

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The lack of female representation on panels and in speaking positions has always been a key obstacle in fulfilling our vision.

Many intelligent, talented and inspirational women work in the renewable energy industry. I meet them every day, in boardrooms and attending industry events.

The number is growing all the time, as more women are attracted to work in an industry on the rise. But the number of women speaking at many of those industry remains eclipsed by their male counterparts. This means many audiences are ultimately missing out on the broader range of insights they would enjoy if there was greater gender diversity in the speaking line-up.

The Clean Energy Council's Women in Renewables initiative was started to address imbalances such as these, and I am proud to present the third edition of our Speaker's Guide.

Kane Thornton

Chief Executive Clean Energy Counci

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Jo is the Deputy Secretary

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Prior to joining the Department in

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Agriculture and Water Resources,

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and Energy, which includes

the Climate Solutions Fund,

Indigenous Champion.

Dr Beck leads a research group focused on integrating nanophotonics and optoelectronic device design for applications in renewable energy production, and the next generation of photodetection technologies.

Dr Beck currently holds a Discovery Early Career Researcher Award from the ARC, as well as the Future Engineering Research Leader Fellowship from the ANU. She joined the Research School of Engineering at the ANU as a research fellow and lecturer in 2015. She spent the previous four years as a Marie Curie Research Fellow at ICFO - The Institute of Photonic Sciences in Barcelona, Spain, employing plasmonics to enhance the performance of novel optoelectronic devices. She obtained a PhD from ANU in 2011, with a thesis on designing plasmonic light trapping schemes for applications in solar cells. She has an MSci degree in Physics from The University of Glasgow. and was awarded the Eve and Ravenscroft prize for the most distinguished graduate from the Faculty of Physical Sciences.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Science of solar cells
- Women in STEM

Bec's work on renewable energy has been focused on wind energy and the social conflict that can accompany its development. Specifically, Bec studied the nature of conflict associated with a wind energy proposal in Tasmania, and analysed how the community consultation process interacted with local dynamics to cause conflict.

Currently, Bec works as a knowledge exchange specialist with the Climate Change Institute at the ANU. Bec's role is to facilitate the strengthening of links between climate change researchers and end users of the research. Before joining the CCI, Bec's research at The University of Queensland explored ways of understanding social conflict about the environment through using the social identity approach to interrogate processes of stakeholder and community engagement. Present research interests include knowledge exchange, the human dimension of climate change, and the links between social psychology and decision-making processes.

INTERESTS

- · Renewable energy
- Communications
- · Social impacts
- Community engagement
- Stakeholder engagement

INTERESTS

functions.

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Government

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Kirsty is a highly experienced commercial lawyer and corporate governance professional who joined ARENA in 2016 to take up the role of General Manager, Project Delivery. Prior to commencing work with ARENA, Kirsty was General Counsel for Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). She also played a key role in supporting the governance functions of the board and overseeing IBA's governance, compliance and legal risk management framework.

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In addition to her legal qualifications, Kirsty has postgraduate qualifications in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Law Society of the ACT.



Michelle McCann
PARTNER
PV LAB AUSTRALIA

Michelle has worked in solar energy since 1996. She is currently a consultant to the PV industry and co-founder, CEO and Director of PV Lab Australia. Michelle was also the CEO and one of the founders of Spark Solar Australia, an Australian company seedfunded by a group of German experts in the photovoltaic field with the mission of raising funds to establish a PV manufacturing company in Australia. Prior to this, she worked in the photovoltaic group at the University of Konstanz in Germany, where she was group leader of the novel devices group. Michelle has twice held a world record for highefficiency solar cells.

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BIOENERGY AUSTRALIA

Shahana leads Bioenergy
Australia's contribution on matters
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creation, regional development
and energy supply to ensure
national benefits for the future.
She is a vocal contributor to
Australia's energy debate. An
immediate priority for Bioenergy
Australia is to ensure bioenergy
features prominently at all levels of
government as they plan energy
strategies.

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Shahana is a member of the International Energy Agency's Bioenergy Australian Exco Joint Committee, the Commonwealth Fuel Standards Consultative Committee, the NSW Forest Industries Taskforce R&D Advisory Group, the ACCC Fuel Consultative Committee, the NSW Government Biofuels Expert Panel and the Queensland Bio futures Industry Advisory Group.

INTERESTS

- · Women in leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation and renewable energy
- · Indigenous/Native title
- · Community engagement
- Dispute resolution
- Human rights
- · International law
- Risk management
- · Contract law

INTERESTS

- · Renewable energy
- Startups

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Communications

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Nicola commenced as Chief Operating Officer at ARENA in July 2016. She provides oversight of the Strategy, Human Resources, Corporate Affairs, Legal and Projects teams.

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Nicola previously worked at ARENA as General Manager and General Counsel. She was also the head of the ARFNA Establishment Team in the lead up to the commencement of ARENA. Previously Chief Lawyer for the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism and a lawyer in private practice, Nicola has transitioned to program management, with a particular interest in innovation programs and the intersection between public sector programs and private sector expertise and delivery models.

Melissa is Director, Project Solutions at the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). Throughout her career, Melissa has worked as a consulting engineer in industries such as defence, building services and energy efficiency. The past five years have been spent at ARENA in multiple roles: developing and contributing to ARENA's solar R&D to commercialisation strategy, managing ARENA's marine and geothermal energy portfolios, navigating the multi-dimensional and multi-stakeholder issues surrounding the grid integration of renewable energy technologies and, finally, managing a team to deliver ARENA's complex

Anne manages a portfolio of business clients who are on the journey to become sustainable businesses.

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She provides tailored consulting advice on implementation of business sustainability actions to become energy efficient and gain energy independence.

INTERESTS

- · Women in leadership
- Gender diversity
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- · Career progression
- Legal/risk/governance
- Working with boards
- Private/public partnerships

INTERESTS

contracts.

- Renewable energy
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation

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- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Career progression
- Environment
- Technology

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Sandra began her career at a management consultancy working in the areas of process optimisation/restructuring and supply chain management for different companies in the automotive, food processing and telecommunications industries.

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She joined Swisscom in 2002, reorganising process and organisational structures to increase process efficiency for the service delivery and network construction. Afterwards she was leading teams in software design/ development for the construction of IP-based communication services. She joined the strategy team of Swisscom and is now cofounder and CSO of tiko Energy Solutions. Sandra has studied business administration and holds an MBA at the Business Schools of Mannheim, Copenhagen and Warwick.

INTERESTS

- Energy storage
- · Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Science data analytics

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Technology
- Smart grid
- VPP
- DR

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Jennifer Abbot

SENIOR MANAGER, CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR ASIA PACIFIC FIRST SOLAR AUSTRALIA

Jennifer currently leads First Solar's corporate communications and public affairs work for the Asia Pacific region, focusing on Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Jennifer focuses on strategic marketing initiatives in support of First Solar's commercial offerings in addition to external communications, marketing and regulatory strategies.

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Since 2014, Jennifer has supported First Solar's business development efforts, contributing to the successful deployment of utilityscale solar projects across Asia Pacific.

Prior to joining First Solar,
Jennifer worked in the corporate
and public affairs division at
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issues and crisis management,
government relations and strategic
marketing campaigns for energy,
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Barbara Albert

CO-CEO 100% RENEWABLES

Barbara is the Co-CEO of 100% Renewables. She is a consultant, educator and speaker and the author of 'Energy Unlimited - Four Steps to 100% Renewable Energy'. She works with businesses and governments on their sustainability strategy and specialises in helping organisations with their journey to 100 per cent renewable energy or zero carbon. She is often asked to share her experience of clean energy pathways at conferences, workshops and seminars.

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She is a preferred supplier for the NSW, ACT and Commonwealth governments and a trusted advisor to several local government jurisdictions.



Dani Alexander

RESEARCH PRINCIPAL
INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE
FUTURES

Dani Alexander is a passionate advocate for promoting energy solutions for a sustainable future. Her experience in the energy sector is broad across policy, program management, governance and engagement, all towards promoting Australia's transition to a low-carbon economy.

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Her background is cross-disciplinary, between both the hard and social sciences, reflecting the nature of her work bridging the gap between new technology and existing markets. Dani has a working knowledge of a wide range of energy and enabling technologies, with a focus on distributed energy resources.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Environment
- Communications

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Environment

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- Innovation
- · Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Technology

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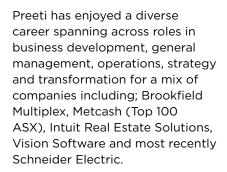




Preeti Bajaj

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Driven to stay relevant in a fastchanging world, Preeti has forged a path in commercial leadership through tenacity, raw drive and a highly strategic mind-set that is comfortable and confident in defining future business visions.



Anna Bruce
SENIOR LECTURER
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Anna is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering at UNSW and Research Coordinator (Engineering) at the Centre for Energy and Environmental Markets. Her research focuses on energy transitions, including renewable and distributed energy systems and energy market modelling. Current research projects include Energy Data for Smart Decision Making through the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program, and Integrated Smart Home Energy Management Technologies through the CRC-P program. She participates as an Australian expert in the IEA's Photovoltaic Power Systems and Demand Side Management technology collaboration programs.

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Yang Cao
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
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Yang has over 25 years' experience in power, renewable energy, instrumentation, and PLC/SCADA control system engineering for utility, infrastructure, mining, hydrocarbon and water industries.

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LARGE-SCALE SOLAR LEAD AND DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND PROJECT FINANCE

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Gloria has over a decade of institutional banking experience, spanning over project and corporate finance as well as credit. Gloria was previously a Director at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, financing projects and corporates across a variety of industries, including renewables, utilities, mining and mining infrastructure, and oil and gas. Gloria is also a solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales.



Elizabeth Charlesworth

PARTNER
HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

Elizabeth has more than 12 years' experience advising on financing and development of renewable energy projects, and acquisitions and divestments of such assets. In this sector, she has worked on a range of international and domestic transactions across the UK, Europe, Africa and Australia.

She is passionate about ensuring we transition to a low carbon environment and believes renewable energy and other low carbon technologies have a key role to play.

She has acted for both financiers and sponsors on a wide variety of projects including wind (onshore & offshore), PV solar, coal to biomass conversion projects as well as energy from waste.



Olivia Coldrey

LEAD FINANCE SPECIALISTSUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL
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Olivia advises SEforALL on strategy and interventions to support universal access to energy by 2030. This leverages her experience of financing renewable energy technologies from R&D through commercial deployment gained through previous roles at REEEP and the Australian Solar Institute, and as an independent advisor to governments and investors. As a finance lawyer, Olivia has worked with Baker & McKenzie and Latham & Watkins and in-house at Australia's export credit agency, Efic.

Olivia is Australia's Alternate Representative on the Executive Committee of the IEA's Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme and a Non-Executive Director of the Australian PV Institute and Ekistica.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- · Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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PRESIDENT
THE VALLEY CENTRE

Tracey has run The Valley Centre for the last 25 years, action researching this process of sustainable community building with a number of other sectors including youth, wellbeing, conservation, education and rehabilitation. With 30 years' experience working in education, small business management, community facilitation, actionresearch, sustainable community building and creative expression, her experience in community capacity building has played an integral part in the roles she has undertaken.

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More recently, Tracey has been the leading Community Facilitator in working with Aboriginal communities right across Australia as The Valley Centre is invited to work on sustainable community building projects, where solar power plays a crucial role.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Sustainability
- · Community building



April Crawford-Smith
PROJECT MANAGER REMOTE
ABORIGINAL SOLAR
PINGALA

April has a vision for building empowered, creative, self-sustaining communities and has been working in social justice and environmental campaigning for many years.

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Currently Project Manager for The Valley Centre – an on-theground sustainable community building and youth empowerment organisation, focusing on working with Aboriginal communities across the country.

April is also the Convenor of Pingala Community Renewables for Sydney, which has a vision to unlock the value of community finance in developing community owned and run solar farms.

April has extensive experience in campaigning, community facilitation and project management, with a passion for creative, community-driven solutions addressing climate change and resilience issues into the future.

INTERESTS

- Young women leadership
- Community energy
- Aboriginal renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment



Penelope Crossley

SENIOR LECTURER IN ENERGY AND RESOURCES LAW

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL

Penelope specialises in the complex legal issues associated with the energy and resources sectors. In particular, her research at Sydney Law School focuses on the fields of comparative renewable energy and energy storage law, electricity market governance and the intersection between tort law and the energy and resources sector.

Penelope is the Senior Industry Advisor to the Australian Energy Storage Alliance on regulatory and policy issues and is the Chair of the Product Listing Review Panel for the Clean Energy Council. Her PhD on 'Reconceptualising Renewable Energy Law: A Comparative Study of the National Laws Designed to Accelerate the Deployment of Renewable Energy,' was awarded in 2015.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Public policy
- Energy law

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Renate's 25-year career spans industry, university and not-for-profits. She has managed technology development in Australia and Germany and led industrial research projects with China. Renate is a Co-Founder of Solar Analytics, Australia's largest independent energy monitoring provider.

