

3rd annual

Women in Energy & Renewables

SUMMIT 2026

Sharing ideas,
learning new skills,
and making meaningful
connections

13-15 October | Pullman Sydney Hyde Park

Speakers include:



Anna Collyer
Chair
**Australia Energy Market
Commission (AEMC)**



Nevenka Codevelle
Chief Executive Officer
ASL



Danny Cooper
Chief Executive Officer
Endeavour Energy



Nicola Falcon
Executive General
Manager
**Australia Energy Market
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Hannah McCaughey
Chief Executive Officer
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Laura Caspari
Chief Executive Officer
ENGIE



Fiona Schutt
Chief Operations Officer
Clean Energy Council



Melissa Irwin
Chief Data, People &
Sustainability Officer
Endeavour Energy



Ruchika Deora
General Manager -
Product
**State Electricity
Commission (SEC)**



Lyn Bowring
Executive Director
Consumer, Community
and First Peoples' Energy
Transition
**Department of Energy,
Environment and Climate
Action (DEECA)**



Vonda Malone
General Manager and
Chief Advocate
**Indigenous Energy
Australia**



Renée Anderson
Interim Chief Executive
Officer
TasNetworks



Sabooh Whitelaw
Associate Vice President
for Energy and Utility
AirTrunk



Tania Palmer
General Manager -
Generation
Meridian Energy



Jessica Kite
Head of Community and
Regional Investment
Squadron Energy

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The Women in Energy & Renewables Summit is back for 2026!

The **Women in Energy & Renewables Summit** returns in 2026, bringing together the professionals leading Australia's energy transition for two days of in-person learning, collaboration, and connection.

Designed for senior professionals shaping Australia's energy transition, including network owners, generators, retailers, developers, regulators, consultants, and the specialist engineers and project leaders delivering complex grid, renewables, and storage projects. Ideal for decision-makers and practitioners working across transmission, distribution, renewable energy, market operations, approvals, stakeholder engagement, finance, and policy.

"Fantastic! Great mix of energy and leadership themes, great diversity of speakers and enjoyed the networking opportunities."

Suzanna Michell, **Gentrack** (past attendee)



Who will you meet?



Senior managers and executives in energy, networks, generation, retail, and storage



Project, program, and portfolio leaders working on transmission, distribution, renewables, BESS, and grid connection



Engineers and technical specialists in power systems, OT, telecommunications, asset management, planning, and controls



Commercial, trading, finance, and investment professionals involved in energy market participation and project economics



Policy, approvals, environment, stakeholder engagement, legal, and compliance professionals supporting major energy projects

5 reasons to attend

1

Advance your career and leadership capability

2

Build practical technical, project, and business skills

3

Be part of shaping a more inclusive, equitable, and forward-looking sector

4

Expand your network and make valuable industry connections

5

Stay informed on energy trends, policy, and market developments

Speakers include:



Ying Luo
Chief Advisor & General
Manager Strategy
Amplitude Energy



Heather Logie
Head of the Centre
for Energy
**Australia National
University (ANU)**



Jennifer Eason
Senior Product Manager
ASX



Jo De Silva
General Manager - Retail
Policy
Australian Energy Council



Bronwyn See
Private Consultant
**Australian Gas Industry
Trust (AGIT)**



Andrea Bernard
Managing Director - Retail
ENGIE



Priya Guha
Project Engineer
Flow Power



Johanna Bowyer
Lead Analyst - Australian
Energy
**Institute for Energy
Economics & Financial
Analysis (IEEFA)**



Craig Ypinazar
Executive General Manager
of People, Safety, &
Governance
Jemena



Jess Hunt
NEM Regulatory Specialist
Jess Hunt Consulting



Dani Alexander
Chief Executive Officer
UNSW Energy Institute



Jess Padman
Director of Energy Products
**National Renewable
Network**



Amy Kean
Co-Founder and Partner
Stride Renewables



Craig Memery
Senior Advisor Energy
Justice and Equity Centre



Kim Curtain
Deputy Secretary Energy,
Climate Change &
Sustainability
NSW



Bianca Graham
First Nations Manager
Windlab



Courtney Paulson
First Nations Engagement
Manager
AGL



Meghan Senior
Head of Public
Affairs & Policy
Ausgrid



Sabiene Heindl
Chief Executive Officer
The Energy Charter



Jordan McCollum
Chief Executive Officer
Gas Energy Australia



Claire Moore
Project Director VNI West
Transgrid



Cathie Metcalfe
Chief of Staff
Amber Electric



Preeti Arora
General Manager
Infrastructure Engineering
APA Group



Bridget Abernethy
Chief Executive Officer
ERGANZ



Stephanie McGregor
Chief Executive Officer
Marinus Link

"Very interesting, energising speakers - 2 days well spent!"

