

Online Public Event | Responsible battery materials – Australia’s competitive advantage?

*Establishing Australian industries
as socially and environmentally responsible suppliers of battery minerals
and materials for a circular economy.*

Join the FBICRC for a webinar to share the results of the scene setting project conducted by the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney and The University of Melbourne: “Certification and Life Cycle Analysis of Australian Battery Materials – Drivers and Options”.

The study assesses the drivers and schemes for sustainability certification of battery minerals and the role of life cycle assessment in supporting social and environmental performance claims for the battery value chain.

Following an overview of the study’s findings, Project Lead Damien Giurco, Professor of Resource Futures at the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney, will chair an international panel session with Claudia Becker, Purchasing and Supplier Network Sustainability, BMW (Germany), Jessica Robinson, General Manager, Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (Canberra) and report co-author Elsa Dominish, Research Principal, UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures (Sydney)..

A copy of the report is available [here](#).

We are pleased to offer this event as a live online discussion:

Date: Wednesday 23rd September 2020

Web Link: Event will be held via Zoom. The link will be sent after registration.

The web link can be accessed from the event registration page and will be emailed to you by the day before the event. The one-hour event will commence at 2pm (AWST)/4pm (AEST) on Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

To join us online, please register [here](#). Email questions for the panel to admin@crc.com.au .

We hope you can join us for this online forum, as we continue to share the CRC’s progress with you.

Regards

Stedman Ellis

CEO, Future Battery Industries CRC

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Damien Giurco is Professor of Resource Futures and Deputy Director (Engagement) at the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney. The Institute is home to over 100 research staff and postgraduate students, working to create change towards sustainable futures in partnership with government, industry and the community. Damien's research focuses on understanding the impacts of sourcing minerals and metals – both mined and recycled – to support new energy technologies and sustainable production and consumption. He is currently Editor-in-chief for the journal *Resources*, chairs the advisory group for Ewaste Watch and leads the theme on Battery Supply Chain Integrity within the Future Battery Industries CRC.



Claudia Becker has been working for the BMW Group since 2012 in operational and strategic purchasing functions. In 2016 she joined BMW's responsible sourcing team with a focus on due diligence in mineral supply chains. Claudia works closely with supply chain partners and represents BMW in various international and cross-industry initiatives, such as the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA), Drive Sustainability or the Global Battery Alliance. Before joining the BMW Group, Claudia worked in international development, e.g. for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Cambodia on sustainable urban development. Claudia has an academic background in Geography from the University of Bonn.



Jessica Robinson has been the Head of the Critical Minerals Facilitation Office since its establishment in January 2020. Prior to taking on the role Jessica helped lead a Prime Minister and Cabinet taskforce on critical minerals and critical technologies. Jessica has worked across the Australian Government in various departments including the Treasury and the Attorney General's Department, and has significant policy experience across topics such as foreign investment, critical infrastructure and cyber policy as well as performing general counsel roles in two Royal Commissions. She is lawyer by training and started her career in private legal practice.

In this new role, Jessica is bringing her passion and enthusiasm to growing the critical minerals sector in Australia, including by encouraging opportunities for Australian companies to move downstream. Jessica is leading a national approach and collaborating with all levels of government, regulators, industry, academia and domestic and international investors.



Elsa Dominish is Research Principal at the UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures and is a specialist in the social and environmental impacts of resources and supply chains. At UTS Elsa undertakes research to inform policies in the areas of circular economy, supply chain sustainability and green jobs. She has worked on projects to improve the sustainability of metals and minerals, food, textiles and garments, e-waste and renewable energy technologies. Elsa was a key researcher for the *Responsible mineral sourcing for renewable energy* project for Earthworks (USA), the *Sustainability Evaluation of Energy Storage Technologies* for the Australian Council of Learned Academies and the Future Battery Industries CRC scene setting project on Certification and LCA of Australian Battery Materials.