



Media Release

ARENA Board Announcement

Today the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) welcomed 6 new directors to its Board.

Environment Minister Mr Greg Hunt announced today that 6 new directors have been appointed to the ARENA Board for a two year term. Martijn Wilder AM, Susan Jeanes, Meg McDonald, Dr Katherine Woodthorpe, Maria Atkinson AM and Jonathan Jutsen join Environment Department Secretary Gordon de Brouwer who is already a Director. Mr Martijn Wilder has also been appointed as ARENA Chair.

ARENA's Board is a skills based decision making body, responsible for recommending the Agency's annual general funding strategy to the Minister, setting detailed investment priorities, overseeing the running of the organisation and approving project funding.

ARENA CEO Ivor Frischknecht welcomed the appointment of the new Board directors, saying that he and the rest of the agency's team looked forward to working with them.

In welcoming the incoming ARENA directors, Mr Frischknecht wanted to thank those directors whose terms ended earlier this year.

"ARENA is indebted to all former directors for their dedication, knowledge, and guidance during the agency's formative years.

Mr Frischknecht also welcomed the new Board as another vote of confidence in the agency. "We are excited about continuing to play a pivotal role in fostering the development and deployment of renewable energy, and will build on our portfolio of over 200 projects by continuing to assess high-value project proposals in our existing funding pipeline."

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About ARENA

ARENA was established by the Australian Government to make renewable energy technologies more affordable and increase the supply of renewable energy in Australia. Through the provision of funding coupled with deep commercial and technical expertise, ARENA provides the support needed to accelerate the development of promising new solutions towards commercialisation. ARENA invests in renewable energy projects across the innovation chain and is committed to sharing knowledge and lessons learned from its portfolio of projects and information about renewable energy. ARENA always looks for at least matched funding from the projects it supports and to date has committed \$1.1 billion in funding to more than 250 projects. For more information, visit www.arena.gov.au.