

## Major Milestone for Victoria's World-First Hydrogen Project

**Latrobe Valley, Victoria:** The Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) Pilot Project today announced the commencement of operations at both Victorian sites of its world-first integrated supply chain.

HESC Project Partners, together with the Australian, Victorian, and Japanese Governments and distinguished guests today marked both milestone at the gasification and gas refining facility in the Latrobe Valley.

The HESC Pilot is developing a complete hydrogen supply chain, creating hydrogen gas via the gasification of Latrobe Valley coal, transport to the Port of Hastings for liquefaction, and shipment to Japan.

The commencement of the Australian arm of operations, using Latrobe Valley coal to produce hydrogen, is a world first and a great leap forward for the country's ambition to be a key player in the emerging global hydrogen economy.

The HESC Pilot is being delivered by a consortium of experienced industry partners from Japan and Australia including Kawasaki Heavy Industries, J-POWER, Iwatani Corporation, Marubeni Corporation, AGL and Sumitomo Corporation, supported by the Victorian, Australian and Japanese Governments.



"We estimate our project could reduce CO2 emissions