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Tasmania and Flanders sign green hydrogen MOU

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the region of Flanders, in Northern Belgium, to support cooperation on green hydrogen development.

It is a unique agreement in that it is the first green hydrogen MOU to be signed by Flanders, while also being the first state-to-state agreement on green hydrogen signed by Tasmania.

Following the trend in Northern Europe, Flanders is pursuing an ambitious decarbonisation agenda to achieve its climate change goals - a move that will accelerate global demand for green hydrogen and is in line with Tasmania's target to be a significant green hydrogen exporter from 2030.

However, the scope of this MOU extends beyond exporting and importing green hydrogen.

Synergies have also been identified between the two states in more niche areas, such as the use of green hydrogen in aquaculture operations and offshore energy systems as well as in the shipping sector.

Co-operation has already begun, with research institutions from both sides meeting via workshops to identify further avenues of practical collaboration and share knowledge to ensure that local industry is informed by robust research and best practice.

The MOU with Flanders follows an MOU signed in December 2021 with the Port of Rotterdam to work together to investigate the feasibility of future exports of green hydrogen from Bell Bay to the Port of Rotterdam, in the Netherlands.

Tasmania's Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan sets out the vision to become a leader in large scale green hydrogen production by 2030 to meet both domestic and export demand.

The Tasmanian Government believes that Tasmania is well placed, with our 100 per cent renewable electricity, abundant water supplies and excellent port infrastructure to seize these important

opportunities with international partners.