

# Hydrogen (and ammonia) at scale

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# AHC members

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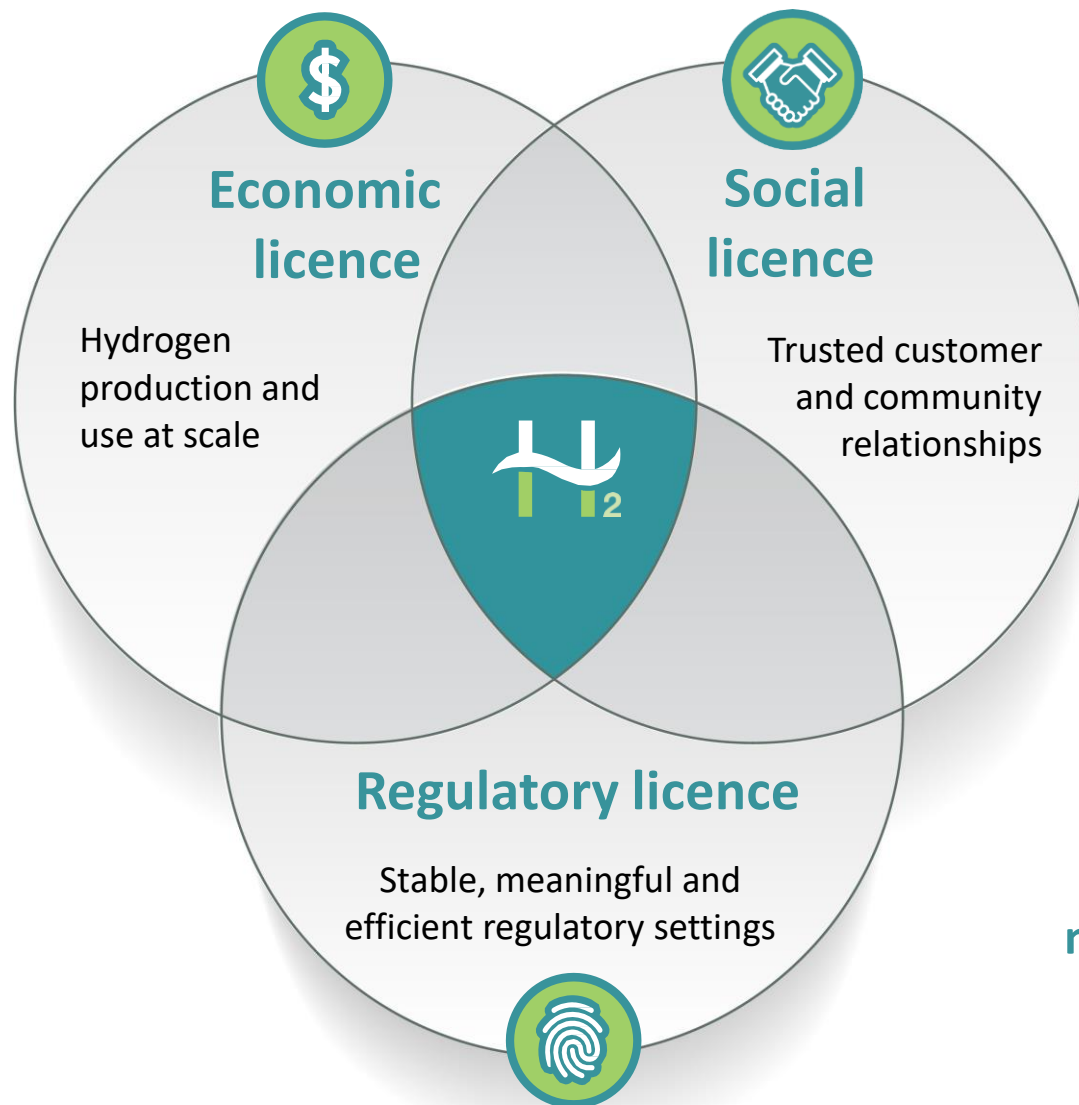
AHC has 103 members