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Renate also works at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), leading UNSW's activity in the Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics and is Chair of the Australian PV Institute. The mother of two teenagers, Renate is passionate about using her skills and knowledge to make a difference through the increased uptake of solar energy.



Emma Fagan
NETWORK ACCOUNT MANAGER
AND POLICY ADVOCATE
TESLA

Emma has managed Tesla's Energy Policy team across Asia Pacific since December 2016, with a focus on market reforms for utility-scale storage and distributed storage. Emma also chairs the Clean Energy Council's Energy Storage Directorate.

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Before joining Tesla, Emma spent eight years working in clean energy and carbon management policy development in consulting roles and for the Federal Government. Emma has Bachelor's degrees in both Law and International Relations and a Masters in Energy Studies.



Jacqueline Fetchet

SOLICITOR
HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

I am an experienced renewable energy lawyer working across the commercial, regulatory and financing aspects of all scales of renewable energy development in Australia and Asia. I began my career in energy and climate change policy in the NSW Government and had a stint as a lawyer for the EPA before moving into private practice. In 2015 I was an Australian youth ambassador to the Paris COP21 climate conference.

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In 2016 I founded the Renewable Cities Young Ambassadors and Poles & Wires networks for young people in the renewable industry. I helped established and am on the board of the Pingala community energy co-operative.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy

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- Energy storage
- Energy transformation

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- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Law
- Policy
- Regulation
- Climate change

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Nicole is in a Technical Operations role in the Operations and Maintenance team, overseeing HSE, plant operations and performance engineering for First Solar's 200 MW portfolio of utility-scale solar plants under operation in the Australia-Pacific region.

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She has over 20 years of experience in the PV industry, including 10 years in engineering and project management of PV systems in a wide variety of onand off-grid applications.

She first worked for Sydney Electricity (now Ausgrid) as a network engineer and PV contract manager, and set-up Australia's first PV rebate program at the NSW Sustainable Energy Development Authority.

INTERESTS

• Renewable energy



Ana Gomiero-Guthrie

SPECIAL COUNSEL

BAKER MCKENZIE

Ana is a special counsel at Baker McKenzie's Sydney office. Ana acts for domestic and international financiers, borrowers and sponsors in relation to all types of debt financing, focusing on project, infrastructure, energy, acquisition and structured finance. Ana has advised on complex projects across a diverse range of industries including renewables (solar, wind, hydro), oil and gas, financial services, infrastructure, transport, chemicals, manufacturing and telecommunications. Prior to moving to Sydney, Ana worked in the firm's Sao Paulo and Chicago offices and headed the corporate, banking and finance group of a Brazilian law firm.

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- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Project financing



Karen Gould

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

PALISADE INVESTMENT PARTNERS

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Karen is an Investment Director with Palisade, where she is responsible for renewable energy asset origination, acquisition, development and management. Prior to joining Palisade, Karen was a Senior Vice President with Macquarie in London for five years. where she focused on principal investments in renewable energy projects. Prior to this. Karen was a renewables and climate change lawyer with Baker & McKenzie, a senior policymaker and UN climate change negotiator with the Australian Government and an engineer with CH2M Hill.

Karen holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the University of Sydney.

INTERESTS

- Investment
- Project development
- Energy policy
- Climate change policy
- Waste to energy

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Her experience includes procurement and delivery of infrastructure and establishing new businesses, driving growth and leading transformational change. Before joining TransGrid in 2018, Eva held a number positions at Transurban including General Manager NSW Development. In previous roles Eva was also responsible for Origin Energy's investment in the Australian Pacific LNG project, LNG portfolio management and establishing and leading the gas marketing business.

Eva sits on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Faculty of Engineering at UNSW.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology



Kirsten Hannen
DIVISION DIRECTOR
MACQUARIE CAPITAL

Kirsten Hannan is a Division Director within the Infrastructure, Utilities and Renewables team at Macquarie Capital in Australia, focusing on renewable energy generation projects.,

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She works closely with debt financiers and institutional investors and has a deep understanding of the issues faced in evaluating, financing, acquiring, managing and divesting infrastructure projects.

Kirsten has led Macquarie Capital's transaction team within Macquarie Capital responsible for the development of the Murra Warra Wind Farm in Western Victoria where Macquarie Capital has is been co-developer, equity investor and financial adviser.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- · Financing and investment



Hannah Heath

CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER

HANWHA ENERGY RETAIL

AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

Hannah is responsible for strategy, risk management, legal and regulatory compliance, and corporate and stakeholder relations.

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Her 16 years of energy experience spans the wholesale, network and retail sectors as well as solar and emerging markets. Hannah's diverse roles across Origin, the AEMC and NSW Treasury means she understands the unique commercial, physical and regulatory dynamics of Australia's energy markets. She now focuses on finding ways to unlock value for customers using sustainable energy solutions.

She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Energy and was a finalist for the 2019 CEC Women in Renewables AICD Scholarship.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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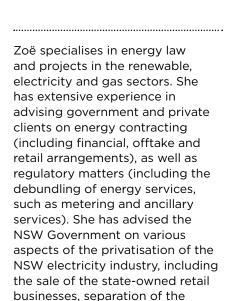




Zoë Hilson

PARTNER

BAKER MCKENZIE



network businesses and the sale of

a number of power development

INTERESTS

projects.

Corporate PPAs



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Kirstin Hunter

MANAGING DIRECTOR
FUTURE SUPER

Kirstin is the Managing Director of Future Super, Australia's first fossil fuel-free superannuation fund. She is democratising Australia's clean energy revolution by empowering Australians to use their savings to create a fairer, brighter, renewable energy-powered future. Previously. Kirstin worked at Bain & Company as an advisor to some of the largest companies and charities in Australia and Canada, with expertise in technology-driven transformation, organisational design, due diligence and productivity improvement. Kirstin is an experienced speaker, panelist and facilitator across topics including doing business with purpose, ethical investing, superannuation, strategic planning, women and leadership, flexible working and gender parity.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression



Nicky Ison

FOUNDING DIRECTOR

COMMUNITY POWER AGENCY

Nicky is a Founding Director of the Community Power Agency, a Research Associate at the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology, Sydney, Coordinator of the Coalition for Community Energy and a Strategist for the Repower Campaign with Climate Action Network Australia.

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She is an expert in the field of energy policy and community renewable energy and has worked with and visited over 60 community energy groups in Australia, Europe and the US. Nicky has a detailed understanding of the working of Australia's energy system, having coauthored the Homegrown Power Plan, lead authored the National Electricity Market Report Card and the National Community Energy Strategy.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Communications
- Technology

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ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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- 72MW solar Farm-Emerald QLD
- 226MW, 61 turbine Murra Warra wind Farm Stage- Horsham VIC
- 240MW 75turbine Ararat Wind Farm &;
- 220MW,60 turbine, Lal Lal Wind Farm, Ballarat

She manages project obligations and compliance for all key project documents, while providing practical inputs to scopes of works, project delivery methodology and design. SPV management including coordination of Project Directors and associated Project Board Activities.



Justine Jarvinen

CEO, CHAIRMAN, DIRECTOR

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Justine Jarvinen (JJ) future-proofs the energy sector. She has a track record of helping organisations and their boards to anticipate change, reposition strategy, conceive new business models, create partnerships and build capabilities.

JJ is CEO of the UNSW Energy Institute, building partnerships between corporates, government and the university to accelerate the energy transition.

She is also Chairman of Wattwatchers, an energy technology startup; Director of Milton Corporation, an ASX-listed company; and Director of Pollinate Energy, a social enterprise.



Carola Jonas
CEO/CO-FOUNDER
EVERTY

Carola is the CEO and co-founder of Everty, a new electric vehicle (EV) charging network and charging station management platform. Everty works with EV owners, businesses, utilities and other organisations to increase the uptake of EVs and making EV ownership and use easier.

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Carola also works as a sustainability and marketing consultant. She has worked with brands such as Enphase Energy to bring storage solutions, micro inverters and smart software to market. She assists EnergyLab, the first clean energy accelerator in Australia, to build and grow a vibrant start-up community of clean-tech companies and female entrepreneurs.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Environment
- Communications

INTERESTS

 Radical transparency across the electricity value chain

- Emerging technologies
- · New business models
- Start-ups
- · University partnerships

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Environment
- · Electric vehicles
- Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship
- Startups

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Linda is currently the Head of Partnerships, Future Energy & Business Development at Origin Energy.

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She has over 18 years of experience in solar energy, ranging from R&D to business development and extended experience in high-value B2B customer relationship management.

Linda's previous role as the Director Strategic Development UNSW (School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering) focused on establishing strong links with industry and alumni of the school to secure funding for collaborative R&D projects and sponsorship of prizes, scholarships and academic chair positions.

Linda holds a PhD in Photovoltaics and an MBA from UNSW.



Beatriz Lopez
HEAD OF ASSET MANAGEMENT
BLUESHORE PTY LTD

Beatriz has over 4 years of experience as an asset manager managing medium scale solar sites. Her experience covers several areas including monitoring systems, contract and site management, and operations supervision.

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Prior to working with Bluefield, Beatriz gained experience in EPC electrical supply chain management at Asea Brown Boveri, including the specification of electrical equipment for supply to high voltage substations and PV projects.

Beatriz studied a Master's in Industrial Engineering at Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, specializing in electronics and process automation, followed by an electrical engineering intensification.



Begona Menendez
SENIOR CONSULTANT

ROBERT WALTERS

Begona is a degree-qualified mine engineer with four years' specialist engineering recruitment experience across Europe and Australia for Robert Walters.

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She is currently based in Sydney as part of the national engineering practice and specialises in permanent and contract roles across the energy (conventional/renewable), infrastructure, construction, naval and defence industries.

Following the completion of a Mine Engineering degree from Politecnica Madrid University, Begona trained as an engineer at a small engineering firm before moving to Ernst & Young as a Risk Consultant for engineering companies.

INTERESTS

- · Renewable energy
- Solar
- Innovation
- Start-ups
- Emerging technologies
- Sustainability

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- · Career progression

INTERESTS

• Career progression

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LARGE-SCALE SOLAR LEAD AND DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND PROJECT FINANCE

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Monique is a Director in Corporate and Project Finance at the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and co-leads the large-scale solar business platform. Monique has over 15 years' experience in clean energy and environmental finance.

Monique's team at CEFC has provided debt finance to over 1 Gigawatt of large scale solar projects throughout Australia over the past several years. Monique joined CEFC at its inception in 2013 and previously worked in Macquarie Bank's Environmental Financial Products team in London and Sydney, trading environmental commodities and investing in clean energy projects on bank balance sheet.



Lynn Morrison

PARTNER ERNST & YOUNG

Lynn is a partner at EY Sydney's assurance practice. She is the first assurance partner with a mainland China background in "big 4" accounting firms in Australia, specialising in auditing and providing financial advice to her local and inbound renewable energy clients throughout the renewable project development life cycle, covering greenfield acquisition, financial close, construction, completion and operation. Lynn is an effective leader who relates well to crossculture teams and is known and respected as a trusted professional advisor by clients and the marketplace.



Kristy Old

DEVELOPMENT MANAGERCWP RENEWABLES

Kristy graduated from the University of Melbourne with degrees in Engineering and Commerce. She quickly landed a job as a wind analyst with Garrad Hassan (GH) in Melbourne. She had the great fortune to spend four months in the GH head office in Bristol, learning from international wind energy champions. Since then, Kristy has had experience working in energy efficiency and waste management with Newcastle City Council, as a Trainer with Aconex in the Middle East, as a secondary school mathematics teacher and a mother of two. Kristy is now in the renewable energy sector developing wind and solar projects for CWP Renewables.

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INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology

INTERESTS

- · Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Financial reporting
- Accounting

INTERESTS

- STEM subjects
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Low waste living
- Work/life balance

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FUTURE GRID MANAGER

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Fiona is Future Grid Manager at TransGrid, where she is responsible for long-term electricity transmission system planning. She has a special interest in energy system transformation, and how technology, regulation and consumer preferences will shape future energy markets.

Prior to joining TransGrid, Fiona worked as a consultant and for AGL Energy in roles spanning sustainability, energy policy, climate change, scenario planning and strategy.

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She has published several articles on the need for energy policy, market design and business models to respond to the changing energy system and consumer requirements.



Marija Petkovic

MANAGING DIRECTOR

ENERGY SYNAPSE

Marija is the Founder and Managing Director of Energy Synapse, a respected energy research and advisory firm. Marija is a leading energy transition expert and has worked internationally across Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Her commentary and analysis have been featured on ABC News, the Sydney Morning Herald, RenewEconomy and others.

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Marija is known for her innovative approach, having developed ground-breaking predictive models of wholesale energy markets, negotiated some of the first demand response deals of their kind in Australia and negotiated a corporate renewable energy deal worth nearly \$1B in the US.



Kristina Photios

DIRECTOR

CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGIES

As Director of Clean Energy Strategies, Kristina is the lead on a large PPA project that brings more than 1000 SMEs under one industry umbrella.

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It will be one of the first aggregate PPAs of this kind, especially for a large load of circa 1 TW per annum. It is due to reach close in mid-2018.

