



Supporting Australian workers, industries and communities to power our net zero future

The Australian Government will legislate a National Net Zero Authority to ensure the workers, industries and communities that have powered Australia for generations can seize the opportunities of Australia’s net zero transformation.

The global transformation to a net zero economy is a massive source of economic opportunity for Australia, its regions, industries and workers.

And the Australian Government has a huge agenda to make Australia a renewable energy superpower, by rewiring the nation, investing in new renewable storage and generation capacity, and revitalising manufacturing and developing clean industries.

The shift to net zero emissions by 2050 must happen fairly for Australians in emissions-intensive industries and the communities they live and work in.

This Budget will establish a National Net Zero Authority to ensure the regions and workers who have powered Australia for generations can seize the job and economic opportunities that come with our net zero transformation.

The Authority will coordinate programs and policies across government to support regional communities to attract and take advantage of new clean energy industries and set those industries up for success, while supporting workers in existing and new industries. It will also help investors and companies engage with the net zero transformation opportunities in regional industries and communities.

Why is this important and who will it benefit?

Establishing the National Net Zero Authority

The Australian Government will legislate a National Net Zero Authority to ensure regional workers and their communities seize the job and economic opportunities as our economy decarbonises.

The new legislated Net Zero Authority will:

1. Support **workers** in emissions-intensive sectors to access new employment, skills and support as the net zero transformation continues.

2. Coordinate programs and policies across government to support **regions and communities** to attract and take advantage of new clean energy industries and set those industries up for success.
3. Help **investors** and **companies** to engage with net zero transformation opportunities.

To kickstart the Authority's responsibilities immediately, the Government will recommend to the Governor-General the establishment of an Executive Agency from July 1 this year.

Initially housed in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Agency will also develop advice to Government on the final design and establishment of the legislated national Net Zero Authority.

The Authority will work consultatively with state and territory governments, existing regionally-focused bodies, unions, industry, investors, First Nations groups, and others. These partnerships will help regions, industries and employers to proactively manage the transformation to a clean energy economy.

The Agency will engage with key regional communities—including places like Collie, Gladstone, Central Queensland, the Hunter and the Latrobe Valley—on priority actions needed to support the transformation.

This will inform the Agency's work to define the National Net Zero Authority's design to support workers in emissions-intensive roles transition to new opportunities.

In recognition that the transformation needs of each region are different, the Agency (and then the Authority) will develop and implement a tailored approach for each community. Communities will be involved at every step of the process.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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