



Building the next phase of renewable gas research

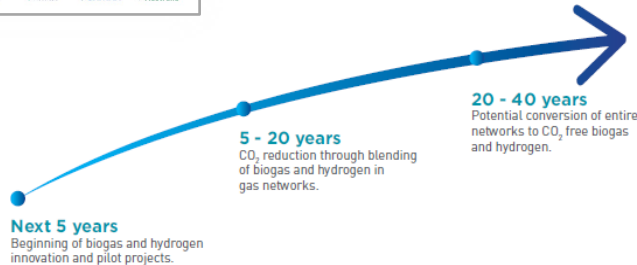
APGA Convention 2024 – David Norman - CEO

Future Fuels CRC is action-orientated, industry-led, applied research

118 projects and 50 PhD and Masters scholarships covering Hydrogen and Biomethane:

- **Future Fuel Technologies, Systems and Markets**
- **Social Acceptance, Public Safety, Security of Supply and Policy & Regulatory Changes**
- **Network Lifecycle Management**

Gas Vision 2050 (from March 2017)



Ongoing work on:
blending in distribution network,
general blending and de-blending,
repurposing assets and new assets for 100% H₂ capability, Biomethane potential and CO₂ transportation.

Future Fuels CRC participants

Long term, industry-led collaboration between 100 industry, all State governments and six academic organisations, co-funded by the National Government



International Collaborations



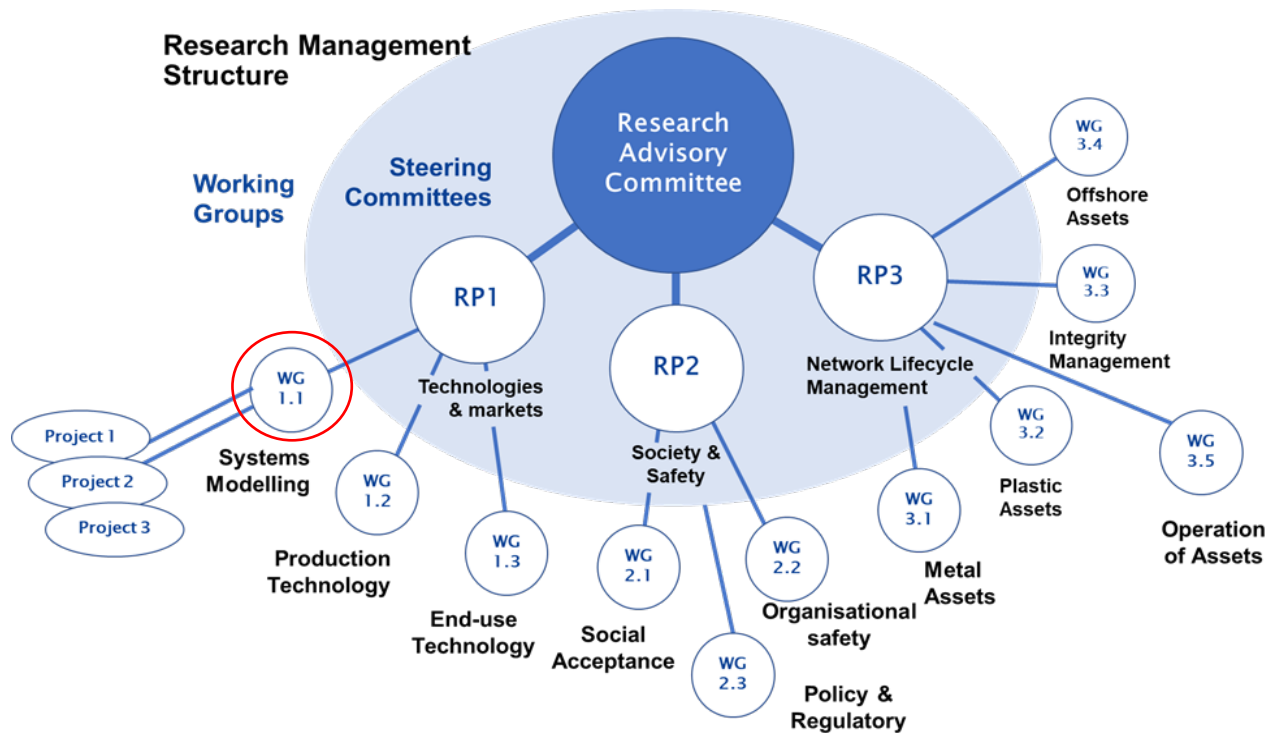
Delivering on our mission

Through collaboration and outcome focused research, we will enable Australia's energy sector to adapt its infrastructure to net zero emissions fuels by providing new knowledge and facilitating its use by industry.