Kristina has over 10 years' experience in corporate strategy, mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance.

Kristina is a passionate leader in the conservative space for climate policy and renewables.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Energy markets
- Demand response
- Predictive analytics
- Renewable energy
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Environment
- Government relations

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Monica Richter
SENIOR MANAGER
LOW CARBON FUTURES
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Monica heads up WWF's Low Carbon Futures Program and is a member of the leadership team. She is an economist and social ecologist with extensive experience in sustainability and business engagement, with an interest in accelerating the uptake of low carbon technologies. For over 15 years, Monica has worked in the not-for-profit environment sector, including for four years at WWF and 10 years at the Australian Conservation Foundation.

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Some of her career highlights include facilitating the WWF Renewable Energy Buyers Forum, establishing a Community of Practice for companies setting science-based emission reduction targets and establishing the Business Roundtable on Climate Change.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- · Energy transformation
- Environment
- Technology



Karin Stark

GENERAL MANAGER

STRATEGY AND MARKETING

REAQUA

Karin currently works in strategy development for ReAqua, a national solar pumping business. Her international and professional history combines 17 years of engagement with communities around contemporary environmental issues. Karin has a passion for renewable energy in agriculture, living on a cotton farm herself. It's this passion that helped drive the installation of a 500 kW solar diesel hybrid pumping system in September 2018, the biggest in the country.

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Karin previously worked for the NSW Government, where she established the Solar Irrigators Working Group to bring together farmers, industry representatives, peak bodies and other organisations to encourage and further discussions on energy use in the irrigation sector.

- INTERESTSInnovation
- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Communications
- Irrigation and energy
- Agriculture



Jasmine Solanki
PROJECT MANAGER
GHD LTD

Jasmine has been involved on major projects around NSW such as Sydney Metro and WestConnex. She comes from a mining background and has now moved into the renewables sector, working alongside engineers with vast knowledge about this sector.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Traditional energy
- · Renewable energy
- Environment
- Technology

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RBC CAPITAL

Anita is a nationally recognised expert on the commercial and technical energy markets aspects of renewable corporate power purchase agreements (PPAs). She is the main energy markets author of the NSW Guide to Corporate PPAs, developed with Norton Rose Fulbright and WWF; and a member of the Technical Advisor Panel of the Business Renewables Centre-Australia.

Anita played a lead role in successfully concluded corporate PPA deals, including the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project buying group, Sydney Metro North West, Monash University and Dexus; and is advising ongoing transactions across the ITC, industrial, infrastructure and other sectors.

Mary is a chemical engineer with more than 25 years' experience in sustainability and deep technical knowledge in energy efficiency, reporting, strategy and policy. She is also an internationally recognised expert in life cycle assessment. Mary has advised Australia's largest companies from all sectors of the economy, helping them address the challenges of climate change and the transition towards a low carbon future. Her expertise was acknowledged in 2016 when she was appointed to the UNFCCC's Technical Executive Committee as a business observer.

In 2017, Mary won the Women's Agenda award for Leadership in the Private Sector.

I have been an active participant in the Infrastructure and Utilities sector in Australia for more than 15 years, with previous experience in the UK. Currently, I am a senior team member in the Infrastructure M&A team at RBC which is a leading global infrastructure advisory and financing bank and I lead the RBC renewables initiative.

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Key clients I have advised on renewable transactions or financings include; DIF, WestWind Energy, Lighthouse Infrastructure, Palisade, Infigen and ICG.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Corporate PPAs
- · Investment appraisal

INTERESTS

- Innovation and policy
- Diversity, flexibility and inclusion
- Energy efficiency
- Corporate strategy
- · Climate risk for executives

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- · Equity investment
- Financing

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Bianca Sylvester is an Associate Director in the Government and Stakeholder Relations team at the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, leading the CEFC's relationship with the New South Wales, Victorian and Tasmanian State Governments, as well as international stakeholders.

CORPORATION

Bianca has over 10 years' experience in clean energy and climate change, across 20 countries. Prior to joining the CEFC, she spent six years as a climate change/energy specialist at the World Bank based in Washington DC, and three years as a trader in J.P. Morgan's commodities sales and trading team based in Singapore and Sydney.



Shani Tager
SENIOR CAMPAIGNER
SOLAR CITIZENS

Shani is the Senior Solar Campaigner at Solar Citizens. She has spent 10 years leading campaigns to move Australia away from old and polluting sources of energy. Hailing from the sunshine state, she worked with farmers, tourism operators and scientists to protect farmland and the Great Barrier Reef from inappropriate coal developments. In her short time with Solar Citizens, she has led work to stop solar taxes, get fairer feed-in tariffs and produced cut-through communications on the benefits of solar. She is experienced building coalitions, communicating complex issues in clear and compelling ways and getting political outcomes.

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Caroline Taylor

EXECUTIVE MANAGER, POLICY AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS (ACTING)
TRANSGRID

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Caroline has extensive experience in the energy industry, particularly in the areas of economic regulation, policy development and market reform. In her role, Caroline plays an integral role guiding TransGrid's engagement with the regulatory and policy environment in Australia. Prior to joining TransGrid,

Caroline was the Director of Infrastructure Investment at Infrastructure Australia, where she led assessments of Australia's infrastructure needs and advised governments on funding mechanisms for nationally significant projects. She has also previously held positions at the Australian Energy Market Commission, Commonwealth Government and Ofgem (the UK's energy regulator).

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Communications
- Consumer perspectives
- Political action

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Regulation
- Energy policy

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Mirjam Tome
SENIOR MANAGER, PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT APAC
FIRST SOLAR

Mirjam is the Senior Manager responsible for the management of First Solar's Australian project pipeline. With over 10 years of experience in the wind and solar industry, Mirjam consulted on a range of on- and offshore wind farms in Europe and was involved in the development and delivery over 400MW of renewable projects in Australia.

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Mirjam has experience in all project phases including feasibility studies, site development, negotiation of various contract models, stakeholder management, EPC contractor selection, grid connection process, financing processes and construction management.



Sally Torgoman

MANAGING DIRECTOR - LEGAL
(INFRASTRUCTURE LEAD ADVISORY)
PWC

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A dual-qualified lawyer and electrical engineer who is passionate about renewable energy projects, Sally is Managing Director of Legal, Infrastructure Lead Advisory at PwC. The team offers integrated legal and commercial services to clients in the renewable sector and supports end-to-end transactional services.

Prior to this role, Sally served as General Counsel of EEW, an international energy company, and has worked at Origin Energy, Energy Australia, BlueScope Steel and Better Place EV Infrastructure.

Sally speaks about the legal context of large-scale renewable projects as well as energy storage.



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Muriel Watt

PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT

ITP RENEWABLES

Muriel is highly regarded internationally for her expertise in renewable energy policy. She has worked with government agencies, universities and industry in the areas of renewable energy development, policy and application since 1980. Dr. Watt has extensive experience in policy and program development for renewable energy use in remote areas, developing countries and grid-connected applications, and has been at the forefront of programs developed for Australia. She has also evaluated and reported extensively on international solar PV efforts since 1997, via the IEA PV Power Systems Programme, and has advised on PV policies in the Pacific.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Communications
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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Anna Williams

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Rachele Williams

ENERGY SERVICES MANAGER

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Anna is a Senior Corporate Counsel at Infigen Energy, a leading ASX listed company that develops, owns and operates renewable energy generation assets in Australia. Anna is primarily responsible for the land, planning and environment aspects of Infigen's projects from a legal perspective.

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Prior to joining Infigen, Anna worked for a top tier law firm for over 10 years, specialising in property, planning and environment law, with a focus on the energy sector. She has acted for proponents of solar, wind, gas and mining projects in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

In her current role as Energy Services Manager, Rachele is working on the largest capital deferral in Australia, the demand management project for Powering Sydney's Future. Her responsibilities also include providing expert information on emerging technologies, trialling new technology and dispatch methodologies for potential nonnetwork options.

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Rachele has over ten years of experience working in demand management within both distribution and transmission networks. During this time, she has developed expertise in the value and use of demand management in the efficient investment in electricity networks.

INTERESTS

- leadership
- Innovation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- · Land arrangements

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Gender diversity
- · Demand management

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Rebecca Mills

GENERAL MANAGER, NEW ENERGY

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TERRITORY GENERATION

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Rebecca holds Bachelor degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Economics. Through various roles in Power and Water Corporation and Territory Generation, she has gained extensive experience in major project development and delivery, and is responsible for the current Owen Springs and Tennant Creek gas-fired power station expansions and the NT's first gridconnected battery energy storage project in Alice Springs. Rebecca also has experience in business analytics, strategy, commercial contracts and the development of the NT wholesale energy market. Rebecca was awarded Young Professional Engineer of the Year for the Engineers Australia Northern Division in 2016.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- Indigenous community systems

INTERESTS

- · Energy storage
- · Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity

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SPEAKERS QUEENSLAND





Sonia Basson TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, **RENEWABLES AURECON**





Heather Bone **DIRECTOR - PROGRAM DELIVERY** VEOLIA AUSTRALIA & NZ

Heather is currently driving operational solutions across water, waste and energy for the Veolia business as the Director of Program Delivery. With a diverse background spanning environmental/sustainable development law, behavioural safety, business development and marketing roles in mines, energy, transport, logistics in Australia and internationally, Heather has worked extensively with government departments, industry associations, scientific bodies, OEMs and international organisations.

Heather was the inaugural CEO of the Biofuels Association, is the Deputy Chair and a Director of Bioenergy Australia, and sits on the Boards of a number of start up innovation businesses. Heather is a versatile and entertaining speaker with a wealth of industry and leadership experience.



Kate Cahill **PARTNER** HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

Kate practices in the energy, resources and infrastructure sectors, working across project development, financing, operations, privatisations and private M&A. She has acted for energy & mining companies, governments & investors on renewables, mining and infrastructure assets. Kate has a unique insight into increasing female participation in senior management. In 2010 she was the sole female partner in the Brisbane office and is now one of seven (40% of Brisbane partners).

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A member of the CEC's Utility PV directorate, Kate is qualified in laws and commerce and holds a graduate diploma of applied finance & investment from FINSIA.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- **Energy transformation**
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Information technology

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Leadership

Innovation

Environment

Technology

Energy transformation

Renewable energy

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INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity

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Julia Coates

PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND
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Julia Coates is an experienced communication and stakeholder engagement consultant, and author of the Queensland Solar Farm Guidelines. She specialises in providing strategic advice on complex, issues-rich projects, and has worked with the Queensland Government and regional councils to engage with stakeholders and the community about renewable energy projects and climate change.

Julia is a sought-after and engaging public speaker, and recently presented at the International Association of Public Participation Australasian Conference, Australasian Land and Groundwater Association Conference, and Power to Change.



Carleen Collier

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

AECOM

Carleen Collier is the Team Leader of the Approvals & Environmental Planning team within the Brisbane Environment Group at AECOM Australia Pty Ltd.
Carleen has a Master's in Environmental Management for Business and her professional experience is in impact assessment, environmental planning, design and management.

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She has worked for a variety of clients and sectors but most recently and notably is her experience in the renewables sector. Her team has unrivaled experience of obtaining State approval for wind farms within Queensland.



Elizabeth Cruice
LEAD TOWN PLANNER
ICUBED CONSULTING

Elizabeth has worked in the development industry for over 12 years, specialising in the area of urban and regional town planning, with her work highly recognised and commended by various governing bodies.

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Elizabeth has worked on a number of major projects throughout Queensland and Australia, and has an intimate understanding of the planning approval and project management process, particularly in regards to renewable energy projects. Her most notable work includes the 80 MW Emerald Solar Farm, which acquired the first private PPA in Queensland with Telstra, the 100 MW Yarranlea Solar Farm and the two stage 150 MW Clermont Solar Farm.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Communications
- Stakeholder engagement

INTERESTS

- · Renewable energy
- Environment
- Planning and approvals

INTERESTS

- Planning
- Renewable energy

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Anne is a global clean energy investment manager with Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners and ambassador for the group's ESG and UN PRI initiatives, a mentor at UTS/OriginEnergy cleantech incubator EnergyLab and a Director of one of Australia's largest baseload renewable energy generators.

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She has supported over US\$2b of clean energy generation, storage and technology investment across the US, Europe and Asia-Pacific, including the largest clean energy fund of 2012. She has advised companies from start-ups to Forbes 500 businesses, including Royal Dutch Shell and BHP Billiton, on lower carbon and climate strategies. Anne specialises in battery storage, generation and new digital technologies.



- Sustainable development
- Clean energy financing
- Technology development
- Career development
- Innovation



Lauren Kirkwood

SPECIAL COUNSEL,
ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS
BAKER MCKENZIE

Lauren is special counsel in Baker McKenzie's Environmental Markets group, and leads this group for the firm in Brisbane. Lauren advises clients on energy and climate change law and policy issues and the environmental and tenure aspects of major infrastructure, energy and resources projects.

