

To the Director, Production Tax Incentives Unit,

Dear Director and consultation team,

The Australia Institute welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive consultation. Please find attached:

- A new briefing note, *Hope and hydrogen – Australia's hydrogen export charade*, responding to Question 1 in the consultation document. The key conclusion of this briefing note is that the HPTI is either radically under-resourced, or the Australian Government is not expecting a level of green hydrogen production beyond current levels of production of fossil fuel-derived hydrogen.
- Responding to Question 16 in the consultation paper, a new discussion paper, *Strings Attached: Ensuring Public Money Strengthens Labour Standards in Clean Industries*

Regarding Question 7: Please provide any feedback on the proposed emissions intensity threshold of 0.6kg of carbon dioxide equivalent up to the production gate.

- We note that 0.6kg is the [IEA's estimate](#) for best available technology emissions intensity for fossil gas derived hydrogen. In order to exclude fossil gas production and avoid potential greenwashing of fossil hydrogen, the HTPI should either:
 - Reduce this figure further, or
 - Clearly state that fossil fuel derived production will not be accepted.

We would be happy to provide further details.

Regards,

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