People and Communications

- Community of 700
- Communication and engagement methods, seminars, virtual/videoconferences, webinars, research conferences
- Collaboration and spirit during COVID.
- Webinars supporting website
- Three years of Chemeca Hackathon Support
- Total PhD and Masters – 50
- 11 PhD's completed.
- 6 Masters completed.
- 6 working now in industry / government. Several continuing in post-doc's
- Ongoing Student Program





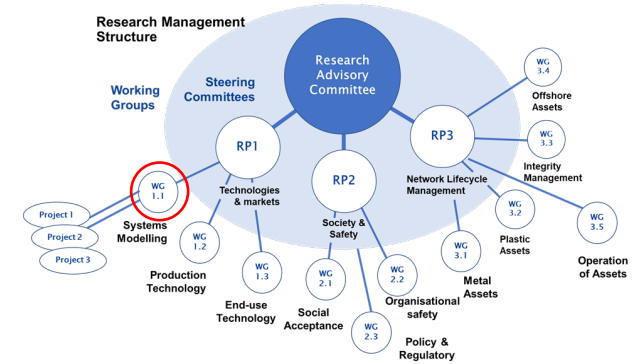
Integrated Systems Modelling

Series of projects to work on integrated of a future gas and electricity system:

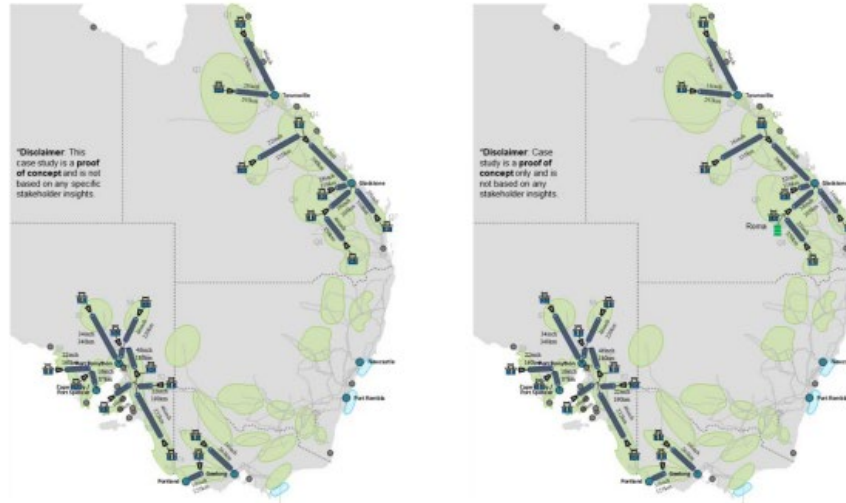
RP1.2-01A - Regional Case Studies on multi-energy system integration. Deeper dive on Electrification of Heat

RP1.1.02B - Transport and Storage Options of Future fuels

RP1.1-07 - Integrated electricity-hydrogen: future system and market interactions under different storage considerations”



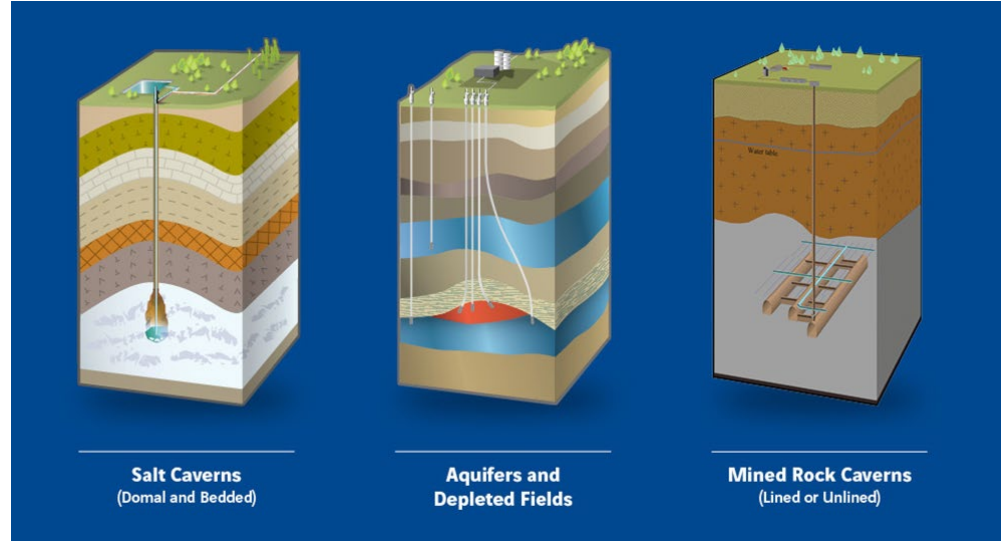
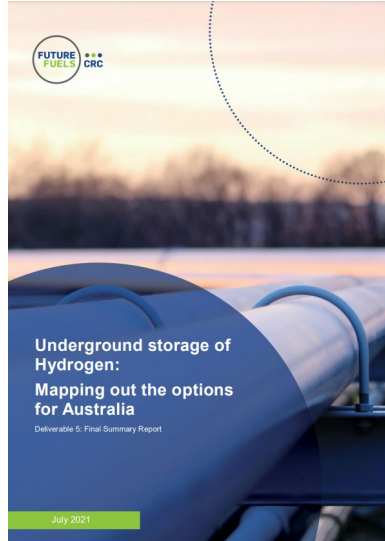
Optimal integrated transmission and storage infrastructure over a network

