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Hydrogen to play a significant role in New Zealand decarbonisation

The New Zealand Hydrogen Council says it's time for New Zealand to embrace what hydrogen has to offer as it is intrinsically linked to New Zealand reaching its decarbonisation targets.

The second international H₂ 2 ZERO Summit will be held at Tākina in Wellington next month with a delegation of over 300 attendees.

Dr Linda Wright, CEO of the New Zealand Hydrogen Council says the conference comes hot on the heels of the Government's \$100 million Regional Hydrogen Transition initiative and the release last week of the Government's Interim Hydrogen Road Map and US investment giant BlackRock's announcement of a \$NZ2 billion renewable energy fund, which will include green hydrogen projects.

Linda Wright says she is not surprised by the international interest in the H₂ 2 ZERO Summit. "New Zealand's abundant renewable energy resources are attractive for the development of green hydrogen and we are seen as a highly attractive country to do business in and to conduct R&D," she says.

Vice President of Toyota Hydrogen, Andrew Davis says for Toyota, hydrogen is a part of our global and local electrification strategy.

"New Zealand is in a unique position to be able to reach 100% renewable energy generation and hydrogen will be critical in helping translate that into lower emissions on our roads for commercial transport. Toyota is also looking at other industries, such as the marine or events sectors, and how hydrogen can be used to decarbonise through making technology available like our Hydrogen Generator or Fuel Cell technology."

"Toyota New Zealand is committed to the development of hydrogen in New Zealand to deliver a low emissions future through innovation and showcasing creative technology solutions," says Mr Davis.

"We are working closely with other highly respected and motivated brands in NZ that share a passion for new technology and exploring new ways to make their business more sustainable with the introduction of hydrogen technology. This will ultimately drive NZ's overall hydrogen ecosystem and we see Toyota and the utilisation of our fuel cell technology as a big part of this," says Mr Davis.

"The H₂ 2 ZERO two-day Summit puts New Zealand on the international stage as 43 speakers representing a wide range of global organisations at the forefront of delivering hydrogen innovation will be in Wellington for the conference," says Linda Wright.

"Registrations to the Summit are open and for sale to the public but she expects the event to sell out. "Anyone with an interest in the future and decarbonisation is welcome to attend, the entire hydrogen landscape will be traversed."

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Notes:

The H₂ 2 ZERO Summit to be held on 7 & 8 September in Wellington's new Tākina Convention Centre. Further information and programme visit www.h22zerosummit.nz

Key speakers include:

- His Excellency Ambassador Koichi Ito, Ambassador of Japan to New Zealand
- Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Mr Ken Ando, Managing Executive Officer, Obayashi Corporation
- Christian MaaB, Director-General for Energy Policy, Heat, Hydrogen and Efficiency, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, German Government
- Professor Christian Sattler, Acting Director of the German Aerospace Center's Institute of Future Fuels and Professor for solar fuel production at the Technical University of Dresden, Germany
- Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Director, Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- John Simkiss, Senior Managing Director, Blackstone, USA
- Vesna Olles, Director for Clean Energy and Strategy, BOC
- Romesh Rodrigo, Head of Vehicle Homologation, Regulatory Affairs and Future Mobility, Daimler Truck Australia Pacific
- Leoni Steenson, Procurement Manager Oceania and Southeast Asia, Maersk
- Anthony Jones, Chief Executive, HW Richardson Group
- Christopher Boyle, Chair & Executive Director, Fabrum
- Amy Barrett, Global Aviation Lead, Fortescue Future Industries
- Professor Chris Bumby, Chief Scientist - Material, Victoria University of Wellington
- Dr. Paul Geraghty, CEO & Co-Founder, Liquium