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Port of Melbourne joins C40 Green Ports Forum

Port of Melbourne has joined the C40 Green Ports Forum – an organisation of leading cities and ports around the world with ambitious goals to mitigate air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and deliver positive health and economic benefits for communities.

C40 Cities is a network of mayors of nearly 100 of the world's leading cities, working together to deliver 1.5 degree-aligned climate action plans. C40's Ports & Shipping team was established in partnership with the City and Port of Los Angeles, to mainstream this level of ambition with maritime sector leaders.

The C40 Green Ports Forum brings together dozens of cities and their ports to advance maritime decarbonisation and the broader energy transition.

Port of Melbourne's efforts in sustainability were recognised in 2022 with a 5 Star rating in the GRESB Infrastructure Asset Assessment and was recognised as the most improved in the ports sector.

Port of Melbourne recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with industry to explore the commercial feasibility of establishing a green methanol bunkering hub at the Port of Melbourne. The MoU provides a starting point for the parties to work together to explore the various elements of establishing a green methanol bunkering hub and identify any challenges that would need to be addressed.

Comments attributable to City of Melbourne, Lord Mayor Sally Capp:

"The City of Melbourne has set the ambitious goal to be a city powered by 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030, and reach zero net emissions by 2040," the Lord Mayor said.

"As a member of C40 since 2005, Council congratulates the Port of Melbourne on joining the Green Ports Forum. As Australia's largest container port, it facilitates more than one-third of the nation's container trade. The port's central location is an asset but also heightens the importance of its leadership in sustainability," she said.

Comments attributable to Port of Melbourne Chief Executive Officer, Saul Cannon:

"We are well placed to work on key sustainability efforts across the port's supply chain and support the efforts of our stakeholders to progress decarbonisation, and minimise the port's impact on our land, air and waters," Mr Cannon said.

"Our focus on sustainability is core to our purpose and strategy, and critical to our future success," he said.

Comment attributable to C40 Regional Director for East, Southeast Asia & Oceania, Milag San Jose-Ballesteros:

"International and regional collaboration is essential to accelerate climate action in the shipping sector and limit global heating to 1.5°C. C40 welcomes the City of Melbourne and the Port of Melbourne to the Green Ports Forum, and recognizes the growing commitments of cities and ports in the East, Southeast Asia and / Oceania region to collaborate towards decarbonising global supply chains," Ms San Jose-Ballesteros said.

"Melbourne joins six other regional members in the forum - Auckland, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, and Yokohama - all actively engaging in collective climate action, such as Singapore's Green and Digital Shipping Corridor with Los Angeles and Long Beach. These actions create replicable and scalable models for other cities and ports to follow, strengthening climate resilience, improving public health, and delivering good, green jobs for port communities," she said.

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More information

- [Green Methanol MoU - Port of Melbourne](#)
- [5 Star Sustainability Rating - Port of Melbourne](#)
- [Green Ports Forum - C40 Cities](#)

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