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FACET Symposium 2026

26 October - FACET Annual Symposium

Banquet Hall, Level 1, SMC Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street | Corner Goulburn & Castlereagh Streets, Haymarket, NSW 2000

27 October - FACET Workshop | Industrialising Critical Minerals

IMARC, Room 3.8, ICC Sydney, 14 Darling Drive
Sydney NSW 2000

FACET Symposium 2026

Agenda - Monday 26 October

Morning



8:00 Welcome Coffee and Networking

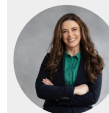
8:30 Opening Session



MC
Prof. Alan Duffy
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Flagship
Initiatives | **Swinburne**
University of Technology



WELCOME TO COUNTRY
Binowee Bayles
Distinguished Koori woman
Gadigal Country of Redfern,
Sydney



Prof. Bronwyn Fox AO
Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Research & Enterprise)
UNSW Sydney



H.E. David Martinon
Ambassador of France to
Australia



Dr. Marjorie O'Neill MP
NSW Parliamentary Secretary
for Transport
NSW Government



Sarah Cumming
Co-Director
FACET



Gordon Chakaodza
Co-Director
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9:30 Coffee break

9:50 Sovereign Energy - Reinventing Hard to Abate Fuels



SESSION MODERATOR
Gordon Chakaodza
Co-Director
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Christian Douglas
Future Energy Architecture
Lead, Energy and Utilities
Downer Group



Stephen Foreshaw
Chief Representative Australia
& APAC
Airbus



PANEL MODERATOR
Belinda Passwell
Group Sustainability Officer &
Head of Partnerships APAC
Sparfell Airways SA



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Graincorp



Matt Hudson
Executive Manager
Sustainable
Aviation Fuel
Qantas



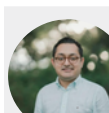
Dr. Julie Mougins
Deputy Director
for Hydrogen
Technologies
CEA

10:50 Morning Tea

11:10 Integrating Systems and building resilient infrastructure, ports, airports and corridors



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Gordon Chakaodza
Co-Director
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A/Prof. Rahman Daiyan
Scientia Fellow & ARC DECRA Fellow
School of Minerals & Energy Resources
Engineering | Deputy-Director, ARC
Centre of Excellence for Carbon
Science & Innovation
UNSW Sydney



PANEL MODERATOR
Katerina Aleksoska
Director
Critical Advisory



Claire Gauthier
Head of the Circular Carbon
Economy Program for
Synthetic Fuels and Biofuels,
New Energy Technologies
and Renewable Energy
CEA



Clare Grandison
Senior Policy Advisor,
Sustainability
Maritime Industry
Australia Ltd



Patrick Sieb
Partner
Climate Tech
Partners

12:10 Lunch

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Afternoon



13:30 Next-Generation Power Systems: Flexibility, Electrification, and Emerging Loads - Challenge or Opportunity?



PANEL MODERATOR
Dani Alexander
CEO
UNSW Energy Institute



Prof. Nouredine Hadj-Said
Université Grenoble Alpes



Grant King
Chair
Transgrid & UNSW Energy
Institute's Industry Advisory
Board



Shayne Kumar
Head of Energy
NEXTDC



Lisa Zembrodt
Principal and Senior Director,
Sustainability Business
Schneider Electric

15:00 Afternoon Tea

15:15 Beyond Batteries: Building Integrated Energy Storage Ecosystems



PANEL MODERATOR
Dr. Chathurika Mediwaththe
Research Scientist
CSIRO



Elisabeth Balding
Deputy CEO
EDF Australia



Aymeric Canton
Head of the Storage & Flexibility
Solutions (SSF) Program
CEA



Matt Pellow
Energy Storage Lead -
Future Network & Markets
Endeavour Energy



**Prof. Mehdi
Seyedmahmoudian**
Director
Siemens-Swinburne Energy
Transition Hub

16:45 Closing Notes



Prof. Alan Duffy
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Flagship
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17:00 Cocktails and Networking: Marble Foyer

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FACET Workshop

Industrialising Critical Minerals

Tuesday 27 October 2026 - 13.30-15.30



13:30 Welcome



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**INTERNATIONAL
MINING AND
RESOURCES
CONFERENCE**

13:35 Fireside Chat: From mine to market – bridging the capital gap



Benjamin Gallezot
France's Interministerial
Delegate for Strategic
Minerals and Metals
Supplies



John Hopkins
Managing Director & CEO
Export Finance Australia



Moderated by
Sarah Cumming
Co-Director
FACET

14:05 Industrialising Critical Minerals: Aligning Mining, Refining and Strategic Value Chains



Moderated by
Stéphanie Riché
Head of the Materials Circular
Economy Programme
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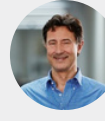
Stéphane Bourg
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Charles Vuillier
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Remining, Reprocessing and
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15:25 Closing remarks



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15:30 Networking



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