Andrea Lee, **Essential Energy** (past attendee)

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08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

08:55 Opening remarks from the Chair



Caroline Wang

Professor of Practice, Government and International Relation
UNSW

Strengthening the pipeline: creating accessible career progression pathways for women

09:00 **Reflecting on progress for women and charting the path forward for the energy sector**



Anna Collyer

Chair

Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

09:25 **Creating intentional career pathways for women, enhancing job retention, and improving career elevation**



Laura Caspari

Chief Executive Officer

ENGIE

09:50 **Marinus Link Presentation**



Stephanie McGregor

Chief Executive Officer

Marinus Link

10:10 **The energy transition needs women: why success is dependent**



Lyn Bowring

Executive Director Consumer, Community and First Peoples' Energy Transition

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)

10:35 Facilitated networking

10:50 Morning tea

Bridging the gap between project viability and execution skills through and capability development

11:15 **The economics of the energy transition: costs, benefits, opportunities and challenges**



Nevenka Codevelle

Chief Executive Officer

ASL

11:40 **Building capability at scale: preparing the workforce for the next phase of the energy transition**



Hannah McCaughey

Chief Executive Officer

EnergyCo



Kim Curtain

Deputy Secretary Energy Climate Change & Sustainability

NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water (DCCEEW)

12:20 **Panel discussion: Developing the skills to lead successful energy projects from development through to delivery**



Amy Kean

Partner

Stride Renewables



Cathie Metcalfe

Chief of Staff

Amber Electric



Priya Guha

Project Engineer

Flow Power



Claire Moore

Project Director VNI West

Transgrid



Preeti Arora

General Manager

**Infrastructure Engineering
APA Group**

13:00 Lunch

Mapping diverse career pathways through sectoral and industry shifts

14:00 **The role of waste in circular energy systems in building a more resilient, commercially viable transition**



Bronwyn See

Director

Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT)

14:25 **Leading the next chapter of the National Electricity Market**



Nicola Falcon

Executive General Manager

Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

14:50 Partner Presentation

15:10 **Panel discussion: If the sector is serious about Equal by 30, what has to change now? What roles are your ambassadors playing in achieving the Equality in Energy Transition?**



Jess Hunt

NEM Regulatory

Specialist

Jess Hunt Consulting



Sabiene Heindl

Chief Executive Officer

The Energy Charter



Anna Collyer

Chair

Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)



Nicola Falcon

Executive General Manager

Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

15:50 Afternoon tea

Navigating the growing impact of AI

16:20 **AI in action: applied skills for the modern workplace**



Kara Bombell

Founder and Director

EthicAI

16:45 **Panel discussion: Exploring both sides of the AI surge: energy-smarter step-change or ecological trap?**



Johanna Bowyer

Lead Analyst for

Australian Electricity

Institute of Energy Economics & Financial Analysis (IEEFA)



Dani Alexander

Chief Executive Officer

UNSW Energy



Andrea Bernard

Managing Director -

Retail

ENGIE



Melissa Irwin

Chief Data, People &

Sustainability Officer

Endeavour Energy



Saboo Whitelaw

Associate Vice President -

Utility & Energy

AirTrunk

17:25 Closing remarks

17:30 Close of day one and networking drinks

18:30 Conference Dinner

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DAY 2 Thursday 15 October

08:30 Welcome Coffee
08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair

Jo De Silva
General Manager - Retail Manager Policy
Australian Energy Council

Powering through people: social license, community engagement, and inclusive energy development projects

09:00 **Elevating the value of leadership in the energy transition: working with communities**

Renée Anderson
Interim Chief Executive Officer
TasNetworks

09:30 **Accelerating renewable energy development: turning opposition into engagement**

Sabiene Heindl
Chief Executive Officer
The Energy Charter

10:00 Panel discussion: **Empowering Indigenous stewardship: involving remote and regional communities in the energy and renewables sector**

 Bronwyn See Director Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT)	 Jessica Kite Head of Community & Regional Investment Squadron Energy
 Bianca Graham Senior Manager Windlab	 Vonda Malone General Manager & Chief Advocate Indigenous Energy Australia
 Courtney Paulsen First Nations Engagement Manager AGL	

10:40 Morning tea

Advancing workplace equity through leadership and cultural change

11:10 **Creating healthier workplace cultures: overcoming unconscious bias and driving shared accountability**

Fiona Schutt
Chief Operations Officer
Clean Energy Council

11:40 Partner Presentation

12:00 Panel discussion: **Examining the role male leaders can play in advancing gender equity in the workplace**

 Heather Logie Head of Centre for Energy Systems Australia National University (ANU)	 Tania Palmer General Manager - Generation Meridian Energy
 Jordan McCollum Chief Executive Officer Gas Energy Australia	 Craig Memery Senior Advisor Energy Justice and Equity Centre
 Daniel Cooper Chief Executive Officer Endeavour Energy	

12:40 Lunch

Adapting to the next phase of the energy transition

13:40 **The frontier of small-scale renewable energy: what's next for the domestic distribution sector?**

Jess Padman
Director of Energy Products
National Renewable Network

14:10 Partner Presentation

14:30 **Navigating the energy transition: how policy and market changes are reshaping the sector**
Bridget Abernethy
Chief Executive Officer
ERGANZ