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Recently, she has advised on the development and financing of renewable energy projects in Queensland, and is currently advising the Queensland Government on their \$500m Land Restoration Fund. She is included in Best Lawyers in Australia for Planning and Environment/ Climate Change Law, and sits on the Queensland Climate Advisory Council.



Joanna Leigh

HEAD OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

QUINTAS ENERGY AUSTRALIA

Experienced Director with a demonstrated history of working in the Renewable Energy industry. Skilled in Asset Management, Project Finance, Fund Management and M&A transactions.

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INTERESTS

- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

Edwina is the Chief Executive Officer for the Bulloo Shire Council based in Thargomindah, Queensland. Edwina has held a range of senior management positions in NSW, the Northern Territory and most recently Queensland.

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She has a background in both corporate and public sector management and holds a PhD in Fine Art from the University of Newcastle. Edwina also holds a Master of Business from Charles Sturt University, and has a keen interest in the business of the arts and how commercial and public sector values intersect to impact upon the sustainability of the arts as part of social and cultural development.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Geothermal energy
- Renewable energy
- Science
- Cultural policy
- Local government



Bernadette McCabe
PRINCIPLE SCIENTIST
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
QUEENSLAND

Bernadette is a principal scientist at the Centre for Agricultural Engineering, University of Southern Queensland. Bernadette is Australia's National Team Leader for the International Energy Agency Bioenergy program Task 37: Energy from Biogas and is a Board Director at Bioenergy Australia.

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Bernadette has a background in agricultural biotechnology and has 20 years' experience as an academic and researcher. Bernadette's research interests in energy capture, resource recovery of waste and biofertilisers has attracted over \$3m in nationally competitive grants since 2010 and has been applied to the livestock and cropping sectors (both on and off farm) and water utilities.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Technology
- Biogas
- · Scientific studies



Marteena McKenzie
PRINCIPAL PROJECT MANAGER

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY

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Marteena is a Project Manager specialising in Indigenous and remote energy efficiency and service delivery projects. Marteena currently manages the design and roll-out of a renewable energy and community benefit program for four remote Indigenous communities in North Queensland with the Queensland Government. Previously, she worked in the Northern Territory with the Center for Appropriate Technology and its engineering arm, Ekistica, in management, research and project delivery roles. Marteena has demonstrated success in all aspects of project management and program design and has managed several large Indigenous service delivery programs from inception through to implementation, evaluation and reporting.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- · Career progression
- Environment communications

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DAVANZ

Kelly is a consultant with 18 years professional experience across a wide range of industries and locations within both the government and private sectors. Kelly provides strategic and expert advice on environmental matters related to the assessment of urban developments, governmental projects and renewable projects.

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Her core skills comprise the development of environmental strategy, ecological (flora and fauna) assessment, environmental management plans, impacts assessment and environmental legislation. She helps her clients obtain development approvals to facilitate the success of their projects and to grow their businesses.

Sarah is a Special Counsel in Baker McKenzie's Commercial Real Estate Practice Group in Brisbane. She has more than nine years' experience advising on real estate transactions, property developments, infrastructure projects and tenure issues.

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Sarah's practice relates predominantly to renewable energy projects, having advised developer and investor clients extensively regarding land arrangements for a number of solar and wind projects in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia.

Named one of Australia's most Innovative Engineers in 2016, Stephanie Moroz has over 20 years of experience developing and commercialising energy technologies in North America, Europe and Asia in companies ranging from high volume manufacturing to venture capital backed startups.

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Stephanie has particular expertise in hydrogen technologies and batteries. Prior to consulting with Davanz she was Chief Executive Officer at Nano-Nouvelle, developing high performance lithium ion battery materials, and earlier roles included leading the fuel cell integration into the Mercedes F-Cell vehicle and developing solid state hydrogen storage systems.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Land arrangements

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Electric vehicles
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Hydrogen

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Marianna O'Gorman

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

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CORPORATION

Marianna is a lawyer and public policy expert and has been an advisor at the highest levels of government, including to the former Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Treasurer and Climate Change Minister. She began her career in Washington D.C. in the US Congress and World Bank and has since represented Australia at multilateral and bilateral climate change negotiations in the Middle East, US, Asia, UK and Europe.

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She worked on the World Bank's first ever climate change learning program, the development of Australia's first national price on carbon and on the formation of Australia's first green investment bank.



Kiri Parr

GENERAL COUNSEL

ARUP

Kiri is a Principal with Arup, a global engineering design consultancy that seeks ever better ways to imagine, reimagine and reshape the built environment. Globally, Arup has more than 14,000 staff operating out of 87 offices in 34 countries. Kiri heads the legal services team for Arup's Australasia region.

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Kiri's areas of particular interest are strategic procurement of major projects and the practical delivery of ethics inside corporations, and she regularly speaks on these topics. Kiri is the president of Consult Australia and a Senior Fellow at Melbourne University, where she lectures on major project delivery.



Penny Prasad

DIRECTOR

THE ECOEFFICIENCY GROUP

Penny is a Chemical Engineer (Hons) with over 23 years of experience working with manufacturing industries.
Penny has completed a Master of Energy Studies and is also a Certified Measurement and Verification Professional through the Association of Energy Engineers and Efficiency Valuation Organization.

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She is a founding director of The Ecoefficiency Group established in 2013.

Penny is experienced in AS3598 energy audits and carbon footprints and regularly advises businesses on renewable energy opportunities as well as energy and water efficiency and waste reduction opportunities. Penny consults to food, foundry and numerous other sectors.

INTERESTS

- Climate change
- · Renewable energy policy
- Leadership
- Traditional energy
- Coal to renewables
- Renewable energy

Career progression

Gender diversity

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Strategic procurement

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Communications
- Technology
- Energy, water and waste efficiency

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Jennifer has had an extensive career in leading mining companies in Australia and overseas.

She understands deeply the customer needs of energy-intensive industries, having spent over 20 years in the aluminium industry in operational, technical and functional roles, including as GM of Alcoa's Pt Henry smelter.

More recently, she served as Executive Vice President – Enterprise Services at rail freight company Aurizon and as Global Practice Leader – Technology Delivery for Rio Tinto, leading a global network of in-house technologists and suppliers to deploy innovative technologies across Rio Tinto operations.

Vivienne is a Mechanical Engineer, Project Management Professional and Certified Energy Manager. She is the author of an energy contracts book, Considering Contracts, and is the founder of an online energy publication, Energy Ramblings.

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Vivienne is currently WSP's Project Manager for the construction of three different solar farms each over 100 MW as Lender's Engineer or Owner's Engineer. She has worked on some of Australia and South Africa's largest utility-scale renewable energy development and construction projects, through project development, construction, commissioning and operation. She has also worked within the City of Cape Town's strategic Energy and Climate Change unit tasked with addressing long-term energy concerns.

As the founder of the Queensland Renewable Fuels Association, Larissa is committed to delivering outcomes for the renewable fuels industry now and into the future. Larissa has successfully engaged government, regional and rural communities and secured strong domestic and global partnerships.

Larissa is an energetic and resilient professional with a comprehensive knowledge of renewable fuels, environmental sustainability and biofuels, carbon and waste management, flora and fauna assessment, project management and business development.

With a career spanning grassroots engagement to high-level political negotiations, Larissa exemplifies understanding of gaps and hurdles that must be addressed to facilitate development of a robust renewable fuels industry for both Queensland and Australia.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- · Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Solar

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- Environment
- Technology
- Transport

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Madeline Simpson

SPECIAL COUNSEL

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Madeline leads HSF's QLD Environment Practice, advising energy, mining, infrastructure, property, and government clients on approvals and permits for major projects and developments. She focuses on compliance, contaminated land, EIS, offsets, incident response and appeals in both Planning & Environment and Land Courts.

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Recognised by Australia's Best Lawyers for Environmental Law, Doyle's for Environment and Heritage and Who's Who Legal (Environment), Madeline is a member of the QRC Environment Committee and the Editorial Committee for the Australian Environment Review. She chairs HSF's QLD Diversity & Inclusion Committee.



Michelle Taylor

MANAGER, INTELLIGENT GRID NEW
TECHNOLOGY
ENERGY QUEENSLAND

Michelle manages the development and deployment of new technologies into the Queensland distribution network.

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Her key experiences are with renewable and energy storage technologies. She and her team are working to enable greater customer choice and increase renewable energy penetration in Queensland.

Michelle is also on the Australian Standards committee (EL42) for renewable energy and has driven to increase the safety and quality of energy storage and renewable energy systems in Australia.



Jillian Vanderstoep

MANAGER MARKET

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ERGON ENERGY RETAIL

Jillian has extensive experience in leading international teams in energy and investment banking.

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She has a proven history of delivering quality policy and regulatory advice and stakeholder engagement in energy, renewables and climate control. She has delivered practical commercial infrastructure financing solutions across diverse business jurisdictions.

She currently leads a team in the analysis and forecasting of energy wholesale markets and customer and tariff insights.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Traditional energy
- Predictive analytics
- Energy markets
- Renewable energy
- Energy transformation
- Innovation

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Nicola Wilkins
SENIOR ENGINEER RENEWABLE
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For Downer, Nicola provides technical expertise for solar farm engineering, procurement and construction functions, especially energy yield, solar farm layouts and electrical design.

Nicola is a Chartered Engineer and holds a Master of Science in Renewable Energy from Loughborough University and a Bachelor of Engineering from Monash University. She was the recipient of the 2017 Clean Energy Council Women in Renewables Scholarship.



Merryn York

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

POWERLINK QUEENSLAND

Merryn is Chief Executive of Powerlink Queensland, a leading provider of electricity transmission network services. Merryn's background as a power systems engineer positions her uniquely to understand the physical matters associated with renewable energy, while her experience in market and economic regulation matters provides strategic insights.

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She has more than 25 years' experience in the energy industry, 21 of which have been spent in senior leadership positions. Merryn is a Fellow of The Institution of Engineers Australia, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is an articulate, versatile and compellingly qualified speaker with a wealth of energy industry and leadership experience.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- · Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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SPEAKERS SOUTH AUSTRALIA





Alison De Backer

MARKETING AND BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT

NATURAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS



Demystifying renewable energy for the consumer and making technical information easily understood and relatable is of great importance for Alison. She draws on many years of training experience in the public sector and private sector.

She has previously worked for Sustainability House and Solar Shop Australia and has additional qualifications in training, energy efficient building design and local government.



Jennie Burdeniuk
SENIOR CONSULTANT
GHD

Jennie is a passionate power industry professional with 15 years' experience in both the consulting and Government sectors.

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She has strong experience in leading Owners Engineer teams for the delivery of Wind and BESS projects across Australia, and assisting clients through the increasingly complex and evolving registration and licencing processes to connect their projects to the NEM.

Jennie oversees GHD's technical excellence as the Leader for power distribution. In this role, she facilitates global knowledge sharing and people development across the business. She also has an interest in mentoring the next generation of power engineers.



Sam Craft
DIRECTOR
NRG SOLAR

Sam is a Director and experienced Operations Manager at NRG Solar. She implements and develops key strategic initiatives to strengthen and encourage professional, valuable and customer focused experiences.

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Sam completed her Bachelor of Law and Legal Practice in 2014 before joining the Renewable Energy Sector. Passionate about her work, Sam strives to ensure that NRG Solar continues to live by their core values in every business decision, demonstrating that NRG Solar is a responsible and sustainable organisation.

Sam is also a Director and Board Member at the Smart Energy Council.

INTERESTS

- Environment
- Communications
- Energy efficiency

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- · Renewable energy

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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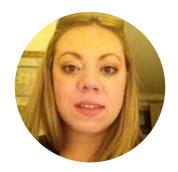
Emily is a Senior Manager and Founding Member of Off-Grid Energy Australia, and has over 10 years' experience in the renewable energy industry.

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Emily's career in renewable energy began by chance, when she found herself working for a solar company after studying a completely different discipline. A happy accident that completely shifted the direction of her life, career and ambitions. A jack(jill)-of-all-trades, Emily has worked in almost every business department in domestic solar and storage, giving her a diverse knowledge of what it takes for a business to grow and succeed in the industry.



- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- · Career progression



Eliese De Oliveira

NATIONAL SERVICE MANAGER
SOLARGAIN PV PTY LTD

In 2010 I graduated with a bachelor commerce in international business with an optimistic outlook despite my hilariously titled degree at the peak of the GFC.

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After a tough first year in the workforce I came to Solargain on a temporary 3 month accounts contract during the solar boom in WA. I am now the National Service Manager, and in June will transition into a new role of National Sales and Procurement.

I have a strong technical understanding of solar panels and inverters given my time in service and have built the department from one (myself) to a team of 25 nationally and a loss centre into a profitable arm of the business.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- · Career progression



Briony O'Shea

PROJECT MANAGER - ENERGY AND
RENEWABLES
GPA ENGINEERING

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An experienced carbon, energy and sustainability professional with a demonstrated history of performance and delivery in the energy industry. Briony's key strengths are leadership in both operational and project environments, stakeholder engagement, strategic thinking and change management.

She has a strong engineering background with a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law from Oxford Brookes University, which focused on international carbon policy implementation.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Environment

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Jenny Paradiso

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Kathryn Walker
PARTNER
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Jenny Paradiso is co-founder and Managing Director of the national solar and storage company, Suntrix.

