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Communiqué

This communiqué covers matters considered by the Australian Jet Zero Council on 13 March 2026

The Australian Jet Zero Council (Council) held its eighth meeting on 13 March 2026 in Sydney.

The Council noted three guest presentations:

1. Barry Sterland, Commissioner, Productivity Commission gave a presentation on the *Investing in cheaper, cleaner energy and the net zero transformation* inquiry report released in December 2025 and its analysis of decarbonisation measures for the transport sector.
2. Jim Stonecipher, Managing Director, EdyMac LLC gave a presentation on practical insights for first-of-a-kind SAF and LCLF projects and shared lessons learned from his time at Fulcrum Bioenergy.
3. Claire Ibrahim and Liesda Marsdon, Deloitte Access Economics, gave a presentation on work undertaken for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on analysis of potential policy options for demand-side measures for Low Carbon Liquid Fuel (LCLF).

The Council noted the updates from the Australian Government including:

- ARENA's Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund program opened last December, with \$250 million available to support LCLF projects.
- DITRDCSA carried out consultation on the design of the \$1.1 billion Cleaner Fuels Program in November and December 2025, with 137 written submissions received.
- Defence are establishing a Defence Fuel Certification Centre in Melbourne, which will offer certification of renewable fuels to industry free of charge.

The Council discussed items that members have been progressing under the refreshed workplan. Under workstream 7 *Feedstock market development*, examining the barriers and opportunities in developing the feedstock supply chain to support domestic sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production, GrainCorp delivered their National Feedstock Whitepaper. Workstream 3 *SAF accounting and framework for voluntary purchasing of SAF*, workstream leads (Boeing, Virgin and Qantas) have drafted a letter advocating for enhanced scope 3 accounting guidance under the GHG Protocol, to be circulated to members for review and endorsement ahead of the next Council meeting.

Council discussed that the next meeting would aim to be held in Q3 of 2026, with following meetings to be held every four months.

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