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# SPEAKER LINE-UP FEATURING:



**Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA**  
Minister Energy and Decarbonisation;  
Manufacturing; Skills and TAFE; Pilbara



**Richard Cohen**  
Managing Director Rail, Port & Core Services,  
Rio Tinto Iron Ore



**Tim Day**  
Western Australian Iron Ore Asset President,  
BHP



**Ricky Corker**  
Chief Executive, Enterprise & Government,  
Vocus



**Sarah Carter**  
Project Director,  
Australian Renewable Energy Hub, operated by bp



**Craig Blizzard**  
Chief Technology Officer,  
Pacific Energy



**Mike Rinaudo**  
Head of Defence,  
DT Infrastructure



**Dr Kate George**  
Principal Consultant,  
Claypan Consulting



**Professor Peter Yu**  
Vice-President (First Nations)  
Australian National University



**Craig Ricato**  
CEO,  
Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation



**Clare Pope**  
Partner,  
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**Breyden Lonnie**  
Vice President North West Shelf,  
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**Virginia Miltrup**  
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Group General Manager – Mining, Energy & Construction,  
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Capabilities Group, Australian Defence Force



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Chief Executive Officer,  
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**Richard Laufmann**  
CEO,  
Azure Minerals



**Samuel McSkimming**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
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**Benjamin Gallezot**

*Interministerial Delegate on Strategic Metals and Minerals,  
The Prime Minister's Office, France*



**Ms Siriana Nair**

*U.S. Consul General to Western Australia*



**Nick Deeks**

*Technical Director – Hydrology,  
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**Rachael Smith**

*Executive General Manager Commercial and Growth,  
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**Kass Nofz**

*Group Manager of Asset & Materials Management,  
Fortescue*



**Darren Hill**

*Executive General Manager Pilbara Transmission Planning,  
Horizon Power*



**Dr Peter Turner**

*Managing Director,  
Kairos Minerals Ltd*



**Sarah Whelan**

*CEO,  
Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce &  
Industry (KDCCI)*



**Nick Tidmarsh**

*Managing Director,  
Pilbara Ecological*



**Andrew Nicholls**

*General Manager Carbon Capture & Storage,  
Woodside Energy*



**His Excellency Kazuhiro Suzuki**

*Ambassador of Japan*



**Tim Bray**

*Acting Coordinator of Energy, Energy Policy WA, and  
Deputy Director General, Department of Energy, Mines,  
Industry Regulation and Safety*



**Darren Rogers**

*Group Executive Energy Solutions,  
APA Group*



**Luke Bennett**

*Head of Sales,  
Koch Solutions Australia*



**Glenn Jardine**

*Managing Director,  
De Grey Mining*



**George Wilkinson**

*Manager, City Growth,  
City of Karratha*



**Natalie Jones**

*Newman Innovation Hub Lead,  
CORE Innovation Hub*



**Masoud Abshar**

*Managing Director,  
Magellan Power*



**Ashlee Tucker**

*Managing Director,  
Shift Diesel & Earth*



**Rebecca Tomkinson**

*Chief Executive Officer,  
Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA*





# DAY 1: Wednesday 25 June 2025

7:45 Registration & Morning Coffee

8:40 **EVENT OPENING**

Alexandra Bennet, *Conference Director, Informa Connect*

8:40 **Welcome to Country**

8:50 Remarks from the Chair

8:45 **Welcome to the Region**

Daniel Scott, *Mayor, City of Karratha*

8:50 **MINISTERIAL ADDRESS**

Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, **Minister Energy and Decarbonisation; Manufacturing; Skills and TAFE; Pilbara**

9:10 Session to be advised

**KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

9:30 **Gilbert + Tobin**

Clare Pope, *Partner, Gilbert+Tobin*

10:00 **Rio Tinto Iron Ore**

Richard Cohen, *Managing Director Rail, Port & Core Services, Rio Tinto Iron Ore*

