

NON-BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) is entered into on __04 September__2024, by and between:

AHRN	Name	Australian Hydrogen Research Network Ltd (AHRN)
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HRI	Name	Hydrogen Research Institute (HRI)
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	Attention	Bruno G. Pollet

Background

1. AHRN is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee and registered charity in Australia, which represents a community of researchers and interested stakeholders supporting the emerging hydrogen industry. AHRN fosters excellence in hydrogen-related research through an ongoing program of seminars and knowledge-sharing activities.
2. HRI is a not-for-profit research centre working in the R&D hydrogen value chain from production, storage, mobility and stationary applications as well as safety.

Purpose

3. This non-binding MOU outlines the intention of the parties to collaborate in good faith to conceptualise and jointly implement Projects (as defined below).

Term

4. This MOU commences on 04 September 2024 and will remain in effect for 3 years (**Term**) and may be extended by written agreement of the parties.

Understanding of the parties

5. During the Term, AHRN and HRI agree to collaborate together on:
 - a. joint research projects;
 - b. trainings, programs, exchange visits and networking.
 - c. joint research seminars and conferences; and/or
 - d. joint research publications (such as peer-reviewed papers and reports), (each a **Project**).

6. The nature of each Project will be determined jointly by the parties and may relate to hydrogen topics including:
 - a. hydrogen production;
 - b. hydrogen storage, transport, export and distribution;
 - c. hydrogen utilisation, including stationary power, vehicles and industrial applications; and
 - d. crosscutting topics, such as safety, techno-economic analysis, modelling, systems analysis and social licence.
7. Before any Project is commenced, the parties agree they will enter into a separate agreement which clearly outlines the terms and conditions governing their engagement in respect of the Project, including provisions relating to confidentiality, intellectual property and financing.

General provisions

8. This MOU is not legally binding and does not create or give rise to any legal rights, duties or consequences.
9. Each party will respect confidentiality in discussions, and not take advantage of knowledge of the other party's position to the disadvantage of the other party.
10. Each party is responsible for its own costs pursuant to and arising from this MOU.
11. This MOU may be amended or modified only by written agreement signed by both parties.
12. Nothing contained or implied in this MOU will:
 - a. constitute or be deemed to constitute a party as a partner, joint venturer, agent, or legal representative of any other party for any purpose whatsoever; or
 - b. create or be deemed to create any partnership, joint venture, agency or trust between the parties.
13. This MOU may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart when executed is deemed an original but all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

Signed for and on behalf of:

AHRN:

A. L. Dicks

Signature

Dr Andrew L. DICKS

Full name and title

04 September 2024

Date

HRI:

Prof. Bruno G. Pollet

Signature

Prof. Dr. Bruno G. POLLET

Full name and title

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Date