- All are companies
- Range of sizes and locations
- Highest industry representation is from the energy sector, with other main categories of technology, transport and consulting



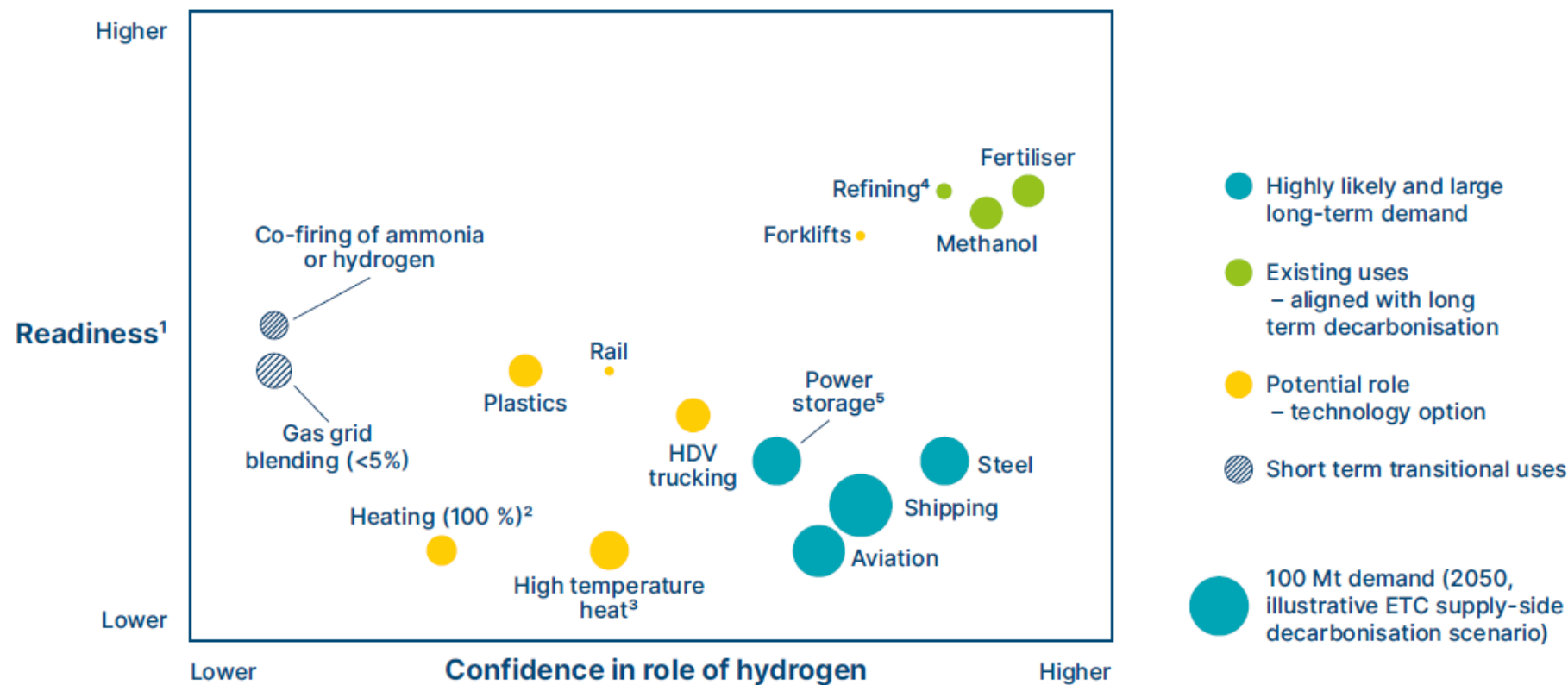
# Policy settings to create the industry

Framing with the three  
licences to operate for a  
sustainable hydrogen  
industry...