10:20 **Woodside Energy**

Breyden Lonnie, *Vice President North West Shelf, Woodside Energy*

10:40 **BHP**

Tim Day, *Western Australian Iron Ore Asset President, BHP*

11:00 Networking & Refreshment Break

11:50 **Regional Overview**

Simon Taylor, *Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission*

12:00 **Engineering extreme efficiency: Australian miners' path to global success**

Ricky Corker, *Chief Executive, Enterprise & Government, Vocus*

12:20 **City of Karratha**

Virginia Milstrup, *Chief Executive Officer, City of Karratha*

12:40 **Future-Proofing with Fibre: Why resilient digital connectivity is key to harnessing the power of AI and new data intensive technologies to support sustained growth, safety and operational excellence.**

Glen Tommy, *Group General Manager – Mining, Energy & Construction, Telstra Enterprise*

12:55 **Q&A**

Vocus

City of Karratha

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**INTERNATIONAL ADDRESSES**

1:05 **Government address from France**

Benjamin Gallezot, *Interministerial Delegate on Strategic Metals and Minerals, The Prime Minister's Office, France*

1:15 **Japanese Ambassadors Address**

His Excellency Kazuhiro Suzuki, *Ambassador of Japan*

1:25 **US Consul General Address**

Ms Siriana Nair, *U.S. Consul General to Western Australia*

1:35 Networking & Lunch Break



# DAY 1: Wednesday 25 June 2025

## 2:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **First Nations embracing opportunities**

- Consultation, engagement, and shared benefits
- Successful and respectful partnerships
- Shared learnings across regions

Professor Peter Yu, *Vice-President (First Nations)*,  
**Australian National University**

Craig Ricato, *CEO*, **Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation**

## 2:55 **Policy, Partnership and Demand: Striking a balance on the journey to net zero**

Sarah Carter, *Project Director*,  
**Australian Renewable Energy Hub, operated by bp**

## 3:10 **Addressing the crossroads between isolation and interconnection – an Independent Power Providers (IPP) perspective**

Craig Blizard, *Chief Technology Officer*, **Pacific Energy**

## 3:25 **Navigating Water-Related Climate Risks: Building Resilience for Critical Infrastructure in the Pilbara**

Climate change is increasing both current and future risks to critical infrastructure in the Pilbara, including mining facilities, power transmission and transportation networks, as well as coastal assets. The intensifying frequency and severity of water-related climate change impacts, particularly extreme rainfall events, pose significant challenges. Ignoring these risks or relying solely on worst-case scenario planning is not a sustainable approach in the face of scientific and commercial uncertainties. This presentation will introduce a practical framework for assessing and prioritising assets based on quantifiable climate risks and uncertainties. For assets and infrastructure with critical water-related risks, we will provide examples of mitigation strategies that are resilient, adaptable, and cost-effective - aimed at minimising unnecessary investments while safeguarding vital infrastructure for generation to come.

Nick Deeks, *Technical Director – Hydrology*, **GHD**

## 3:35 **Q&A**

**Pacific Energy**

**Australian Renewable Energy Hub**

**GHD**

## 3:45 **Networking & Refreshment Break**

## 4:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **Pilbara Ports update and future outlook**

Samuel McSkimming, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Pilbara Ports**

### **Closing the Gap and improving energy equity in remote Aboriginal communities**

Darren Hill, *Executive General Manager Pilbara Transmission Planning*, **Horizon Power**

### **Western Australia's energy backbone**

Rachael Smith, *Executive General Manager Commercial and Growth*, **AGIG Operations**

