

Conference on

ENERGY NEEDS OF DATA CENTRES AUSTRALIA

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Time / Session	Speakers / Moderator
08:00–09:00	Reception & Registration
09:00–09:10	Welcome Address by Global Transmission Report
09:10–09:30 The Energy Reality Behind Australia's Data Centre Boom	<i>Opening Address by:</i> • Bernard Norton, Country MD, Hitachi Energy Australia
09:30–10:40 Powering Australia's Data Centre Sector	<i>Panel discussion with:</i> • Nauman Akhtar, Co-founder & Co-CEO, INSITE DC • Whitney Merchant, Managing Director and Partner, BCG • Bernard Norton, Managing Director, Hitachi Energy Australia • Govind Singh, Associate Vice President, Energy Strategy, AirTrunk • Andrew Walton, Partner, Digital Infrastructure, Celero Infrastructure • Moderator: Dr Kris Funston, Executive Director, Rennie Advisory
10:40–11:15	Coffee & Networking
11:15–11:30 Where Energy Constraints Bite: Australia's Data Centre Decade	<i>Presentation by:</i> • Dr Nicholas Fearnley, Head, Construction, Oxford Economics
11:30–12:40 Grid Connection: Challenges & Solutions	<i>Panel discussion with:</i> • Mark Twidell, Industry Professor, UNSW Energy Institute • Adam Baxter, Head, Customer Connections, Ausgrid • Veeman Buell, Vice President, Grid Integration Asia, Hitachi Energy • Kek Tang, Major Customer Solutions Manager, Endeavour Energy • Amit Tere, Project Director, Macquarie Data Centres • Moderator: Tim Buckley, Director, Climate Energy Finance
12:40–13:40	Lunch & Networking
13:40–14:50 Driving Sustainability and Efficiency in Data Centres	<i>Panel discussion with:</i> • Hatem Attia, Director, Engineering, DCI Data Centres • Andrew Buchel, Sector Lead, Data Centres, NABERS • Priya Rajagopalan, Director, Post Carbon Research Centre, RMIT University • Rajarshi Roy, Principal, Mandala Partners • Moderator: Matthew Clifford, Head of ESG & Sustainability, Cushman & Wakefield
14:50–16:00 Scaling Australia's Digital Economy - What's Next?	<i>Panel discussion with:</i> • Aurel Farcash, Chief Revenue Officer, DXN Solutions • Kate Mitchell, Fund Manager, Data Centres, Centuria Capital Group • Milan Vujasinovic, National Leader, Data Centres, GHD • Moderator: Lauren Ryder, CEO, Leading Edge Global
16:00–16:05	Closing Remarks and End of the conference
16:05–18:00	Networking Drinks