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Aims and Objectives of the 2025 Catalyst

- Offer exclusive briefings from policy and business leaders on framework, pace and priorities for transition
- Match investment with opportunity at scale between the UK and Australia
- Build bridge between critical minerals and batteries
- Lift knowledge exchange on the role of gas in transition
- Champion Australia's COP31 bid
- Explore pioneering solutions for green energy and carbon reduction
- Build knowledge to deliver regional transition and future jobs

Meet the new players as the Australian British Energy Transition and Investment Catalyst returns to the UK

The Australian British Energy Transition and Investment Catalyst (ABETIC) returns to London in 2025, with the UK's brand new energy framework under Great British Energy.

Hear the latest on navigating energy transition and investment, grid thinking and market operation, the data centre phenomenon, critical minerals to batteries and who is ahead in pioneer technologies.

Delegate Tickets

Member: \$5,000 | **Non Member:** \$5,500

Please note the ticket price does not include travel and accommodation, however, the Chamber has organised a discounted group hotel booking in London. For more information, please contact Jennifer Cramond at jcramond@britishchamber.com

[Register Here](#)

Monday 30 June

Location: Macquarie, 28 Ropemaker Street, London EC2Y 9HD

8:30	Delegate arrival and Registration
8:45	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
8:50	Welcome: Adam Hain , Senior Managing Director, Global Head of Infrastructure Advisory and Co-Head of UK, Macquarie
8:55	Welcome: His Excellency the Hon Stephen Smith , Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom
9:15	<p>Energy Transition – the near term 2025-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Progress on Targets, pace resets▪ Managing the trilemma – cost, carbon and energy security <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Nicole Lockwood, Chair, Infrastructure WA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Julian Critchlow, Advisory Partner, Bain and Co▪ Gareth Ramsay, Head of Energy Transition & Systems Analysis, bp▪ Albert Cheung, Deputy CEO, BloombergNEF▪ Michael Eakins, Group Chief Investment Officer, Phoenix Group
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Transition Leadership Keynote: The Rt Hon Alok Sharma KCMG , Chair, UK Transition Finance Council
11:30	Australia – the Transition Path: Shane Gaddes , Head of Division, Net Zero Industries Division, Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
11:50	<p>Criticality of Investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Government Landscape▪ The Corporate Landscape <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Zoe Whitton, Managing Director, Head of Strategy and Impact, Pollination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bridget Rosewell CBE, Director, National Wealth Fund▪ Saul Kavonic, Head of Energy, MST Financial
12:30	Lunch
13:30	UK Treasury Keynote
14:00	<p>The Global Investment Mindset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What's hot and what's not in assets and markets▪ The drivers of money flow

	<p>Panel discussion moderated by: Ticky Fullerton, CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark Dooley, Global Head of Green Investment Group, Macquarie ▪ Chris Hulatt, Founder, Octopus Group ▪ Damien Webb, Deputy Chief Investment Officer & Head of International, Aware Super ▪ Niall Mills, Global Head, Igneo Infrastructure Partners ▪ David Whiteley, Global Head External Relations, IFM Investors
15:00	Afternoon Tea
15:30	<p>Frontier Energy Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hydrogen Enabler ▪ Green Steel, Green Iron ▪ Liquified Air <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lucy Nation, Country President, bp Australia ▪ Emily Sykes, Director, Energy Transition Funds, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners ▪ Richard Butland, Co-Founder & CEO, Highview Power
16:30	‘The Disrupter’, a fireside chat with Jon Paull , COO, Octopus Energy Group
17:00	<p>Close at Macquarie</p> <p><i>Coach will take delegates from Macquarie to Australia House</i></p>
18:00	Evening Reception at Australia House hosted by His Excellency the Hon Stephen Smith , Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