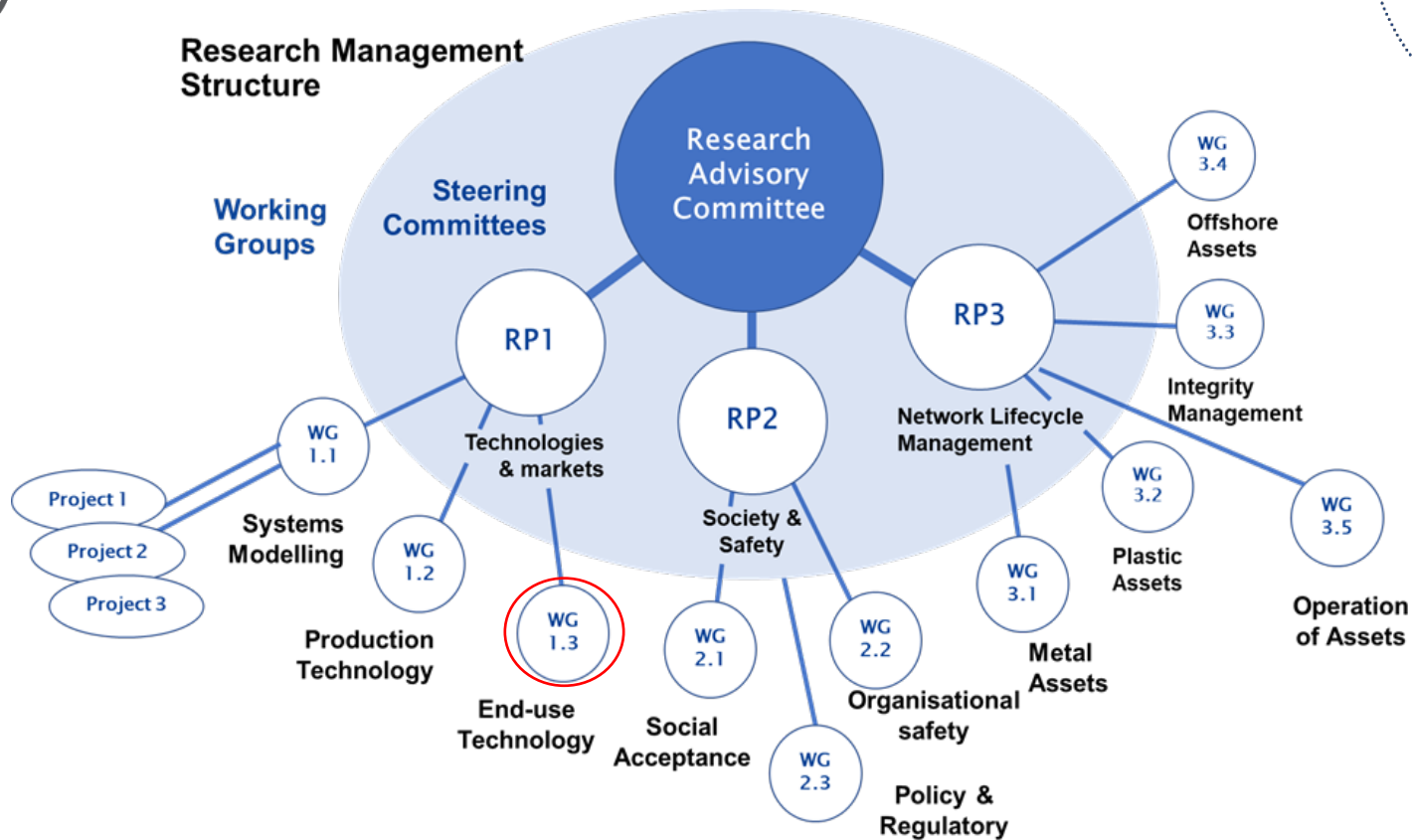


This report introduces a mathematical optimisation framework for finding the optimal greenfield integrated planning of electricity and hydrogen transmission and storage infrastructure and outlines related model outputs for three case studies

