

Australian Jet Zero Council

7 March 2025

Communiqué

This communiqué covers matters considered by the Australian Jet Zero Council on 7 March 2025

The Australian Jet Zero Council (Council) held its fifth meeting on 7 March 2025 in Sydney.

The Council noted three guest presentations:

1. Sarah Millard, Director Asia Pacific, Environment and Facilitation, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) gave a presentation on the structure and functions of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) and the outcomes of their recent meeting.
2. Emily Marthaler, Growth Energy, United States gave a presentation on carbon accounting under two different models, the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation (GREET).
3. Azim Bin Norazmi, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) gave a presentation on IATA's work on its Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) registry.

The Council discussed the work that has occurred out of session on a refreshed workplan, and agreed to the [new workplan](#). Council discussed that some work outputs were not on the agenda for discussion at this meeting, due to ongoing out of session work, and that some work items may only be able to move forward as policy and regulatory developments occur. Members discussed four work items and how to take them forward. Discussions focused on the outcomes sought for these work items, with members agreeing on immediate actions to drive progress, and the Council members who would lead this work. The work items discussed were:

1. Work item 3. *SAF Accounting and framework for voluntary purchasing of SAF*. Members agreed that a working group comprised of Boeing, Virgin and Qantas would be established to drive this work forward. Members noted that engagement with the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW) and IATA would be beneficial in identifying actions that could generate progress towards establishing a robust book and claim framework that maintains climate integrity.
2. Work item 4. *Supporting regional aviation decarbonisation in Australia with hydrogen in aviation*. Members agreed that a working group would be established for this work item and work would be undertaken out of session to agree on recommendations for the first phase of work to discuss at the next meeting in 2025.

3. Work item 6. *Facilitating a collaborative approach in the region to enable SAF development.* Members agreed that the Low Carbon Fuel Alliance of Australia and New Zealand would lead a working group with New Zealand organisations to examine the different policy differences across the Asia Pacific as an interim work output. Council also discussed the opportunities in the new workplan to collaborate with partner countries other than New Zealand and noted that there may be opportunities to undertake this through this workstream, but it would be important to consider international engagement already occurring.
4. Work item 7. *Feedstock market development.* Members agreed that Graincorp would work on the barriers and opportunities in developing the feedstock supply chain to support domestic SAF production. Graincorp noted that there is value in engaging with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry while developing this advice to government.

Council discussed that the next meeting would aim to be held by mid-2025, ideally in July and that an indicative forward meeting schedule would be for meetings to be held every four months.