Australian Jet Zero Council

18 September 2026

Communiqué

This communiqué covers matters considered by the Australian Jet Zero Council on 18 September 2026

The Australian Jet Zero Council (Council) held its ninth meeting on 18 September 2026 in Sydney.

The Council was pleased to hear of the release of the Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Knowledge Hub:

- Madi Smith, Program Manager, and Ian O'Hara, Deputy Dean, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), gave a presentation on the *Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Knowledge Hub* launched on 18 September 2026. Delivery of the Hub is a major deliverable from the Council's 2025 refreshed workplan under workstream *2 SAF literacy and social licence.* This workstream was first identified in the original 2023 Council workplan. The Hub was developed by QUT. It was funded though the Australian Government and the iMove Cooperative Research Centre (CRC). The Hub can be accessed at https://lowcarbonliquidfuels.com.au/

The Council noted the updates from the Australian Government including:

- The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has released the National Bioenergy Feedstock Strategy.
- The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) has announced the first project to receive support under the Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund Low Carbon Liquid Fuel (LCLF) priority stream. ARENA has also been confirmed as the delivery agency for the Cleaner Fuels Program.
- CSIRO has developed a decarbonised industry transport program which includes LCLFs. CSIRO is preparing for the 18th Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies event (GHGT-18) this October, in Perth.
- The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is currently consulting on the Fuel Security and Resilience package and the Safeguard Mechanism review.
- The Department of Defence continue to trial a range of LCLFs.
- The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is engaging with a number of projects at early stages of development.

The Council discussed the joint consultation from DITRDCSA and DCCEEW on a LCLF demand mechanism, i.e. the *Securing Australia's Cleaner Fuels Industry: Consultation paper on a demand mechanism.* The Council received an update on feedback provided during consultation. The Council discussed the alignment of stakeholder views, the level of ambition, the need for the measure to integrate with a book and claim scheme, technology development timelines, feedstock pathway development, obligation fuels and credit eligible activities, interactions with other Government policy, blending infrastructure, supply chains, use of carbon as a feedstock and securing support for the industry.

The Council noted presentations under work item *5 Investability barriers*. Jet Zero Australia led a discussion on financing and delivering LCLF projects in Australia and the perspective of project proponents. CEFC led a discussion on bankability of projects and the perspective of project financers.

Council discussed that the next meeting would aim to be held in Q1 of 2027, with following meetings to be held every four months.