Clean energy is a strategic element in the Australia-India relationship. There is significant scope to build on our traditional links through clean energy as both countries are positioned to be renewable energy superpowers.

India’s extraordinary progress toward meeting its target of 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 is creating significant opportunities for Australia, across areas of policy, financial investment, technological capabilities, and material development. Similarly, there is significant scope for India to become a much bigger part of Australia’s energy transition, including as a major investor with opportunities for innovation, manufacturing, skills and jobs.

Energy transition is set to be a major engine for the bilateral relationship into the future. But presently, bilateral understanding of the opportunities, links and initiatives is underdeveloped.

“BETWEEN AUSTRALIA’S R&D, CLEAN TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE, AND RICH RESOURCES, AND INDIA’S MANUFACTURING SCALE, THERE IS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER ON OUR SHARED AMBITION TO MASSIVELY SCALE UP THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR THE TRANSFORMATION ALREADY UNDERWAY.”

The Hon. Chris Bowen
Australia’s Minister for Climate Change and Energy
Raisina Sydney Dialogue, 18 February 2023

OBJECTIVES
The Australia India Renewables Dialogue is a track 1.5 dialogue that will be delivered in partnership with Investment New South Wales, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Confederation of Indian Industry and the High Commission of India, Australia on the sidelines of the Australian Clean Energy Summit. The purpose is to bring together government, academic, and private sector leaders from India and Australia to explore the diverse opportunities created by both countries’ net-zero targets.

KEY AREAS OF BILATERAL INTEREST
- Sharing experiences between Indian and Australian business leaders for areas of cooperation and investment
- Considering ways in which Australia and India can complement each other in delivering clean energy
- Analysing how Australia and India can help bring together experts to discuss shared concerns and experiences
- Prioritising areas of most potential for bilateral cooperation and investment, and how these might be more strongly pursued
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Since its establishment in 2008, the Institute has established a reputation for high-quality research and analysis. We have built an influential network across business, government, think tanks and academia that has helped shape engagement with decision-makers in both countries.

With the support of our funding partners and donors, the Institute’s mission is to inform and mobilise Australian and Indian leaders and institutions to forge a stronger and more enduring relationship between our two countries.

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The Institute’s Sustainable Economies program focuses on sustainability in bilateral trade and investment, with a view to deepening economic ties between both countries. As the world strives to reduce global emissions, Australia and India hold a unique opportunity to lead the clean energy transition and become renewable energy superpowers.

The Sustainable Economies program complements the Institute’s other pillars: Security and Geopolitics; Cultural Diplomacy and International Education. By leveraging our expertise across these program areas, we provide thought leadership and set a positive agenda for the bilateral relationship.

“AUSTRALIA AND INDIA BOTH HAVE A COMMITMENT TO REACH NET ZERO, AND IT IS THROUGH DIALOGUE THAT WE CAN EXPLORE NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND OUR RENEWABLES CAPACITY AND REALISE OUR BILATERAL DECARBONISATION EFFORTS”.

The Hon Lisa Singh
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