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Since starting the business in 2009, Jenny has grown Suntrix from the kitchen table into a multimillion dollar company.

Jenny is a board member of the Clean Energy Council, Premier's Climate Change Council and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board. Jenny is also a committee member of DELWP Victoria's Women in Water Leadership Program and the Don Dunstan For Purpose Council. Jenny has been listed among Smart Company's top 30 female entrepreneurs in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and was awarded the Australian Telstra Business Woman Entrepreneur of the Year in 2016.

Heather Smith is a Churchill Fellow, electrical engineer and policy maker. In 2016 she traveled to industrial economies to investigate the role of community energy in provoking change in each country's energy transition. She has commenced a PhD, working with CSIRO, researching the new energy paradigm that could be created by microgrids and distributed energy.

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Heather has a strong technical background across energy and climate change issues. She specialises in industrial energy efficiency and cogeneration, and has worked for state government in energy and climate policy development. Heather chairs the Coalition4Community Energy

Kathryn is the Team Leader of Cowell Clarke's environment, planning and energy practice group and a member of the building, construction and infrastructure and property practice groups.

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Kathryn advises on all aspects of environmental and planning and renewable energy projects, including Environment Protection Act compliance, development approvals, Native Title, native vegetation, land and groundwater contamination, infrastructure, electricity regulatory compliance, embedded network projects and renewable energy technologies.

INTERESTS

- Future of energy
- Solar PV
- Battery storage
- Women in business
- Entrepreneurial journey
- Managing a fast growth company
- · Work life balance
- Positive work culture

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Governance
- · Community energy

INTERESTS

- · Energy storage
- · Renewable energy
- Electricity regulatory compliance
- Native title
- · Project development
- Planning advice
- Development applications
- Infrastrcture projects

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Catherine Way
DIRECTOR, COUNTRY MANAGER
DP ENERGY

A specialist in renewable energy development, Catherine brings a deep understanding of the complexion of the Australian market to her role with DP Energy. With more than 15 years of renewable energy experience, she has worked in the mining sector for BHP Billiton; with the South Australian Government's RenewablesSA; and in the not for profit sector.

She has Masters degrees in both Business Administration and Environmental Management, qualifications in company directorship and leadership, and is a current board member of Regional Development Australia.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Career progression
- Environment

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SPEAKERS TASMANIA





Tammy Chu

MANAGING DIRECTOR

ENTURA

Tammy was appointed Managing Director of Entura in May 2011. She is responsible for Entura's business strategy, performance and services to clients, and is part of Hydro Tasmania's Leadership Group. Tammy joined the business in 2000 and has held a range of positions at Entura, from Technical Professional to Project Manager, Business Development Manager and Water and Environment Group Manager.

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She has extensive managerial and business development experience in the consulting engineering industry within Australia and internationally, focusing on business strategy, change and transformation, international sales, culture and profit and revenue growth.



Bess Clark

GENERAL MANAGER PROJECT MARINUS
TASNETWORKS

Bess is the General Manager of TasNetworks' Project Marinus, investigating the potential for further Bass Strait electricity interconnection. TasNetworks is Tasmania's electricity transmission, distribution and telecommunications network business.

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Previously Bess was the General Manager of TasNetworks' Strategy and Stakeholder Relations team, and has held leadership roles at Transend, Tasmania's former transmission business. Bess started her professional career at Sydney Water in a range of project, stakeholder and government relations roles.



Sarah FitzGerald

GHD PRINCIPAL

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Sarah is highly experienced in delivering complex infrastructure projects with multiple approval bodies. Sarah has over 20 years' experience in developing, implementing, managing and evaluating community and stakeholder engagement and communication strategies.

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Sarah has exceptional facilitation experience and is able to maintain an independent focus in her facilitation work. Sarah has previously worked as a teacher, coach, program evaluator and government advisor.

She is a member of GHD's Diversity and Inclusion Group and a Champion for Women in GHD and Reconciliation.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Climate resilience

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Communications

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Catherine Searle **SENIOR STAKEHOLDER**

ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANT JACOBS

Catherine has had a diverse portfolio career in Australia and the UK as an archaeologist; political advisor; senior government executive and stakeholder engagement consultant, working on hundreds of major projects.

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Catherine's real passion is getting communities on board and making a robust business case for social license to support sensible, sustainable development. She was at the cutting edge of the development of Co-Design in the UK.

Catherine has an honours degree in Archaeology, an MSc in Middle East Politics, and is doing a PhD to develop a framework for Peace & Conflict Impact Assessment.

INTERESTS

Communications

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SPEAKERS VICTORIA





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Heidi Asten

PARTNER

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Catherine is an integrated marketing communications specialist with over a decade of experience on both a client and agency side in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Prior to her appointment to Powershop, Catherine worked for multinational brands such as The Coca-Cola Company and Siemens. Catherine was appointed Powershop's Chief Customer Officer in July 2018, having previously been Head of Marketing since February 2016. Meredith is a Senior Project
Developer for Pacific Hydro, where
she develops wind and solar farm
projects around Australia. Meredith
has been working in the renewable
energy industry for over four years,
undertaking due diligence on
greenfield sites, securing planning
approvals and progressing projects
through the various stages from
site identification to Notice to
Proceed for large-scale wind and
solar farms.

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Over the last 12 months, Meredith has had a strong focus on the Haughton Solar Project south of Townsville, which commenced construction in Q1 2018, and also the development of the Clarke Creek Solar Farm south of Mackay and the Prairie Solar Farm in northern Victoria.

Heidi is a specialist environment and planning lawyer with extensive experience advising on energy project approvals, land assembly, compliance and stakeholder relationships. Heidi enjoys practising in renewable energy, assisting her clients to thrive in this complex and evolving regulatory environment, responding to technological developments, emerging issues and changing community expectations.

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With qualifications from both the University of Melbourne and University of Cambridge, Heidi is accredited by the Law Institute of Victoria as a Specialist in environmental and planning law.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Communications

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Environmental science

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

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Eliza Bartlett

SPECIAL COUNSEL

MINTERELLISON

Kate is a partner in the projects group at Allens. Kate leads Allens' renewable energy practice and acts for developers, investors, offtakers and financiers on renewable energy projects across Australia. Kate was part of the Allens team that advised AGL Energy on the establishment of the Powering Australian Renewables Fund (PARF) and led the Allens team on the transfer into the PARF of the Nyngan and Broken Hill solar farms, and the Silverton and Coopers Gap wind farm projects. During Kate's career, she has been based in the Allens Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and Melbourne offices and is a Mandarin speaker.

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Maja is Manager, New Technologies at Pacific Hydro with 15 years' experience in the renewable industry. She began her career with Pacific Hydro in 2002 and has experience in all stages of renewables development, from site feasibility to operational asset management.

Maja has implemented and managed software systems to assist in the development and operation of a global asset portfolio. In her current role, she is responsible for assessing the feasibility of new projects and technologies to help maintain Pacific Hydro's development pipeline. She holds degrees in Environmental Engineering and Environmental Science from the University of Melbourne, and has completed an Advanced Diploma of Electrical Engineering.

Eliza is a specialist energy lawyer. She has extensive experience advising on renewable energy projects (covering almost every renewable energy technology). She also advises on energy storage, off-take arrangements, gas and electricity market dispute resolution processes, trading in wholesale energy markets, and transmission and distribution augmentation projects. Eliza has advised the Governments of South Africa, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Malaysia, and the UK on various energy market reform measures.

Eliza has a particular interest in the developing hydrogen sector in Australia, as well as the integration of DERs, and the uptake of EVs.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Hydrogen

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Stephanie Bashir
PRINCIPAL
NEXA ADVISORY



She is passionate advocate of energy customers and whole-of-ecosystem approaches. Stephanie has held leadership roles spanning the energy value chain in technical, commercial, strategic, policy and advisory with expertise in energy markets, energy technologies and innovation, customer centricity, networks and grid modernisation. Stephanie branched out to found Nexa Advisory.

Utilising her deep experience, she is focused on helping businesses and organisations navigate new energy opportunities and solve complex problems. Some of her most recent clients include Service NSW, Clean Energy Council and GoEvie providing them with trusted value-added and future proofed solutions.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Customer innovation
- Future energy policy



Lucy Best

MANAGER ENGAGEMENT, AEF

AUSTRALIAN ENERGY

FOUNDATION

Lucy is an expert in Community Engagement and offers input to the engagement elements of all AEF projects. The Australian Energy Foundation (formally the Moreland Energy Foundation) is a national not-for-profit with a vision for an equitable zero carbon society.

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Lucy develops and delivers content for a wide variety of uses and is acutely aware of the nuanced ways that we can communicate with others on climate change: mitigating its effects and adapting to the impacts already affecting our daily lives.

Lucy has skills as a public speaker and MC and has a background of community engagement in the arts and is still an active artist, writer and performer.

Lyn Bowring

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUSINESS

SYSTEMS & OPERATIONS
SOLAR HOMES TRANSITION, DELWP

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Lyn has over 20 years experience, with senior leadership roles responsible for delivering business growth, improving customer experience and driving transformational change.

She is passionate about helping Australians move to a clean, reliable and affordable energy future and is directly contributing to this through her current role enabling the scale-up of the Victorian Government's Solar Homes which aims to provide upwards of 750,000 households with energy saving solutions.

Prior to joining Vic Gov, Lyn led the Solar, Storage & Home Solutions business at Origin Energy with responsibility for sales, service, solutions and programs across Residential, SME & Commercial markets.

She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Women on Boards member.

INTERESTS

- · Solar energy
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Climate change
- Communications
- Behaviour Change
- Energy efficiency
- Community engagement

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INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Career progression

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES &
PROJECTS MANAGER
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Dr Jill Cainey is General Manager Networks, at Energy Networks Australia, the national industry body representing Australia's electricity transmission and distribution and gas distribution networks.

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Jill works with electricity networks to transform Australia's electricity system to accommodate new and innovative approaches to delivering sustainable energy. Jill represented the interests of electricity storage in the UK and Europe and was appointed MBE for services to Energy Technology in 2017 for work in electricity policy and regulation.

Jill also has over 25 years of experience internationally in climate change and is very interested in the interaction of extreme weather and electricity systems and developing resilient network infrastructure for the future.

Trish co-founded multi-award-winning Solar 4 RVs in 2013, specialising in sustainable off-grid power solutions for mobile applications.

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Trish's skills in marketing, business planning, business innovation, business systems design and public speaking are well utilised at Solar 4 RVs. She has a Master Degree in Professional Education and Training, a Diploma in Business (Frontline Management), an Advanced Certificate in Information Technology plus other qualifications.

Trish's passion for sharing her knowledge and experiences is evidenced by the mentoring she has provided over her career and the guest speaker invitations she has accepted, including the 'Women on the Go' exhibition and forum.

Maryanne is Emerging
Technologies and Projects
Manager at the Clean Energy
Council and is responsible for
leading policy and advocacy
for emerging technologies and
emerging industry issues. This
includes all forms of energy
storage, product stewardship and
skills gap research.

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Maryanne has a depth of people management, policy and strategic project and stakeholder engagement practice. She has experience working for global financial services firms, both in Australia and the UK. Maryanne recently completed Women in Leadership, Australia's intensive leadership development program designed to equip leaders with the insights, skills and confidence to accelerate their own progression as they simultaneously strengthen the performance of their team. Maryanne was also once an Aussie Rules field umpire - back in the days when girls were not allowed to play the game.

INTERESTS

- Electricity networks
- Energy storage
- Science education
- · Climate change
- Meteorology

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Career progression
- Communications
- Management
- Marketing
- Planning/strategy
- Personal development
- Mentoring

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INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Technology
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Career progression
- Gender diversity

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Natalie Collard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

POLICY & GOVERNMENT

ROADS AUSTRALIA

Natalie is a highly regarded advocate for renewable energy, agriculture, innovation and women's leadership. She was awarded Woman in Renewables of the Year, 2018 for her work as Chair of Women in Renewables (Australia) and EGM Industry Development at the Clean Energy Council. In 2013, she was named the Telstra Business Woman of the Year - Victoria for leading industry transformation as the CEO of Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd.

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She is currently a member of the Victorian Government Agriculture Energy Investment Plan (AEIP) Independent Advisory Council, a Business Mentor for APEC Women's Renewable Academy and a Board Advisor to Women in Renewables Asia.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- · Career progression



Anna Collyer

PARTNER AND HEAD OF
INNOVATION

ALLENS

Anna has been a partner at Allens law firm since 2001, and is currently Allens' Head of Innovation and a member of the firm's executive committee. Anna's practice has focused on the energy sector throughout its evolution, from the initial reforms in the 1990s to its current period of major transformation.

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Anna has been intimately involved in policy and reform work acting for government and key market institutions, as well as advising industry participants and major users on significant transactions and projects. Anna has been advising on renewable energy projects since the start of the RET.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression



Marilyne Crestias

FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL

RENEWABLE ENERGY INSIGHTS

Marilyne is a leader in the energy and government sectors, with a wealth of experience in the economics of energy markets, renewable energy auction design, climate change and environmental policy advice.

