

## Inaugural Aotearoa Hydrogen Award Finalists Announced

The Judges of the inaugural Aotearoa Hydrogen Awards have just announced the finalists for 2023.

Dr Linda Wright, CEO of the New Zealand Hydrogen Council, says a total of 42 nominations were received, which were narrowed down to 24 finalists competing for six award categories, with several companies and individuals being successful in more than one category.

“The panel of judges were particularly impressed with the high calibre and depth of the nominations across the categories and would like to congratulate all of successful finalists,” Linda Wright says.

“These organisations and individuals truly reflect the innovation and commitment of industry to decarbonising New Zealand’s economy.

The judges included Ian Kennedy (Chair, Japan New Zealand Business Council), Stephen Canny (Chair, New Zealand Hydrogen Council), Hayley Alexander (CEO, Alexander Group), and Elizabeth Halstead (New Zealand Energy Business Leader, Arup).

The winner of each category will be announced during the [H2 2 ZERO Summit](#) Gala Dinner on Thursday 7 September.

### The Aotearoa Hydrogen Awards Finalists for 2023 are:

#### FUTURE HYDROGEN LEADER AWARD

Dr. Vedran Jovic, GNS Science  
Mohsin Ijaz, University of Otago  
Jonas Meier, Fabrum  
Caitlin Mowatt, Auckland Transport

#### HYDROGEN TRANSPORT AWARD

NZ Post  
H W Richardson Group  
Toyota New Zealand  
Hyundai New Zealand  
Auckland Transport

#### INDUSTRY IMPACT AWARD

Global Bus Ventures  
Halcyon Power

Fabrum  
Meridian Energy

#### INNOVATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Bspkl  
Global Bus Ventures  
Toyota New Zealand  
Emirates Team New Zealand

#### OUR PEOPLE AWARD

Tuaropaki Trust  
Fabrum

#### PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mike Parker, Global Bus Ventures  
Aya Inagaki, Halcyon Power  
Rori Moore, Toyota New Zealand  
Sir Stephen Tindall, K1W1  
Dr. Ojas Mahapatra, Fabrum

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