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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN HYDROGEN CENTRE**

AusNet Services has welcomed the announcement today of funding of \$1.28 million, from the Federal Government's Australian Renewable Energy Agency, to establish the Australian Hydrogen Centre (AHC).

AusNet Services is a founding member of the AHC along with SA's Department for Energy and Mining, Victoria's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Australian Gas Networks, and leading renewable energy companies, ENGIE and Neoen.

The AHC are working on studies to explore the feasibility of blending green hydrogen into natural gas networks in South Australia and Victoria.

AusNet Services' General Manager for Gas, Joanne Soysa, said that AusNet Services gas and electricity transmission staff as well as other founding members, have been actively involved with these studies.

"We're proud to work with industry and government on this innovative project to deliver a potential pathway to decarbonise the Victorian and South Australian gas distribution networks," Ms Soysa said.

The feasibility studies are expected to be completed in January 2022.