Underground Hydrogen Storage

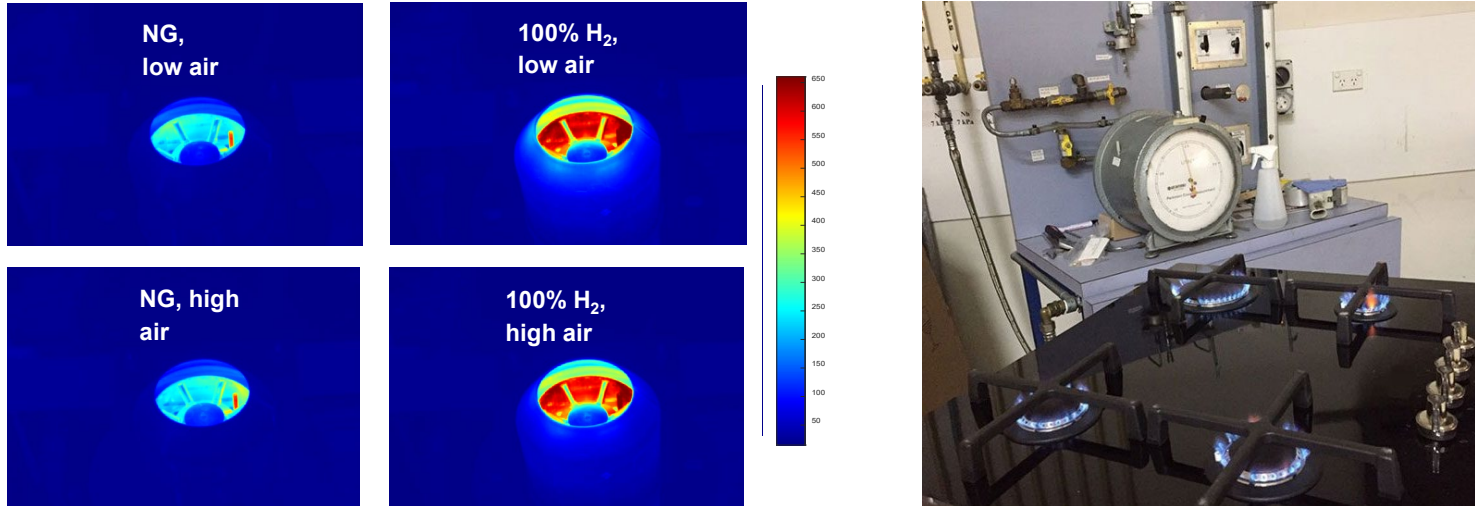
We identified a gap in knowledge of the opportunity and options, so delivered early with CSIRO:





Appliance research projects

Supporting long-term safety cases for hydrogen blending and appliance conversion to 100% H₂ in Type A and Type B appliances