15:00 Afternoon tea

Forging new pathways and creating career opportunities

16:00 **How addressing gender barriers can generate measurable business success**

Craig Ypinazar
Executive General Manager of People, Safety, and Governance
Jemena

16:30 Panel discussion: **Building visibility, credibility, and opportunity through mentorship and sponsorship**

 Jo De Silva General Manager - Retail Manager Policy Australian Energy Council	 Georgia Robazza Commercial and Major Investment TasNetworks
 Ying Luo Chief Advisor & General Strategy Amplitude Energy	 Meghan Senior Head of Public Affairs & Policy Ausgrid
 Ruchika Deora General Manager - Product State Electricity Commission (SEC)	

17:10 Closing remarks

17:15 End of conference



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"Interesting and insightful."

Anna Middlemass, **Powerco** (past attendee)

Negotiation masterclass: Mastering negotiation skills - the cornerstone of career success

Whether you're securing a high-stakes deal, advocating for a promotion, or navigating the complexities of cross-functional collaboration, negotiation is a fundamental business skill that can shape your career trajectory.

Through practical strategies, real-world scenarios, and expert facilitation, this highly interactive session will equip you with the tools to advocate for yourself and your ideas, unlock new opportunities, and drive better outcomes for your organisation and career.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn the core principles of effective negotiation and how to apply them in both formal and informal settings
- Explore proven techniques for managing nerves, overcoming imposter syndrome, and approaching negotiations with calm self-assurance
- Develop strategies to handle pushback, conflict, and high-pressure discussions with professionalism and poise
- Learn how to assess what you bring to the table, identify leverage points, and position your value to others persuasively
- Discover how to achieve your goals while maintaining respect, trust, and collaboration with peers and stakeholders
- Identify your personal negotiation style, adapt it to different scenarios, and build a flexible toolkit that works across contexts

By the end of this Masterclass, you'll walk away with a renewed sense of confidence, a clear set of actionable strategies, and a framework for approaching every negotiation, big or small, with purpose and skill.

Don't just be part of the conversation – learn how to shape it.

Facilitator:



Bron Williams

Keynote Speaker, Mentor, PhD Researcher



Finance masterclass: Understanding how economic thinking shapes Australia's energy system

Understanding how Australia's energy system is being reshaped by economic forces is essential for anyone working across the energy transition. From electricity pricing and market signals to investment flows and policy settings, economic thinking underpins how projects are financed, delivered, and scaled across the sector.

In this masterclass, you will build confidence in interpreting energy market behaviour, understand how economic conditions influence investment decisions, and develop practical skills to translate market signals into better strategic and operational decisions in energy and renewables roles.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how core economic principles such as supply and demand shape Australia's energy system and influence pricing, investment, and project development decisions across the National Electricity Market
- Explore how electricity markets operate and how pricing, competition, and regulatory frameworks translate into real-world signals that affect energy project viability and business strategy
- Develop a clearer understanding of how macroeconomic factors such as inflation, interest rates, and economic growth influence energy demand, infrastructure investment, and cost of capital in the energy transition
- Demystify how energy markets connect to capital markets, including how energy assets are valued, financed, and assessed through a lens of risk, return, and market expectations
- Learn how emissions reduction policies and market-based mechanisms shape investment decisions, create competitive advantage, and influence long-term energy system transformation
- Apply economic and market insights to interpret forecasts, assess risk, and identify opportunities that support more informed decision-making across energy and renewables roles

By the end of this Masterclass, you will have a stronger understanding of how economic and market forces interact within Australia's energy system, and a practical framework for translating those insights into better decisions, clearer strategy, and more confident participation in the energy transition.

Facilitator:



Jennifer Eason

Senior Product Manager

ASX

Partnership opportunities

The **Women in Energy & Renewables Summit 2026** is your chance to meet key decision makers from the entire energy value chain and associated industries. These decision makers from a vast range of public and private sector organisations across Australia will gather to find solutions to maximise the opportunities in Australian energy.

By being a part of this event, you can position yourself as one of the companies leading the way towards diversity and inclusion in energy & renewables while you demonstrate your industry expertise.



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What past attendees have said

"It was a great event with lots of high- quality talks and panel discussions. I especially appreciated the focus on NEM reforms, the importance of community engagement in the energy transition, and increasing energy literacy."

Massie Mahmoodi, **Essential Energy**



"This conference was incredibly warm, welcoming, comforting and empowering, to know that our individual experiences as women in the Energy industry aren't isolated, but that many of us have been through similar challenges and struggles. This provides such an air of support and encouragement to keep powering on in making the industry a better place for women to work. We don't have to feel alone but can lean on each other."

Senior Electrical Engineer, **Global Power Energy**



"Great conference to understand the energy and renewable industry and connect with like-minded women."

Project Manager - Major Projects, **United Energy**

"Great; well balanced with technical, leadership and humanities."

Caitlyn Pengelly, **CleanCo Queensland** (past attendee)



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