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Prior to specialising in energy, Marilyne worked for more than a decade in various roles in the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance, notably in the State Budget and Tax forecasting teams. She has also advised on key large-scale infrastructure projects, particularly in the water and energy sectors.

Marilyne has a Master of Economics and International Finance. She is a member of the Zero Carbon Communities Investment Reference Group led by Beyond Zero Emissions.

INTERESTS

- Victorian Renewable Energy Target
- Victorian Renewable Energy Policies
- Renewable energy

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Victoria Chantra

PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL

CONSULTANT

AECOM AUSTRALIA

Victoria is an Environmental Consultant with over 12 years industry experience across Asia-Pacific Region. Her focus is on delivering city resilience and , climate change adaptation projects, including energy transformation, to broad range of sectors.

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As a social and environmental scientist, she is acutely interested in the interactions between people and nature and the many challenges this presents for cities in the 21st Century.

Victoria has been a Strategy Partner for 100 Resilient Cities for five years, working with cities to delivery Resilience Strategies in Melbourne, Christchurch, Bangkok, Singapore and Jakarta.



Aylin Cunsolo

SPECIAL COUNSEL

BAKER MCKENZIE

Aylin is a Special Counsel at Baker McKenzie in Melbourne. She advises on the acquisition, divestment, development and ongoing operation of significant businesses and projects in the energy and renewable energy sectors.

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Aylin has extensive experience in advising clients on financing and development of new renewable energy projects, mergers and acquisitions, government privatisation, energy contracting – including connection, retail, hedging and offtake arrangements (including corporate PPAs) – and energy regulatory matters, including the application of laws to innovative models of energy supply.

Aylin currently holds the position of Secretary and Board Member for Women in Energy, an organisation formed to address the gap in female leadership within the energy industry in Australia.



Elisa De Wit

PARTNER

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Elisa is a partner in the Melbourne office of international legal practice Norton Rose Fulbright and heads the firm's Climate Change and Sustainability practice.

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She has over 27 years of legal experience and has practised in three Australian jurisdictions and the UK. Elisa is considered one of Australia's preeminent climate change lawyers and advises clients on policy, regulation and compliance issues.

Elisa is a Director of the Carbon Market Institute, Beyond Zero Emissions and the Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Environment
- · Climate change and resilience

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Traditional energy
- Energy storage
- Energy regulation/policy
- Gender diversity

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Environment

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Yasmia Dkhissi
NET ZERO PROGRAM STRATEGY
MANAGER
MONASH UNIVERSITY

Yasmina is the Strategy Manager for Monash University's Net Zero initiative, an ambitious program driving the transition for Monash's Australian campuses to 100 per cent renewable power and net zero emissions by 2030. To ensure a smart, cost-effective and reliable transition to 100 per cent renewable power, Monash University is developing and implementing a microgrid on its Clayton campus, which will effectively manage energy demand and response on a network with high penetration of distributed energy resources. In particular, Yasmina's role is to work with industry and government to ensure the program unlocks the relevant solutions while fostering innovation and enabling shared learning opportunities.



Harriet Floyd

SENIOR ADVISOR - FUTURE ENERGY

AURECON

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Harriet is a Senior Advisor in Aurecon's Future Energy team, working with a range of clients including developers, networks and large energy consumers to identify opportunities that unlock value from their assets and within projects.

As a Chartered Systems Engineer and Certified Project Manager with extensive experience in the end-to-end delivery of projects, Harriet leverages her skills to tackle 'wicked' problems with the intent of making the complex simple.

With a passion for sustainable energy, Harriet's previous work has included options analysis, feasibility studies, market research, and lenders' engineer roles for 'Big 4' banks.



Anna Freeman

DIRECTOR, ENERGY GENERATION

CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL

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Anna is Director Energy Generation at the Clean Energy Council and is responsible for leading policy and advocacy for the wind and large-scale solar sectors.

Anna has been deeply engaged in energy and climate change policy issues for almost 15 years, at both the national and state levels, and her driving passion is to help realise a low-emissions future, starting with the electricity sector.

Anna was the head of public affairs for the two separate Garnaut Climate Change Reviews commissioned in 2007 and 2011 by successive Commonwealth Governments, which recommended the introduction of an emissions trading scheme.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- · Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Communications
- Wind
- Large-scale solar
- Social licence

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Mohadeseh Ganji
AI AND ADVANCED ANALYTICS
PRACTICE LEAD
MONDO

Mohadesh is a PhD qualified data science leader who has helped organizations in the telecommunication, energy and finance industry to adopt AI and advance analytics.

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She has taught machine learning in the Melbourne business school and is an honorary fellow at the University of Melbourne. She has been ranked 5th in top the top 25 analytics leaders awards by IAPA in 2019.

She is also an experienced panelist and speaker at various industry events, including the Al and Machine Learning Summit 2018 and 2019.

Mohadesh is passionate about applying her expertise in smart clean energy industry. She is also passionate about empowering women to achieve their full career potential.



Alison George
ACTING CEO
REGNAN

Alison leads Regnan's advocacy program across environmental, social and corporate governance priorities and provides oversight to Regnan's research and engagement activities in corporate governance.

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She has worked across all aspects of Regnan's activities in her more than 12 years with the team, including leading the development and implementation of Regnan's climate change research methodology, which has repeatedly been shown to provide investment signals.

A Chartered Accountant, Alison also holds a BA (Jurisprudence) and a Master of Environment. Her experience spans professional services (EY), regulation and research.



Helen Gibson

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

AEES GROUP

Helen enjoys making science communication simpler to understand through spoken, print and video formats she's an advocate for using clever technologies in solving environmental challenges.

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As a geologist, Helen has authored over 60 client reports and published regional studies on topics including: thermal history reconstructions of central Australian basins and heat flow modelling of the north Perth Basin for geothermal resource assessment.

In 2008, Helen held a leading design role in developing a new geothermal module for 3D GeoModeller software and subsequently delivered geothermal software training and three client studies. She's an accomplished speaker in conference, workshop and training-room forums.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Career progression

Technology

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Environment
- Climate disclosures

TS INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- · Renewable energy
- Environment
- Communications
- Technology
- Geothermal resource assessment
- Solar PV

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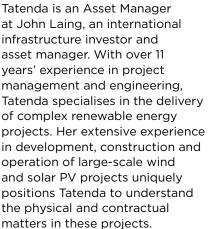


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Tatenda Gwekwe **ASSET MANAGER**



Tatenda has worked on utilityscale renewable energy projects in Africa and Australia: as a developer and consultant, giving her exposure to projects at different life-cycle stages. At John Laing, Tatenda provides technical insights into the investment and delivery of projects.

INTERESTS

- Sustainable infrastructure development
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Asset and construction management
- Financing and investment
- Mentor



hydrogen value chain within one cloud-based platform, Hydrolytics provides data intelligence to create and deploy more hydrogen energy.

Claire Johnson

Prior to launching Hydrolytics in 2019, Claire was the CEO of Hydrogen Mobility Australia, the industry association representing Australia's hydrogen sector.

Claire has a background in policy development and government relations across the private and public sectors, including as manager of government affairs at Toyota Australia.

In this role she led the government advocacy program for a range of transport policy areas, including the introduction of hydrogen vehicles to Australia.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- **Energy transformation**
- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Hydrogen
- Fuel cells
- Mobility
- Start-ups



Jane Hall **SENIOR ASSOCIATE ASHURST**

Jane specialises in complex projects, including renewable energy projects, and sites involving a range of difficult and interrelated environmental, planning and heritage issues and approval requirements.

Jane's secondment to AGL to assist with its Crib Point Jetty LNG Import Project has deepened her energy expertise, as has her work on the Kwinana waste to energy project (the first to reach financial close in Australia), a South Australian pumped hydro project and numerous wind energy facilities.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

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solar farm developer, owner and operator ESCO Pacific and volunteers for MESOLshare, a Bangladesh microgrid company. As part of the start-up team at ESCO Pacific, Allison lead the development of a project pipeline including 500MW to pass the critical financial close milestone. In this time she has gained experience in development strategy, network connection, financial close and construction processes, community and media engagement, court appeals and stakeholder lobbying.

Allison is currently Chair of the Clean Energy Council's Solar Directorate and is the recipient of the 2019 Women in Renewables Australian

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Communications



Ruby Heard DIRECTOR ALINGA ENERGY CONSULTING

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Ruby Heard is an electrical engineer and energy consultant from Melbourne. After graduating from VU, she started a consulting role with Arup. In 2015 she transferred to San Francisco to specialise in complex solar arrays and microgrids, working predominantly with Google. In 2018 Ruby spent six months volunteering in Ethiopia through Engineers Without Borders, supporting the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees energy team. Ruby then returned to Australia and formed Alinga **Energy Consulting to continue** her work in the renewable energy and microgrid space with a focus on off-grid applications, remote indigenous communities and islands.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career pogression
- Technology
- Indigenous community energy



Rachel Hogan **SENIOR ENGINEER AECOM**

Rachel is a systems engineer with experience in renewable technologies including solar PV, solar thermal, wind and battery storage. Her early work focused on solar applications in the solar photovoltaic industry with an increasing experience portfolio including work on wind and battery projects over the past five years, with a particular interest in managing feasibility studies for new generation and connection works.

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Rachel has international work experience with leading solar industry specialists as part of a central inverter factory product management team.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy

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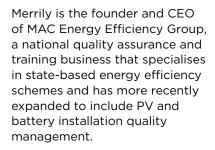




Merrily Hunter

DIRECTOR

MAC ENERGY EFFICIENCY GROUP



Prior to founding MAC, Merrily managed the energy efficiency compliance for AGL, one of the largest renewable energy companies in Australia. She is a key policy and program advisor to government and industry on energy efficiency schemes. With over a decade of experience working across a variety of schemes, she brings a unique perspective to the policy design, compliance auditing and the training needs of tradespeople.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Energy efficiency
- Training and compliance



Heather Hurree
TECHNICAL MANAGER WIND ENGINEERING
WSP

Heather is Technical Manager for Wind Engineering at WSP. She has over nine years of experience working in the wind industry in Australia, New Zealand, India and South East Asia. Over the years, she has been involved in a range of developer-support activities for greenfield sites such as preconstruction energy assessments, layout optimisation, noise assessments and site climatic condition reviews.

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Heather has significant experience with the assessment of operating wind farms. She has been involved in refinancing due diligence studies of large wind farms in Australia, including the identification of operational issues thereby assisting owner-warranty claims.

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Career progression



Lina Khalil
SENIOR POWER
SYSTEMS ENGINEER
WSP

Lina is a power system engineer with over seven years of experience in the Australian power industry. Lina's main areas of expertise include detailed modelling of power systems and large-scale wind and solar generation grid connection studies.

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Lina has worked on several wind and solar farms grid connection studies, with the most recent being a 700 MW solar farm connection. Lina's main areas of expertise include detailed modelling of power systems, including renewable generation, conducting steady state and dynamic network studies and assessment of the National Electricity Rules access standards. She is also involved in providing training to junior staff. Lina completed her Masters of Engineering (Electrical) in 2011.

INTERESTS

Renewable energy

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Krista Kim
ENGAGEMENT AND EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS MANAGER
PACIFIC HYDRO

Krista manages Pacific Hydro's community engagement, communications, and external affairs.

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With experience on the construction of major infrastructure projects with complex engagement and communication needs, she is an accomplished IAP2-qualified community engagement practitioner, and has contributed to the delivery of projects cumulatively worth in excess of \$8b.

Krista has been a key influencer at the Clean Energy Council Wind Directorate, helping to raise the bar in both community engagement and complaints management, and is a trusted advisor.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Communications
- Community engagement



Donna Luckman

CEO

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY
ASSOCIATION

Donna is the CEO of Renew (formerly known as the Alternative Technology Association), a not-for-profit organisation that inspires, enables and advocates for people to live sustainably in their homes and communities. Donna has 20 years' experience working for government, not-for-profit and research organisations. She specialises in leading teams and developing innovative strategies to enact change, from large international programs right down to local community initiatives.

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Donna has extensive networks in the sustainability sector, is a director of Embark and is on the steering committee of the Coalition for Community Energy. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Melbourne University.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Communications
- Consumers (pro-sumers)
- Clean energy future



Natalie Lukies
ENGINEERING MANAGER - WIND
WSP

Natalie is Engineering Manager for wind power projects at WSP, primarily responsible for independent engineer and owner's engineer capabilities. Natalie has 14 years of experience as a mechanical engineer with nine years of experience within the energy (wind, solar and energy from waste) industries in Australia, India and the UK.

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Natalie has practical experience in delivering wind energy projects from feasibility studies to technical due diligence for project transactions including new and existing wind farm projects. Natalie is currently providing technical advice to lenders throughout construction for a number of Australian wind farm projects.

INTERESTS

- · Renewable energy
- Gender diversity

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Catriona McLeod

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

ESCO PACIFIC

Catriona is Investment Director at leading solar farm developer ESCO Pacific. ESCO Pacific has developed projects totalling nearly 500MW which are now under construction or operational.