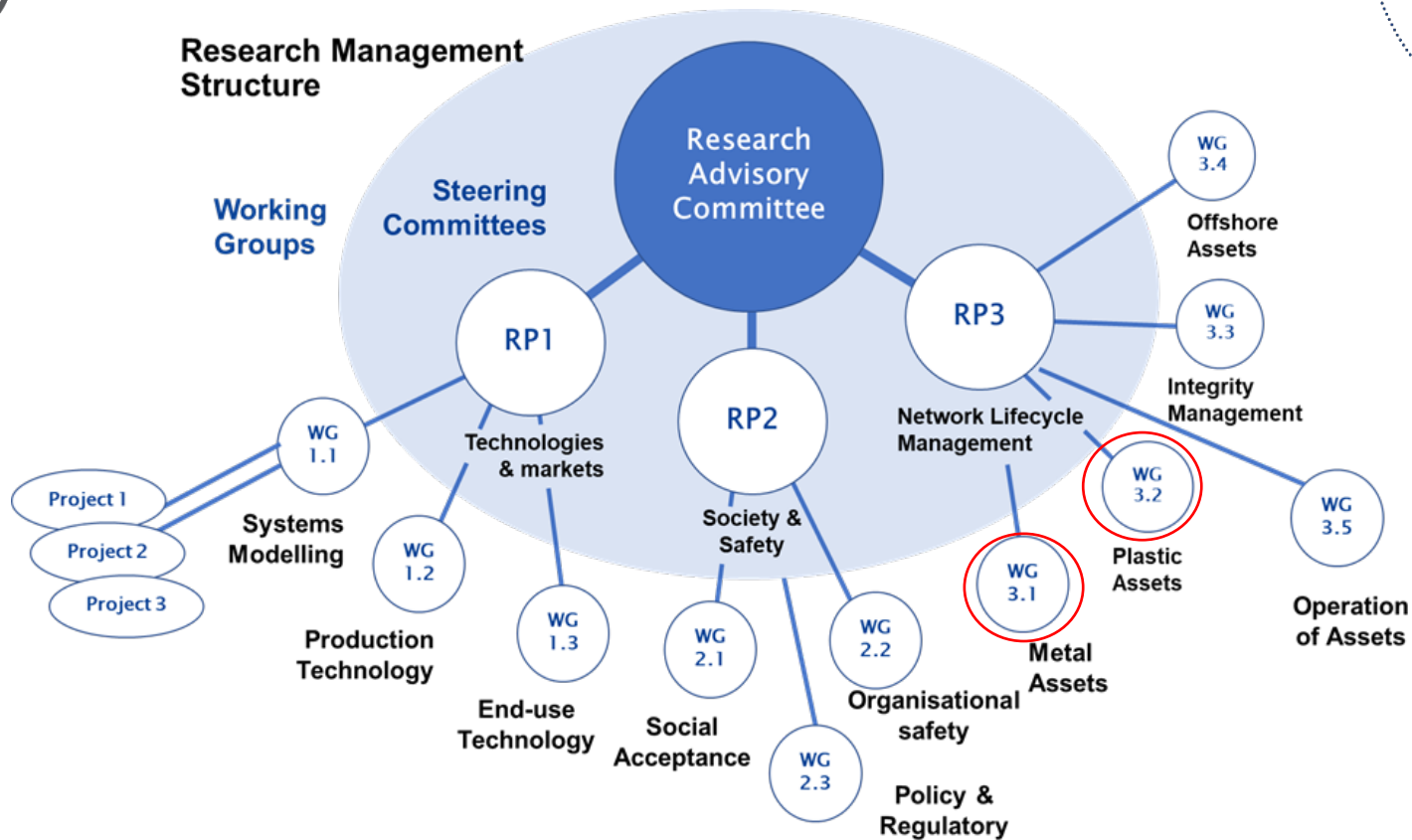
Hydrogen Park South Australia



Australia's first renewable gas blend supplied to existing customers

Hydrogen Park South Australia (HyP SA) is an Australian first to deliver a renewable hydrogen blend to customers on the existing gas network.





Plastics research at Deakin University

Long-term sandpit environment representing Australian 'as-installed' plastics networks



Photo: Deakin long-term plastics sandpit, Warrnambool

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Laboratory testing of plastics and elastomers with hydrogen



Photo: Deakin long-term plastics sandpit, Warrnambool and laboratories Waurn Ponds

Steels research ongoing focus on fracture mechanics research

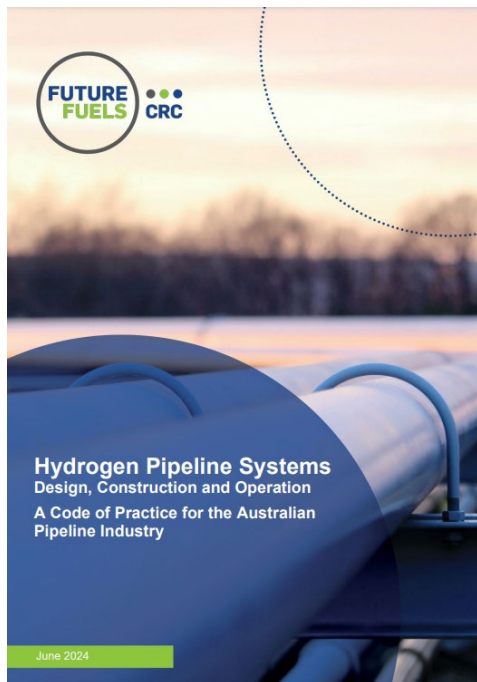
- University of Queensland, University of Wollongong and Deakin University.
- Hydrogen embrittlement
- Tensile strain
- Fracture initiation and propagation
- APA Parmelia Gas Pipeline assessment
- Hydrogen Pipeline Code of Practice
- Also corrosion, cathodic protection, coatings, welding, HDD testing, 3rd party interference

