

The EUAA recognises the work of the IPCC related to the warming of the climate system, accepts the scientific consensus on climate change and supports the objectives of the Paris Agreement, specifically in limiting global temperature rise this century to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

Within this context, the EUAA supports action towards a Net Zero target by 2050

It is in Australia's best interests to be part of a global climate change solution that minimises overall costs of decarbonisation of its economy and takes advantage of new technological and economic opportunities. To ensure the transition to a cleaner domestic energy system is both economically and environmentally efficient, investment grade policy is required.

As an Australian, member-based organisation, we view our role as supporting member companies to achieve domestic Net Zero targets with a particular focus on technologies, actions, policies and regulations that assist them to reduce their emissions.

Many EUAA member companies have already set a Net Zero target or goal or have implemented emission reduction strategies including fuel switching, energy efficiency and/or energy productivity actions, entered into long-term PPA's or built their own renewable energy assets amongst other actions. Many are also actively engaged in assessing low or zero emissions technologies as they weigh up options on what their future operations may look like.

However, we recognise that some EUAA members have different positions on Net Zero emissions. This is often due to the different opportunities and challenges that exist for their businesses to achieve deep emissions reductions. Put simply, the path to achieve Net Zero emissions is simpler and more readily accessible for some than it is for others.

Importantly, in some hard to abate sectors there are not yet commercially viable zero emission fuels or technologies to support the deep emissions reductions required to achieve Net Zero emissions. We will continue to strongly advocate that consideration be given to these companies as they progress their emissions reduction programs, including advocating for policies that support:

- the development and implementation of new technologies;
- affordable and reliable firm renewable energy supplies;
- the development of 'green' fuel and feedstock supply chains;
- industry competitiveness in a world of uneven regulation of emissions; and,
- the use of quality offsets where direct abatement is not technically or commercially viable.

The EUAA will continue to work closely with our members whilst keeping a close watch on new and emerging technologies to enable action on climate change. We remain focused on the best outcomes for consumers and will continue to collaborate with other organisations across the energy and end use technology landscape in order to harness expertise and knowledge for our members' benefit.