon Energy |
| 6:00 - 10:00 PM | SYMPOSIUM DINNER - MAYFAIR BALLROOM | |

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| 9:00 – 10:30 AM | <p>PANEL #5 - Savoy Ballroom <i>Taking action - A national framework and best practice</i></p> <p>Australia can be a world leader in clean energy if First Nations, governments and Industry work hand in hand. The First Nations Clean Energy Network will work with the Federal Government and State and Territory Energy Ministers to develop a framework that guarantees First Nations participation and ensures everyone shares in the benefits of renewables. In this session we'll expand on key best practice principles we are asking the Industry to commit to and hear a response from Ministers and the Industry.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kane Thornton, Clean Energy Council • Jenny McAllister, Assistant Minister - Energy and Climate Change • First Nations speakers on principles and policy |
| MORNING TEA | | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 PM | <p>PANEL #6 - Savoy Ballroom <i>Hydrogen - What is happening on country, the opportunities and challenges</i></p> <p>Hydrogen - a silver bullet or a whole new can of worms? Hear about what makes the hydrogen sector tick, how it works, the scope of projects proposed nationally, the implications of the scale and footprint of hydrogen development, as well as the opportunities and challenges it presents.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Simon, CEO - Australian Hydrogen Council • Lance McCallum, Assistant Min Hydrogen • Micheal Brear, Net Zero Aust |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | <p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORKSHOP #4A - Savoy Ballroom <i>First Nations Business and Investment</i> <p>First Nations businesses and investors are already active players in Australia's clean energy boom. Get hot tips on how to nurture and build business opportunities and hear about key ingredients you need to foster new and exciting business ventures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORKSHOP #4B - Grosvenor Room <i>Agreement Making and Negotiation</i> <p>It is our lands and waters that offer rich, renewable resources, especially for solar and wind power. Making strong agreements and asserting our Native Title and Traditional Owner rights is critical as the clean energy industry expands. This workshop will look at essential components of good agreements and what needs to be strengthened.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Godwell, i2i Global • Kado Muir, Tjiwarl • Ruby Heard, Alinga Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lily O'Neill, Melbourne Uni Climate Futures • Karrina Nolan, CEO - Original Power • Heidi Norman, UTS |
| LUNCH | | |
| 2:00 - 2:45 PM | <p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORKSHOP #5A - Savoy Ballroom <i>Native Title rights and challenges</i> <p>What are the implications for Traditional Owners of proposed changes to the Western Australian Land Administration Act? The workshop will also cover the property rights of Traditional Owners in relation to renewable energy, particularly in relation to large scale projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORKSHOP #5B - Grosvenor Room <i>Workers, Unions and Climate Action</i> <p>A discussion on the important role unions play in climate action and how we work to ensure justice for workers in the clean energy industry.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emeritus Professor Jon Altman, Original Power Board • Greg McIntyre, Senior Counsel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor Gauld, Electrical Trades Union |
| 2:45 – 3:45 PM | <p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORKSHOP #6 - Grosvenor Room <i>First Nations closed session</i> <p>This closed workshop will invite input into the Traditional Owner negotiation guidelines. Join us as we also create space to debrief new ideas and issues that came up during the Symposium and consolidate next steps for how we continue to work together and through the First Nations Clean Energy Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NETWORKING - Savoy Ballroom <p>An opportunity to come together and discuss ideas, make new connections and reflect on the events of the day. Come along and meet with community members and clean energy leaders in a relaxed and informal session.</p> | <p><i>Facilitated by the First Nations Clean Energy Network (FNCEN)</i></p> |
| AFTERNOON TEA | | |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | <p>CLOSING SESSION - Savoy Ballroom</p> <p>A time for reflection, making commitments on how we'll keep working together and final farewells.</p> | |