Tuesday 1 July

Location: A&O Shearman, One Bishops Square, London E1 6AD

8:30	Delegate arrival and Registration
8:50	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
8:55	Welcome: David Lee , Global Co-Head of Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure, A&O Shearman
9:00	UK Ministerial Address: Michael Shanks MP , UK Minister for Energy
9:30	Great British Energy – the New Framework: Juergen Maier CBE FRS FREng , Chair, Great British Energy
10:00	National Grid <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The great grid upgrade▪ Regulating for transition Keynotes followed by a panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Akshay Kaul, Director General Infrastructure Group, Ofgem▪ Kate Hall, Enterprise Director for the Great Grid Upgrade Project, Arup▪ Laing O'Rourke
11:00	Morning Tea
11:30	The Market Operators Trilemma <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Keeping the Lights On▪ The Path to Net Zero and Flexibility▪ Pricing Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fintan Slye, CEO, National Electricity System Operator (NESO)▪ Associate Professor Tim Nelson, Chair, NEM Review Panel, Australian Government▪ Panel: Dani Alexander, CEO, UNSW Energy Institute
12:15	ESG Strategy and Shareholder Thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What's working▪ Understanding shareholders▪ Political imperative and COP31 Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Julian Critchlow , Advisory Partner, Bain and Co <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr Simon Harrison FREng FIET FEI FRSA, Global Head of Strategy, Mott MacDonald; UK Government Clean Power Commissioner▪ Zoe Whitton, Managing Director, Head of Strategy and Impact, Pollination▪ Stephanie Bashir, Founder, NEXA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel: Dr Kaitlin Shilling, Global Resilience & Adaptation Lead, Arup
13:15	Lunch
14:00	<p>Digital Spine Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power to exchange data securely Access to new markets and services <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Evans, Global Digital Energy Leader, Arup Professor Furong Li, Director of the Centre of Sustainable Power Distribution, University of Bath
14:30	<p>Gas and Energy intensive industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security in transition for regional neighbours Blue Hydrogen CCS <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Lucy Nation, Country President, bp Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Towns, Vice President Carbon Capture & Storage, bp Dr Chris Manson-Whitton, CEO, Progressive Energy Panel: Yasmin Allen AM, Non-Executive Director, Santos
15:30	Afternoon Tea
15:45	Tech Leadership in Transition: Marie-Pierre Paquin , Head of Science and Partnerships, Rio Tinto
16:15	<p>Carbon and Energy Markets – how far have we got?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest from Europe ACCU Markets <p>Keynote followed by a panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guy Turner, Head of Carbon Markets, MSCI Inc. Panel: James Schulz, CEO, Green Collar
17:00	Close at A&O Shearman
19:00	Catalyst Dinner at 116 Pall Mall with Catherine West MP, Minister for Indo-Pacific

Wednesday 2 July

Location: Royal Academy of Engineering, Prince Philip House, 3 Carlton House Terrace Westminster, London SW1Y 5DG (Hosted by Arup)

8:40	Delegate arrival and Registration
8:55	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:00	Welcome: Alan Thomson , Global Energy Leader, Arup
9:05	Welcome and Introduction: Angela Kelly PSM , Agent General for Western Australia
9:10	Western Australian Ministerial Energy Update Virtual Live Address: The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson BA MLA , Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation; Manufacturing; Skills and TAFE; Pilbara, Western Australia
9:30	Critical Minerals at the leading edge <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Strategic importance▪ Investment imperative▪ UK Australia supply chain logic Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Joyanne Manning , Global Resources and Critical Materials Business Leader, Arup <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sid Marris, Deputy CEO, Minerals Council of Australia▪ Dr Gavin Mudd, Director, UK Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre▪ Tim Reid, Chief Executive, UK Export Finance▪ Vikki Jeckell, CEO, Alkemy Investments
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Batteries – the Transition Enabler <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The battery vision▪ The investment picture▪ Manufacturing skills pathway Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Sid Marris , Deputy CEO, Minerals Council of Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ James Basden, Founder Director, Zenobē▪ Tim Engstrom, Managing Director, Elysia▪ Panel: Niall Brady, Head of Solar and Battery Storage, Clean Energy Finance Corporation▪ Panel: Professor Rosa Wells, Dean for STEM and FE Principal, University College Birmingham

12:00	<p>Offshore Wind</p> <p>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion by: Rosa Rotko, Project Director, Energy Transformation, Mott MacDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan Labbad, CEO, The Crown Estate ▪ Ben Wilson, CEO, National Grid Ventures ▪ Rob Mansley, Senior Managing Director, Macquarie Group
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p>Data Centres and AI – Satiating demand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PE and Big Tech players ▪ Data Centres as a new heat source <p>Keynote followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Paul McNerney, Europe Hub Clients & Markets Client Director, Laing O’Rourke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lewis McVey, Project Director, Mott MacDonald ▪ Others tbc
15:00	<p>The Nuclear Option - SMRs</p> <p>Keynote: Simon Bowen, Chair, Great British Nuclear</p> <p>Followed by a panel discussion moderated by: Andy Storer, Founder, NucCol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lord Iain McNicol, Chair, Nuclear Industry Association ▪ Alan Woods, Director, Strategy and Business Development, Rolls Royce SMR ▪ Laing O’Rourke
15:50	Short Break
16:00	<p>The Nuclear Option – Large scale nuclear</p> <p>Panel discussion moderated by: Andy Storer, Founder, NucCol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peter Anusas, General Manager, Empower ▪ Will Shackel, Founder, Nuclear for Australia
16:45	Catalyst Close

Thursday 3 July

Optional Site Visits

Delegates can choose between:

- **NESO's Control Room in Wokingham**
- **Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station**