Steels: tensile testing in hydrogen

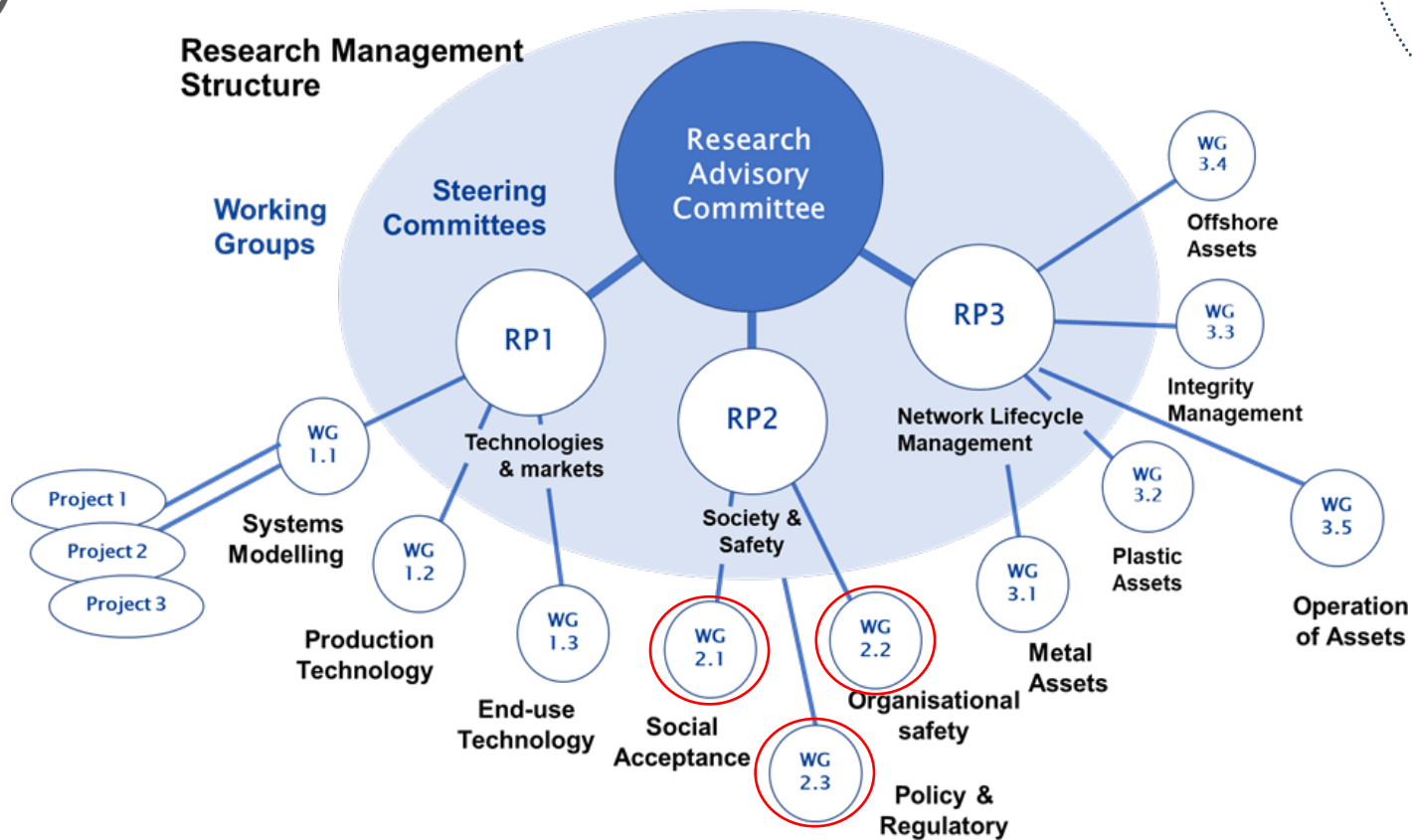
- SafeTi Lab at the University of Wollongong
- Overseas Labs now with testing backlog
- Crucial to ASME B31-12 Option B pathways
- Longer-term commercialisation in progress to provide testing asset for Australian industry
- Partnership now executed between Rosen and UoW



Hydrogen Pipeline Systems Code of Practice



No	CoP Chapter Title	AS 2885 Related Part / Section	Section Scope
Chapter 1	Introduction		
Chapter 2	Background	AS 2885 Part 0	Scope, background, scene setting. References research activities and knowledge gaps that remain to be closed
Chapter 3	Properties of Hydrogen / Process Considerations	N/A – specific to hydrogen fluid	Physical properties of H ₂ and H ₂ /CH ₄ blends. Guidance on how different impact process modelling, hydraulic simulation, and Safety in design considerations related to releases
Chapter 4	System Compatibility for H ₂ Service	AS 2885 Part 1 – Section 3 Pipeline Materials	Outlines impact of H ₂ on pipeline system piping materials, components and equipment – and their applicability for H ₂ service. Includes hydrogen compatibility reference tables for piping, components, equipment & devices.
Chapter 5	Carbon Steel Linepipe for H ₂ Service	AS 2885 Part 1 – Section 3 Pipeline Materials	Overview of hydrogen embrittlement, and impact to carbon steel linepipe materials; ductility, fracture initiation toughness, fatigue life / fatigue crack growth rate fracture propagation resistance
Chapter 6	Hydrogen Pipeline Design	AS 2885 Part 1 – Section 5 Pipeline Design	Principles for designing a carbon steel pipeline carrying hydrogen, and associated facilities design considerations
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Chapter 7	Welding	AS2885 Part 2 Welding	Outlines impacts of hydrogen on the properties of girth welds on carbon steel pipelines and suggests appropriate measures to mitigate these impacts
Chapter 8	Conversion of Existing Pipelines	AS2885 Part 3 – Section 10 Change of operating conditions	Outlines a requalification process – both the linepipe, as well as equipment and components and implications for stations/facilities
Chapter 9	Operations & Maintenance	AS2885 Part 3 O&M	Pipeline system integrity management, pipeline structural integrity and anomaly assessment and defect repair of hydrogen pipelines (new pipelines & conversion of existing assets)
Chapter 10	Composite Pipelines	AS2885 Part 1 - Appendix 5 Fibreglass Pipe Manufacture	Design principles, fluid service conditions and qualification requirements for high pressure (spoolable) composites that are impacted by hydrogen
Chapter 11	Safety	AS2885 Part 6 – Safety Management	Provides guidance on the safety-related provisions of AS2885 focussed on hydrogen-specific issues that affect: pipeline safety management, process safety applied to facilities, emergency management