Catriona has brought more than 30 utility scale solar and wind farms to financial close as lead equity representative, and has worked on due diligence, contract negotiations, procurement, and economic evaluation for dozens of additional utility scale renewable energy projects. Her experience spans across Australia, Europe and select Southeast Asian markets, and includes 5 projects supported by corporate PPAs.



Kate Nicolazzo

HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
AUSTRALIAN ENERGY FOUNDATION

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Kate is the Head of Business Development for the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF). She is responsible for developing strategic partnerships, programs and services that deliver on AEF's ambition for a zero carbon future for all communities.

Prior to this, Kate was the Manager of AEF's Positive Charge program, where she led the team of dedicated staff delivering energy efficiency and renewable energy advice, products and services to householders, businesses, schools and community groups.

Kate has also been Treasurer and Secretary of Beyond Zero Emissions and regularly mentors Fellows from the Centre for Sustainability Leadership.



Kate O'Carroll

PROJECT MANAGER, REGULATED
ENERGY SERVICES BUSINESS
DELIVERY
AUSNET SERVICES

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Kate is a Project Manager, Regulated Energy Services Business Delivery at AusNet Services.

Kate works on projects in demand management and energy education that are helping transform the distribution network to a higher penetration DER future. Kate is vice chair of Women in Energy, a not-for-profit organisation addressing the gap in female leadership within the energy industry in Australia.

Women in Energy regularly hosts networking and technical events.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Financing and investment

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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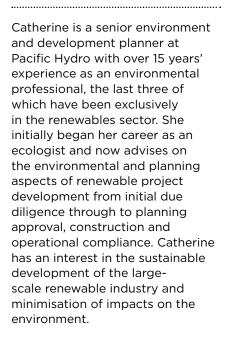


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Catherine O'Riordan
SENIOR ENVIRONMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNER
PACIFIC HYDRO PTY LTD





Leanne Olden

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BAKER MCKENZIE

Leanne is a Senior Associate in Baker McKenzie's construction team in Melbourne.

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She has experience in a wide range of transactional matters in the construction and engineering sectors, and in particular, the renewable energy sector. This includes drafting and negotiating EPC, O&M and other ancillary contract documents for principals, contractors, financiers, consultants and suppliers in relation to the construction of solar, wind and other renewable energy assets throughout Australia.



Linda O'Mullane

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY
ERNST & YOUNG

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Linda is passionate about energy economics and has solid experience in solving commercial, regulatory, policy, financial and strategic issues for public and private clients. Linda gained widespread experience in the energy transition, providing advice and recommendations to executives at energy businesses in Australia and overseas. Specific examples include guidance for a first regulatory reset for the vertically integrated energy provider in Saba, Malaysia, to capex reduction strategies for distribution companies in Victoria, Australia.

Linda also managed the regulatory affairs and relevant strategies associated with the energy assets owned and managed by an Australian Investment fund.

INTERESTS INTI

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Construction contracts

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment
- Technology

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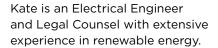
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Kate Osaze

GRID CONNECTIONS MANAGER
ESCO PACIFIC



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She has lead several high value connection projects with specific expertise in the technical requirements for grid connections of utility scale solar and wind energy projects as well as contractual negotiations across entire project's lifecycles including feasibility, planning, design, construction and operations.



Sarah Paparo
SENIOR CONSULTANT
MARCHMENT HILL CONSULTING

Sarah is a Senior Consultant at Marchment Hill Consulting.

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Formerly a competition and market regulation lawyer at Freehills, followed by various commercial and policy roles at Origin Energy, Sarah has most recently been in London working for UK government agency Low Carbon Contracts Company on energy market reform implementation and assessment.

She is an expert in energy reform framework and the challenges of integrating emerging technology into established markets. In her current role leading MHC Policy and Regulation, Sarah works with market participants, government agencies and policy makers on Australia's energy market transformation.



Liisa Parisot

MANAGER,

ENERGY MARKET INSIGHTS

JACOBS

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Liisa Parisot has over twenty years of consulting and energy sector experience and currently leads the Energy Market Insights team at Jacobs. Liisa is interested in understanding and forecasting market evolution and understanding the impacts of policies and regulatory development on market stakeholders. Liisa has engaged in multiple studies providing independent analysis on energy policy, retail pricing, demand forecasting, economic climate emissions modelling, and cost benefit analysis of market reforms and program evaluation. She has also supported new wind and solar projects through developing market price outlook studies.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy storage
- · Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Communication
- Technology

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy

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Lillian Patterson

DIRECTOR ENERGY

TRANSFORMATION

CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL

Lillian is the Clean Energy Council's Director of Energy Transformation, and is responsible for driving the transformation of the Australian energy system to one that is smarter and cleaner through leading the development and implementation of the CEC's electricity market and network policy work. She joined the CEC from Origin Energy, where she managed regulation and policy development and engagement on wholesale and retail electricity and gas market issues. She has also worked in the areas of power markets at the International Energy Agency in France and energy security in the Federal Government.

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Lillian holds a Master in Green Management and Energy from Bocconi University in Italy and a Bachelor of Business (1st Class Honours in Economics) and Bachelor of International Studies from the University of Technology, Sydney.



- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Career progression



Kate Phillips

PARTNER

BAKER MCKENZIE

Kate Phillips specialises in renewable energy projects. She has extensive experience leading transactions for private clients and government authorities on the development, financing, sale and acquisition of medium to large scale solar and wind projects throughout the NEM states. Kate also advised private clients on distributed energy projects, and energy storage projects throughout Australia.

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In addition Kate has advised various clients on pumped hydro projects in Australia.

In addition to her current role, Kate also worked as Corporate Counsel for CO2 Australia Limited where she worked predominantly in the area of climate change, and more specifically carbon sequestration.



Aurore Pont

OPERATIONS MANAGER

CLENERGY

Aurore has been working in the solar industry since 2011 and is currently the Operations Manager at Clenergy, an international leading supplier of PV mounting systems. She is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating multiple support services such as management, logistics and stakeholder engagement for the Australian business. She is passionate about renewable energies and has extensive experience working and contributing to multicultural thriving teams.

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Aurore holds a master's degree in International Business from Inseec Business School in Paris and is an active member of Toastmasters, a not-for-profit educational organisation teaching public speaking and leadership skills. Aurore was also a finalist in the 2019 CEC Women in Renewables Your Leadership Voice Scholarship.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- · Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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Nasim Pour
ENERGY MARKETS ANALYST
JACOBS

Nasim specialises in energy industry forecasting, strategic analysis and policy development and currently works as an energy market analyst for Jacobs. Prior to her current role, Nasim was involved in several R&D projects in Australia and Sweden. Her research focused on evaluating the role of renewable energies, carbon capture and storage and energy efficiency technologies in a sustainable transition towards a low carbon economy.

During her academic career, Nasim had the opportunity to present in several prestigious international conferences. Nasim holds a PhD degree in climate change mitigation technologies from the University of Melbourne.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- · Renewable energy



Cassidy Prent

GENERAL COUNSEL

ESCO PACIFIC

Cassidy is General Counsel of leading solar farm developer ESCO Pacific. ESCO Pacific has developed projects totalling nearly 500 MW in capacity, which are now generating or under construction, including the 175 MW Finley Solar Farm, which is backed by a corporate PPA with BlueScope Steel.

Cassidy specialises in renewable energy, project finance and construction and has experience in Australia and internationally (including SE Asia). At ESCO Pacific, Cassidy has a lead role in projects from development to financial close and is actively involved in ESCO Pacific's asset management arm, which is currently servicing the Childers, Susan River and Finley solar farms.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- Solar



Natasha Reifschneider
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

AECOM

Natasha Reifschneider is an Associate Director, Environment at AECOM. She is responsible for leading the Environmental Planning team in the Melbourne Office and performs the role of Team Leader for the Environment Group.

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Natasha has over 20 years of professional experience in the management and delivery of impact assessment and environmental approvals for the industrial and infrastructure sector. Natasha's technical area of focus is navigating environmental approvals for projects and providing clients with strategic advice around how to develop project to meet environmental requirements.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- · Renewable energy
- Environment
- Environment impact assessment

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Alison Rowe CEO AUSTRALIAN ENERGY FOUNDATION



Angela Rozali **SENIOR ENGINEER - ENERGY** AECOM



Bridget Ryan **POLICY & GOVERNMENT LEAD GREENSYNC**

Alison Rowe is the CEO of the Australian Energy Foundation Limited where she is leading the equitable transition to a zero carbon society. She has worked in the sustainability field for over 15 years in the transport, communications and energy sectors, with global responsibility for strategy development, designing and delivering transformation programs, commercialising new services, product development, consulting, marketing and advocacy.

Alison is Chair of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia and recently Chair of the Future Business Council.

Alison holds an MBA and a Post Graduate Diploma in Technology Management and is a Williamson Fellow.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- **Energy transition**
- Community energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Technology

Angela's passion for solar thermal energy was the catalyst that changed her career from chemical engineering towards wind and solar power project development and energy storage.

Angela's eight years of experience covers the project cycle from prefeasibility through to operation in locations such as remote Australia. the Philippines and Antarctica. Coordinating contractors and owner's engineer roles including developing specifications and guarantees, climbing wind turbines and visiting solar farms to inspect for mechanical completeness have been her focus.

Bridget Ryan is the Policy & Government Lead at GreenSync. Since 2002 she has worked on climate and energy policy with leading organisations in both Government and private sectors, including ARENA, the CEC, Pacific Hydro and VECCI.

Bridget brings a passion for renewables and deep insight to the policy changes that are required to move the energy sector forward, and to understanding the emerging technologies and business models that are key to facilitating this change. Bridget holds degrees in both Arts and Asian studies, along with qualifications in Carbon Management, Sustainability Leadership and Engineering.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Distributed energy tech
- Australian politics
- **Energy transformation**
- Renewable energy

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Sanah Al Safadi Chaar

HV ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

AURECON



Melinda Scaringi
ACCOUNT DIRECTOR
ELLSI JONES



Heidi Sick

CLIENT DIRECTOR - ENERGY

AURECON

Sanah is a Power Network Engineer with 13 years' experience in the gas & oil industry. She has extensive experience in analysis and modelling electrical system networks in a variety of projects.

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With a multicultural background, management skills, Sanah also has an ability to adjust to different environments and address problems creatively and safely. Sanah is currently working in Aurecon as a HV Electrical Engineer and participating in major project related with renewable energy (Solar and Wind Farms).

Melinda Scaringi's work in communications and campaigns has provoked people to think and act differently over the past 15 years. She has significant experience in shared value, social impact and behaviour change having supported government organisations, not-for-profits and commercial companies in the energy, environment, property and education arenas.

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As a director at Ellis Jones, Melinda has led the agency's campaign, research and strategy work with various Victorian and federal government departments (including DELWP, DoEE and ARENA); industry advocacy body, Future Energy Skills; not for profits the Clean Energy Council (CEC) and the Sustainable Melbourne Fund (SMF); Victorian water company City West Water; and the sustainability team at Energy Australia.

Heidi is the Client Director for Aurecon's Energy business, responsible for establishing and implementing the strategy for the energy market in Australia and New Zealand.

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Her 20 years of experience stretches across three continents within several industries, covering the complete lifecycle of multidisciplinary, complex projects. During the last 10 years, Heidi has been focused on the provision of technical advisory services in the energy sector, and has successfully created and enabled diverse, highly engaged and high performing teams along with a great work culture to support and navigate our clients through the rapid transformation occuring in our energy sector.

Heidi is currently an active member of the ARENA Advisory Panel.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- · Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- · Gender diversity
- Technology

INTERESTS

- · Energy transformation
- Environment
- Energy transformation
- New generation Community engagement Communications
- Climate change and emissions reductions
- · Environment and sustainability

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

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Georgie Smith

EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER
INDUSTRY INTEGRITY

CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL

Georgie is the Clean Energy Council's inaugural Executive General Manager Industry Integrity. In this role Georgie is harmonising the CEC's regulatory activities and getting the rooftop solar regulatory framework ready to support the next decade of industry expansion.

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Georgie joined the CEC from the Victorian Environment Protection Authority, where she specialised in regulatory and industry facilitation roles, developing a strong understanding of innovative regulation and working with industry to increase compliance. Georgie is passionate about efficient regulation and believes that regulation – done right - strengthens industries.



- Leadership
- Innovation
- Compliance
- Regulation
- Career progression



Kate Summers

MANAGER ELECTRICAL

ENGINEERING

PACIFIC HYDRO

Kate is an electrical engineer and fellow of IEAust, her engineering experience covers power system control, system operations in the NEM and renewable energy control since 2004. She has served four years as the technical director of Australian Wind Energy Association and five years as Chair of the Grid Directorate for the CEC.

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Kate combines a broad practical control knowledge of the power system and the integration of new and old technology in generation. She promotes power system control philosophy highlighting market rules that detract from good control practice and was a member of AEMO's expert panel for the event report on 25th August 2018.

