



# **Industry Research and Development (First Nations Renewable Hydrogen Engagement Fund Program) Instrument 2024**

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I, Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, as delegate of the Minister for Industry and Science, make the following instrument.

Dated 10 August 2024

Chris Bowen  
Minister for Climate Change and Energy

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (First Nations Renewable Hydrogen Engagement Fund Program) Instrument 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

*program*: see subsection 5(1).

*renewable hydrogen project* means an undertaking to establish capability for producing hydrogen (or derivative products) powered by an eligible renewable energy source within the meaning of section 17 of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*.

## 5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the First Nations Renewable Hydrogen Engagement Fund Program (the *program*) is prescribed.
- (2) The program provides funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to support their engagement with Australia's

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emerging large-scale renewable hydrogen producers and to increase their capacity to represent the interests of their communities with project developers.

- (3) The funding will enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to engage with renewable hydrogen project developers and planning processes, including through:
- a. procuring independent technical, environmental, or financial advice on projects; and
  - b. supporting a community representative to engage with project developers; and
  - c. developing education materials and training programs.
- (4) The purpose of the program is to contribute to the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to engage with industry and ensure their perspectives, culture and traditions can be incorporated into the development and implementation of renewable hydrogen projects.

## **6 Specified legislative power**

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the power of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the people of any race for whom it is deemed necessary to make special laws (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxvi) of the Constitution) is specified.