Biomethane: viability and impurities

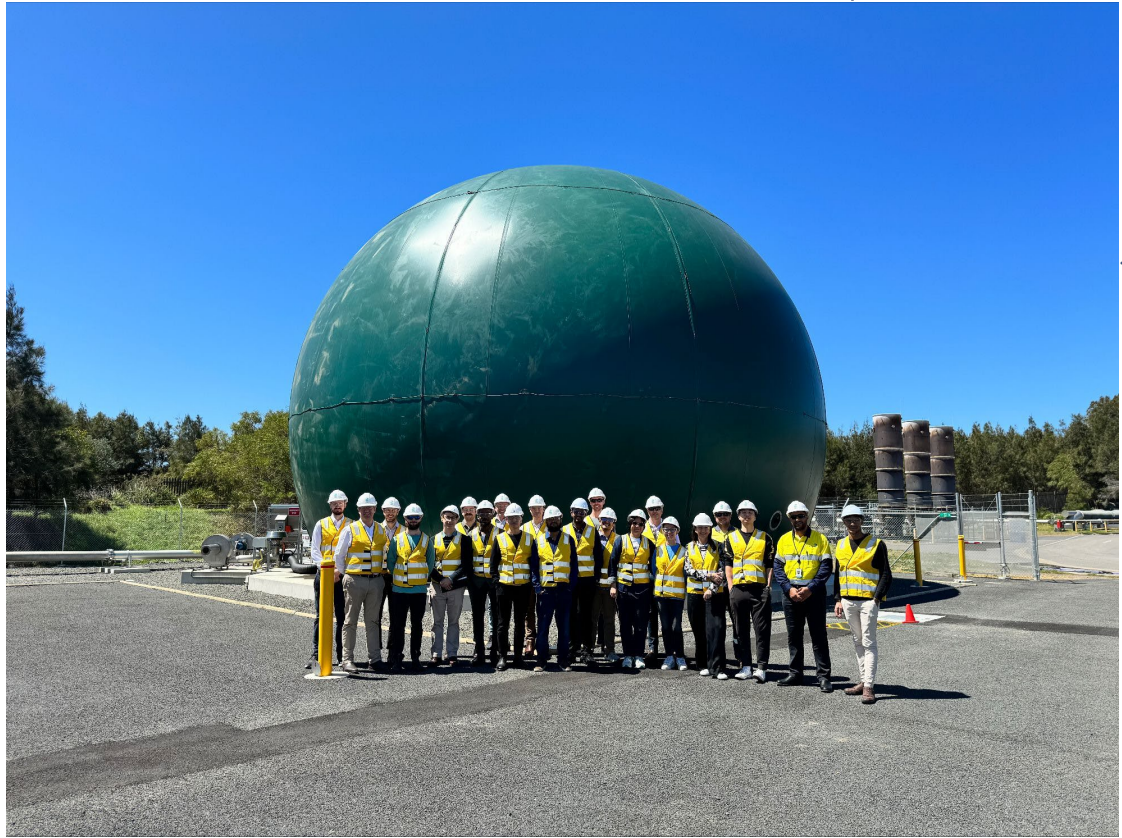
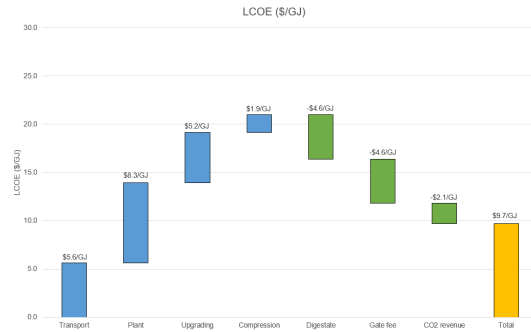



Photo: Our PhD students at Jemena's Malabar Biomethane Project, Sydney

Online tool for project level Biomethane assessment

We have developed an online tool to explore the techno-economic viability of biomethane grid injection projects.