Dayle Stevens

DIVISIONAL CIO

AGL ENERGY

Dayle is an award-winning technology executive. Dayle is passionate about technology, people and change, excited about driving impact at scale, solving big problems, taking the less trodden path and bringing out the best in people. Dayle is a Divisional CIO at AGL Energy, and was previously a Divisional CIO at NAB. She is a board member at Robogals, an ambassador at Girl Geek Academy and a tutor and mentor with the Queen's Young Leaders Programme through Cambridge University.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- System control philosophy

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Technology
- Design thinking
- · Business storytelling

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Anastasia Travaglione
HEAD OF COMMERCIAL, SERVICE
OPERATIONS
SIEMENS GAMESA

Anastasia leads commercial work for Australia and New Zealand Service Operations in Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy.

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Having worked in the energy industry for almost a decade she now focuses on bringing together Financial Control and Operational Excellence; planning, developing and implementing commercial service strategies; and supporting business and clients in their sustainability and growth.

CPA Associate, Anastasia holds a BA (Jurisprudence) and a Master of Business Administration.



Maria Vazquez
SENIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
ENGINEER
WSP

Maria joined WSP in December 2017. Maria's career in the renewable energy sector started in 2008 after completing her Masters in Renewable Energy Engineering in Edinburgh. Since then, she has worked with market-leading developers, consultants and a wind turbine manufacturer in the UK and Australia.

She has worked across a range of global markets including Europe, Africa, India and Asia Pacific on the development, construction and operation of large-scale wind and solar farms. She is experienced in providing solar and wind resource and energy yield assessment, technical due diligence, performance evaluation and inspections during the construction and operation stages.



Kate Vinot

MANAGING DIRECTOR

AGEOS CONSULTING

A compelling public speaker, Kate shares her insight in driving change through 25 years in leadership roles in sustainability and climate change across the water, energy, manufacturing and resources sectors and in local government.

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Kate has guided the delivery of award-winning renewable energy initiatives such as the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project, the 100 per cent renewable-powered Tumut pulp mill and South East Water's in-line mini-hydro facilities. Her current roles include General Manager, Energy and Resources at the Bureau of Meteorology, where she brings the nation's best data to help customers solve climate and weather-related challenges; Chair of Zoos Victoria and a Board Member of Parks Victoria.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Stakeholder engagement

INTERESTS

- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Career progression
- Environment
- Communications

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Rachel Watson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PACIFIC HYDRO

Rachel is the Chief Executive Officer for Pacific Hydro, with responsibility for the company's businesses in Australia, Chile and Brazil. Prior to this appointment, she was the GM Australia with responsibility for Pacific Hydro's Australian project portfolio. Prior roles at Pacific Hydro include GM Group Services, with responsibility at a group level for human resources, external affairs, health and safety, legal and technical engineering, and in the Australian business for wholesale energy markets.

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Rachel Watson joined Pacific Hydro in April 2006 as Corporate Lawyer. Rachel has been a director of the Clean Energy Council since late 2014 and she currently chairs the Board of the CEC.



Dr Winnie Waudo

STRATEGY MANAGER - ENERGY

DECON TECHNOLOGIES

Winnie is the Strategy Manager-Energy at Decon Technologies. Her department is a premier provider of energy management and renewable energy technologies. Winnie has over 10 years' experience as a renewable energy analyst within academia and the non- governmental and private sectors.

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Prior to joining Decon, she was CEO at Plugln an energy start-up in Nairobi, Kenya. Charged with ideation, business strategy and leadership, Winnie led Plugln when it won the World Bank's Negawatt Challenge, Young Innovators Award - United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) and was nominated for several other awards across Africa.



Megan Wheatley

MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS AND

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SENVION

Megan has been working in the clean energy sector for over two decades.

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She currently manages communications and external affairs at Senvion Australia. Prior to this, Megan was Head of Policy for the UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy in London.

Megan's career in renewables began in the Victorian Government, where she led the development of the Victorian Wind Atlas and the black balloons energy saving campaign. She also contributed to key policy initiatives, including the Victorian Wind Energy Planning Guidelines.

Megan is a Board member of the Clean Energy Council and a member of the Monash Faculty of Engineering Dean's Advisory Council.

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- Innovation

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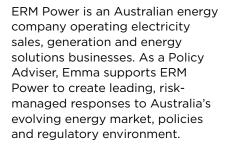




Emma White

POLICY ADVISER

ERM POWER



She draws upon her experience in the energy sector with the Clean Energy Council and the National Wind Farm Commissioner. From her time in energy policy, Emma brings a deep understanding of Australia's transitioning energy markets, energy management solutions, renewable industry and best practice in Australia's burgeoning wind industry.



Jo Witters

STRATEGIC ENERGY
MARKET LEADER

Jo is an energy market leader with 20 years experience in energy markets and regulatory policy, both domestically and offshore. Over the past decade, Jo has held executive roles at the system operator here in Australia (AEMO), leading diverse functions including business strategy, regulatory policy and people and culture.

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Prior to living in Australia, Jo held leadership roles with the UK energy regulator (the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets - Ofgem), and roles at the system operator, Transpower, and in consultancy in her native New Zealand.



Luoluo Zhou

CHINESE INVESTMENT MANAGER
GHD

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Luoluo is Chinese Investment Manager of GHD. She manages a portfolio of Chinese business clients whose majority direct investments to Australia are in Energy and Resource sector, especially in renewable industry recently.

With electrical engineering, automation and artificial intelligence background, Luoluo has previously worked as a Product Manager and a Business Development team leader at SIEMENS. She has over ten years of experience working in mainland China.

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INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
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- Technology

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Lisa Zembrodt

DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS ENERGY MARKETS
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

Lisa leads Schneider Electric's Markets and Strategy teams in the Energy and Sustainability Services division in Australia. She is passionate about leading clients on the journey from passive to active energy management, reducing clients' costs and improving their sustainability.

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Lisa came to Schneider Electric from Ernst & Young in 2006 to forecast global energy markets, contributing frequently to Bloomberg, Dow Jones and industry journals. She has also contributed live to MSNBC as an expert in gas markets. She is an Energy Risk Professional, certified by the Global Association of Risk Professionals, and sits on the Energy Users' Association of Australia Electricity Committee.

INTERESTS

- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy

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SPEAKERS WESTERN AUSTRALIA





Naomi Boxall

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC

AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

Naomi is a research scientist at CSIRO Land and Water with more than ten years' experience in mining, waste treatment and resource recovery from strategic wastes such as electronic, mine and industrial wastes. Naomi completed her PhD in Industrial Biotechnology in 2012 at the University of Western Australia.

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After working as an environmental consultant in acid sulfate soils and contaminated sites, Naomi returned to CSIRO to research innovative ways to recover metals and other value from lithiumion battery wastes and other electronic wastes. Her areas of expertise are industrial and environmental biotechnology, the treatment of industrial wastes and resource recovery, remediation of contaminated sites, process design, development and optimisation, techno-economic assessment and waste accounting and futures.



Lucile Bourget

CONSULTANT

DUPONT SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

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Lucile experienced fast growing beginnings in the solar PV industry in France where she delivered €18 million of grid connected and off-grid commercial EPC projects. She then built Tenesol business in Australia from nothing to \$300,000 in the first 12 months and was awarded the Best French Young Entrepreneur in Australia in 2011.

Wanting to create change from the inside, she led significant cultural improvements across the vast male dominated operational workforce of a WA Power Utility. This led her to operational management consulting, where she now enjoys helping clients reduce their environmental impact at a bigger scale.



Gina Dodd

PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

COLLGAR WIND FARM

Gina is the Principal Engineer of Collgar Wind Farm. She is from the Philippines and received full scholarships for her degrees at Mindanao State University (BSc Electrical Engineering, 1991) and Murdoch University (MSc Renewable Energy Technology, 2001). She is a Fellow and Chartered Professional Engineer of the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

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Having worked predominantly in male dominated resource and energy projects located in Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, she has a wide range of electrical and renewable energy expertise, gained in diverse workplaces in a span of 25 years. She also mentored engineering students and co-workers.

INTERESTS

- Environment
- Science
- Environmental biotechnology

- Urban mining
- Resource recovery

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Environment

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Tristy Fairfield

NEW PROJECTS AND STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT

CARNEGIE CLEAN ENERGY

Tristy's role at Carnegie Clean Energy is to identify strategic growth opportunities and delivery pathways, track and participate in electricity sector policy and regulatory reform and liaise with stakeholders on project development and policy matters. In the electricity sector, Tristy's experience ranges across retail, networks and generation, in both policy and project roles. She has particular interest in regulatory reform, community co-investment opportunities and developing strategic alliances to deliver complex projects.

As a renewable energy, climate change and sustainability professional, Tristy has more than 15 years' policy, strategy and project experience across the corporate, government and notfor-profit sectors.

INTERESTS

- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Regulation
- · Off-grid systems
- Community (particularly indigenous co-investment)
- Community engagement



Kelli Friar

DIRECTOR STRATEGIC PROJECTS

HORIZON POWER

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Kelli is currently working for Horizon Power, leading the design blueprint development. Design blueprints set the roadmap for transitioning Horizon Power towns into highly distributed renewable energy networks by determining which technologies, customer products and business models will be required for this new future. In her career, Kelli has worked extensively in the strategy and business development space and specialises in change management, cross-functional engagement and collaboration.

Kelli has over 30 years' experience in the energy industry spanning both downstream oil refining and the electricity generation/distribution sectors.

Dr Jemma Green
CHAIRMAN
POWER LEDGER

Setting her career trajectory early on, Dr Green became the voice of sustainability and corporate social responsibility in the business of big money lending while at J.P. Morgan in London. She then went on to complete a PhD in electricity market disruption and become a research fellow at Curtin University, helped set up Australia's first fossil fuel free pension fund.

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Caroline Lindsey
PARTNER

ASHURST



Caroline has a particular interest in advising clients on renewable energy projects in Western Australia, where she has advised on solar, battery, wind and waste-to-energy projects. Caroline's career experience includes over five years of practice in London.



Caren McLaren

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
POWER LEDGER

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Caren is an experienced Business Development and Sales Executive who has been working in the Energy Industry in Western Australia for the past 18 years with significant frontline experience. She has served in a number of senior roles over this time working with and for all main retailers including Western Power, Synergy, Alinta Energy and Perth Energy.

Caren's focus has always been helping customers take control of their energy and assist with their supply mix while intelligently and innovatively managing their usage and renewable portfolios.



Beth Morris
ENGINEERING CONSULTANT
HFM ASSET MANAGEMENT

In her current role Beth works with clients across the property industry to deliver improved energy and water performance. She is an accredited NABERS and CBD Assessor and is qualified in Electrical Engineering (Renewable Energy and Electrical Power) and Sustainable Energy Management. She has also completed a Diploma of Building Services - HVAC&R.

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Beth has an in-depth knowledge of electrical and renewable energy systems in the built environment and specialises in energy efficiency, renewable energy feasibility, performance monitoring, metering and lighting.

INTERESTS

- Energy storage
- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy
- Gender diversity
- Career progression

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Traditional energy
- Renewable energy

INTERESTS

- Energy storage
- Renewable energy
- Built environment

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Kirsten Rose
HEAD OF LOW EMISSIONS
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BHP

Kirsten is BHP's Head of Low Emissions Technology, with global responsibility for developing and deploying sustainable technology solutions across all of BHP's assets to drive material improvements in greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water use.

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Prior to joining BHP, Kirsten was the WA State Manager for the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the CEO of the Sustainable Energy Association. Kirsten supports the innovation ecosystem through non-executive director and advisory board roles, and is a member of CSIRO's Energy Advisory Committee and CEDA's WA State Advisory Council.



- Innovation
- · Energy transformation
- Gender diversity
- Career progression
- Environment
- Technology
- Emissions reduction



Jessica Seares

MANAGER - REMOTE COMMUNITIES
HORIZON POWER

Jessica is an experienced utility professional with over 15 years' experience in the public and private sector. Exploring the challenges of water management, utility regulation and policy setting during some of Australia and the UK's worst ever droughts, Jessica is highly skilled at bringing teams and organisations together to troubleshoot wicked problems. During the last three years, Jessica has explored in-depth essential service delivery to remote communities.

She currently heads up Horizon Power's portfolio of services into remote Aboriginal communities and is exploring how solar PV and battery technologies can deliver reliable, affordable energy solutions.

INTERESTS

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Energy transformation
- Renewable energy
- Water management



Genevieve Simpson

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER / HONORARY RESEARCH FELLOW WESTERN POWER / UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Genevieve is passionate about understanding the transition of the electricity industry towards a de-carbonised future. Her previous research, which has been published internationally, examined the tools that governments can use to promote this transition and what the use of these tools may mean for industry and community members.

Her experience in energy policy, from working in a government energy policy agency to being government relations manager in a state-owned energy utility, has seen her develop an appreciation for what is required for the success of any ambitious energy policy.

Genevieve enjoys presenting to a varied audience and is comfortable explaining complex ideas in easy-to-understand ways.

INTERESTS

- Energy transformation
- Energy policy

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