



Review on Industry Associations' positions on climate change policy

Origin is a member of a number of industry associations which often have a broad range of members and views. Origin uses its memberships to understand the views of other industry participants and present and advocate its views on relevant policy, particularly in relation to climate change and climate related policy. While there may not be full alignment across industry representatives on some key policy areas, we may remain a member of an industry association with whom we don't have complete alignment on the basis that through our advocacy we can make our views known and ultimately influence the industry association and the members of the association.

Origin has undertaken a review of relevant industry associations in respect to their climate change and climate related policy. The review identified both areas of alignment and areas of difference. Where there are areas of difference we seek to influence the relevant industry association and its members through constructive dialogue.

The commentary below summarises the publicly stated climate change policy positions of the key industry associations that Origin is a member of and compares their positions to ours.

Australian Energy Council

The Australian Energy Council is a member of the Australian Climate Roundtable (ACR) which was established to allow members to formulate common ground in the climate policy debate. The principles of the ACR include:

- Recognising the major parties' bipartisan goal of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius.
- Achieving this goal will require deep global emissions reductions, with most countries including Australia eventually reducing net greenhouse emissions to zero or below.
- Policy should allow Australia to meet its short and long term emissions reduction goals at least cost.
- Policy should prevent the unnecessary loss of competitiveness by Australia's trade exposed industries.
- Policy should recognise the strategic importance of reducing emissions from the energy sector in achieving the overall goal.

The review identified a strong alignment with Origin's climate principles and goals. We will continue to use the Australian Energy Council as a forum to build a common ground on climate policy in Australia aligned with these principles.

Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA)

APPEA is the peak national body representing Australia's oil and gas exploration and production industry. APPEA supports a national climate change policy that delivers greenhouse gas emissions reductions at the least cost and facilitates broad-based investment decisions consistent with an international price on carbon.

APPEA's climate change policy principles are:

- International engagement is crucial.
- Climate Change and energy policies must be integrated and harmonised.
- Climate change adaptation strategies are necessary.
- Climate policy must not compromise national or global economic development or energy security.

The review identified a high level of broad alignment. However, we note that APPEA lacks details around its climate change policy principles. We will continue to advocate the association and its

members on the need to support national targets based on climate science that are aligned to the Paris Agreement goals.

Business Council of Australia (BCA)

The BCA represents the chief executives of Australia's largest employers and is a member of the Australian Climate Roundtable. The BCA supports:

- Climate Change Science and the Paris Agreement.
- Australia's 26-28% Paris emissions reduction target, noting that this is a sensible and achievable starting point, and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- A regular review of Australia's national emissions reduction target as required under the Paris Agreement.
- Transition to a low emissions economy that does not put our standards of living at risk.
- A carbon price signal.
- Investment in renewable and low emissions power and storage.
- De-carbonisation of energy sector.

The review identified a strong alignment with Origin's climate principles and goals. However, we do not support the BCA's commentary on using carry-over credits for Australia to meet its current National Determined Contribution target and we have reinforced this position to the BCA.

We will continue to advocate our position regarding carry-over credits and the need to support national targets based on climate science that are aligned to the Paris Agreement goals.

We believe the benefits of BCA membership, and the fact that we are broadly aligned, outweigh any concerns around the areas where our opinions may diverge.

Clean Energy Council (CEC)

The Clean Energy Council is the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia. The CEC is committed to accelerating the transformation of Australia's energy system to one that is smarter and cleaner. The CEC's position on energy and climate change policy is:

- The Federal Government should provide leadership and support the transition of the sector by proceeding with the National Energy Guarantee (or an equivalent policy) that will provide much needed investment certainty.
- This should include clear targets for emissions reduction that will ensure decarbonisation of the energy sector well before 2050.
- Accelerate reforms to support the deployment of energy storage, including streamlining of grid connection processes and requirements.
- Build strong leadership and cooperation with state and territory governments in accelerating regulatory reform to remove barriers and level the playing field for renewable energy and storage projects.
- In the absence of federal leadership, state governments should play a crucial role in providing leadership to underpin investment confidence and new investment.

The review identified a strong alignment between the CEC and Origin on climate principles and goals. We will continue to work with the CEC as a forum to build a common ground on climate policy in Australia and support the deployment of renewable energy and storage.

Gas Energy Australia (GEA)

Gas Energy Australia is the national peak body that represents the domestic use of gaseous fuels including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). GEA focuses on policy that support greater use of gaseous fuels. GEA's position on energy policy is:

- Work with Australian governments to support cleaner air and improved health outcomes through greater use of gaseous fuels.

- Work with Australian governments to support policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions given the inherent low carbon content of gaseous fuels.
- Advocate for government policy, procurement and other support to treat all cleaner energy sources equally.
- Build awareness of the benefits of cleaner, affordable gaseous fuels to the Australian community.
- Work with Australian governments to encourage greater use of gaseous fuels to power regional and remote Australian communities and fuel bus, ferry and train services.

The review identified broad alignment with Origin's climate principles and goals. We will continue to work with GEA to promote the use of gaseous fuels as part of Australia's transition to a low carbon emissions energy system.

Queensland Resources Council (QRC)

The QRC represents the commercial developers of Queensland's mineral and energy resources. The QRC's position on energy and climate change is:

- Queensland's resource industry supports global action on climate change.
- The global need to reduce emissions has clear implications for Queensland's energy policy.
- Achieving an orderly transition to a low emission economy needs policy stability to minimise costs.
- Climate adaptation requires a concerted focus to ensure Queensland communities remain resilient.

The review identified a weak alignment and a lack of details around QRC's position on energy and climate change. Further, the QRC has voiced its support for a new high-efficiency low-emissions coal-fired power station to be built in Australia. We do not support the construction of any new coal fired power stations in Australia.

We continue to believe that the benefits of membership of the QRC outweigh concerns about where our opinions may differ. Further, we will continue to advocate our position against the construction of any new coal-fired power stations in Australia and the need to support national targets based on climate science that are aligned to the Paris Agreement goals.