### **Decarbonising the Pilbara through reliable and lower emissions energy**

Darren Rogers, *Group Executive Energy Solutions*, **APA Group**

## 5:30 **Q&A**

**Pilbara Ports**

**AGIG Operations**

**APA Group**

**Horizon Power**

## 5:45 **CLOSING** | End of Conference Day One

## 5:45 – 7:15 **Networking Drinks**





# DAY 2: Thursday 26 June 2025

8:00	Registration & Morning Coffee
8:30	<b>Day 2 Opening</b> Alexandra Bennet, <i>Conference Director, Informa Connect</i>
8:35	Opening remarks from the Chair
8:40	<b>The Pilbara Chamber Alliance – Stronger Together</b> Sarah Whelan, <i>CEO, Karratha &amp; Districts Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (KDCCI)</i>
8:50	<b>Unlocking the Pilbara's Renewable Potential: A Strategic Partnership for Decarbonisation and Diversification</b> Tim Bray, <i>Acting Coordinator of Energy, Energy Policy WA, and Deputy Director General, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</i>
9:05	<b>First Nations Clean Energy Strategy - Creating opportunities, guiding investment and policy</b> Dr Kate George, <i>Principal Consultant, Claypan Consulting</i>
9:20	<b>A Shared Interest – Realising National Defence Strategy objectives and building resilience in the Pilbara Region</b> Major General Jason Walk AM, <i>Head National Support, National Support Division, Joint Capabilities Group, Australian Defence Force</i>
9:35	<b>Forging a Resilient and Sustainable Future</b> The Pilbara faces evolving challenges in defence, energy, and strategic security, which is why strengthening these sectors is more important than ever. The presentation will explore the critical need for improved defence capabilities, energy generation and transmission, and resilient infrastructure in the region — and examine the powerful role First Nations engagement plays in shaping these solutions. Mike Rinaudo, <i>Head of Defence, DT Infrastructure</i>
9:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Claypan Consulting Australian Defence Force DT Infrastructure
10:05	<b>More than a quarry: Value adding in the Pilbara</b> Joe Allen, <i>COO, Azure Minerals</i>
10:20	<b>The evolution of skills requirements as we move into a decarbonised world</b> Kass Nofz, <i>Group Manager of Asset &amp; Materials Management, Fortescue</i>
10:30	<b>Pilbara – A New Dawn</b> Glenn Jardine, <i>Managing Director, De Grey Mining</i>
10:40	<b>Developing a significant Gold Mine (next to a significant Lithium Mine) in the Pilbara</b> Dr Peter Turner, <i>Managing Director, Kairos Minerals Ltd</i>
10:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Azure Minerals Fortescue De Grey Mining Kairos Minerals Ltd

11:05	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:45	<b>Driving the creation of local jobs and industry</b> Rebecca Brown, <i>Director General, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation</i>
12:00	<b>Partnering for Growth: Optimising &amp; Modernising Balance Machines – The OEM Advantage</b> Luke Bennett, <i>Head of Sales, Koch Solutions Australia</i>
12:10	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation Koch Solutions Australia
12:20	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>The power &amp; opportunity of co-location</b> — Opportunities for complimentary processes & industries — Facilitating the development of new lower-carbon industries — How can synergies improve project fundamentals, drive down energy costs, speed up assessments and minimising disruption to the land? Andrew Nicholls, <i>General Manager Carbon Capture &amp; Storage, Woodside Energy</i> Rebecca Tomkinson, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA</i> George Wilkinson, <i>Manager, City Growth, City of Karratha</i>
12:50	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>AI &amp; Data – The future for the region</b> — Enhancing Pilbara's Capabilities — Unlocking new digital opportunities and empowering the regions businesses — Opportunities to improve enhance living conditions — A big impact on automation & exploration
1:10	<b>Water Sustainability &amp; Security</b> — Strategic solutions, innovative approaches & adaptive strategies — Ensuring a holistic approach - social, operational, environmental and cultural factors — Collaboration's role to success
1:30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Building a solid future for the region and its people</b> Hear directly from local innovators, small business heroes, fast-moving companies and new operators to the region Natalie Jones, <i>Newman Innovation Hub Lead, CORE Innovation Hub</i> Nick Tidmarsh, <i>Managing Director, Pilbara Ecological</i> Masoud Abshar, <i>Managing Director, Magellan Power</i> Ashlee Tucker, <i>Managing Director, Shift Diesel &amp; Earth</i>
1:50	Closing remarks
1:55	Networking break & Lunch
2:30	Close of Pilbara 2025



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