Integrated Biomethane Viability Assessment Tool

Viability Assessment Tool

This tool has been designed to explore a techno-economic viability assessment of a biomethane project. Given an availability of feedstock (i.e. food waste, agriculture residue etc), the tool will model the processes involved with transport of the feedstock, the anaerobic digestion plant, digester management, biogas upgrading and injection.

Further iterations of this tool, as well as improvements to its useability, are still ongoing as part of Future Fuels CRC projects.



Renewable natural gas process stream

Source: Renewable Natural Gas Coalition

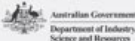
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Driving research translation

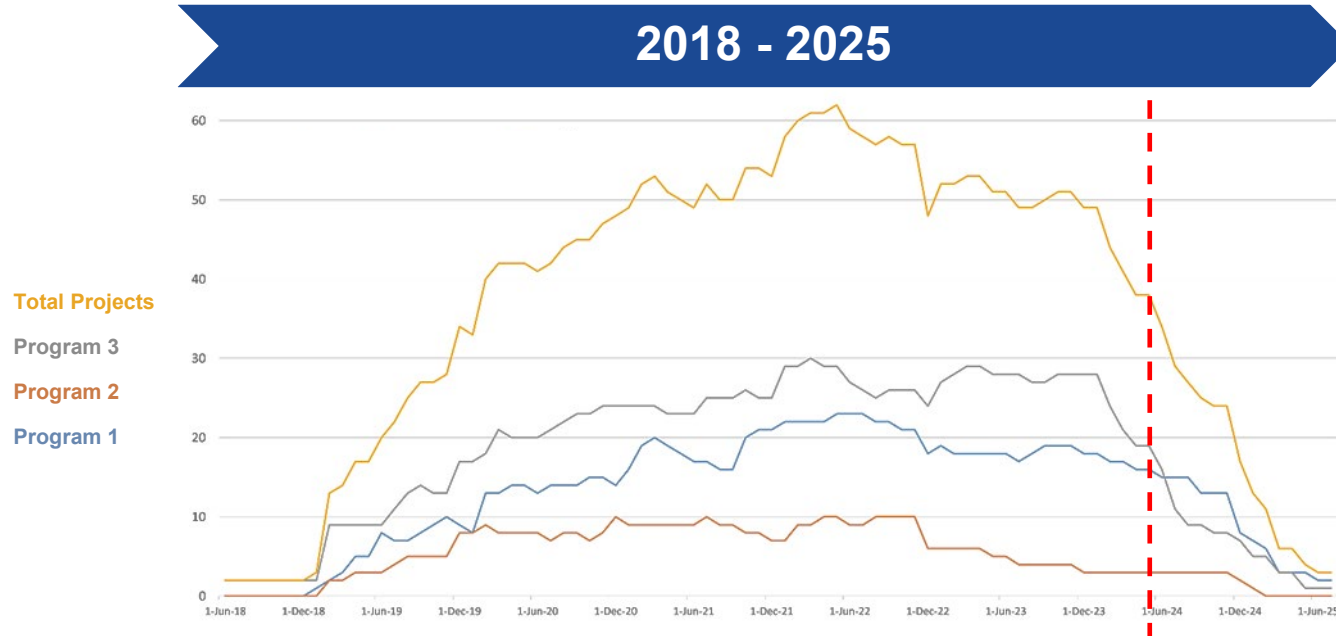
- Face to face events with industry, seminars and conferences
- Working Groups and Steering Committees
- 30 webinars with more coming
- Members website and email research update to over 700 colleagues
- Over 100 key stakeholder info sharing partners
- Commercialisation and translation of IP to industry



Future research

We are delivering 118 projects

On time and on budget within our seven-year funded term



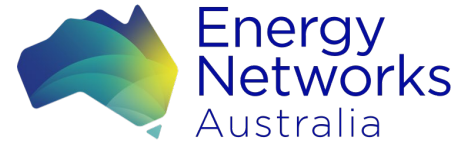
Enabling the future of gaseous fuels research

- Transition of Future Fuels CRC in June 2025 and then final wind-up
- Industry has already worked on two possible CRCs:
 - Net Zero Infrastructure CRC
 - Moving Molecules CRC
- Now progressing Australian Gas Infrastructure Research Centre
- Recent CRA report ACIL Allen, need for ongoing research not unique to us and included in their recent decarbonisation support report
- Major transition task is already initiated:
 - Reports, software, IP, information, team changes
- Strongly supported by industry and long-term research collaborators
- Thanks to team, partners and all supporters and participants

Australian Gas Infrastructure Research Centre

Driving forward collaborative research for meet the future needs of our industry:

- Pipeline research
- Gas network research
- Joint industry-wide research
 - Design and Construction
 - Risk and Safety Management
 - Reliability and Integrity
 - Infrastructure planning and regulation
 - High-pressure Fluid Industry Workspaces





Enabling the decarbonisation of Australia's energy networks



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