

Unions welcome appointment of Dr. Iain Ross AO as Chair of the Net Zero Economy Authority

The ACTU welcomes the appointment of Dr. Iain Ross AO as Chair of the Net Zero Economy Authority.

Dr. Ross AO brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of industrial relations to the role, with a career spanning several decades. Dr. Ross AO served as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia from March 2012 to November 2022 and was President of the Australian Fair Work Commission during the same period.

Dr. Ross also previously held positions as a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, President of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and Commissioner of the Victorian Law Reform Commission. His extensive experience in industrial relations, including his role as Assistant Secretary of the ACTU, positions him well to lead the Authority.

The establishment of the Net Zero Economy Authority forms part of the Albanese Government's Future Made in Australia plan. It will support workers and communities in energy regions undergoing transition through the creation of well-paid and secure jobs.

The appointment of Dr Ross follows the resignation of Greg Combet as Chair of the NZEA after his appointment to chair the Future Fund. The ACTU also acknowledges and thanks Mr Combet for the role he has played in the establishment of NZEA.

Quotes attributable to ACTU President Michele O'Neil:

"Working people welcome Dr. Iain Ross's appointment to lead Australia's transition to a clean energy future. His vast experience in working with business, unions and governments will be particularly important in ensuring that investment in new industries and jobs benefits workers and their communities.

"Ensuring that Australia's path to net zero has at its centre workers, their families and communities is essential to a fast and fair transition.

"The ACTU looks forward to working closely with Dr. Ross in transforming Australia into a clean energy superpower with secure, well-paid jobs for working people.

"Australia finally has a positive vision and concrete economic plan through the Net Zero Economy Authority and Future Made in Australia plan. The appointment of Dr. Ross adds someone with vital knowledge and expertise to lead this work.

"We thank Greg Combet for his critical work in leading the NZEA through its establishment phase."

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