...and prioritising demand side  
policy to then bring the  
necessary investment in supply

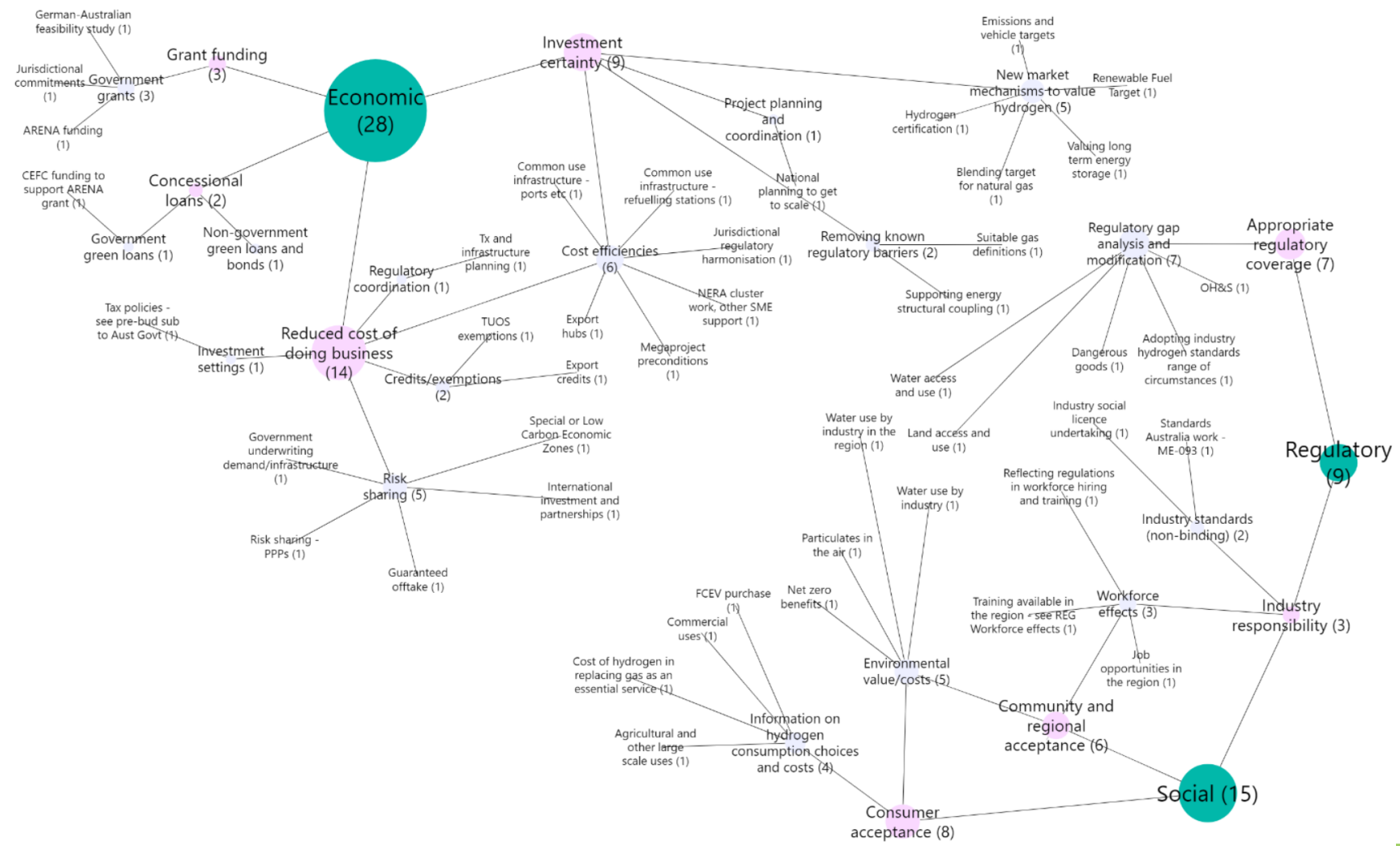
# Potential uses



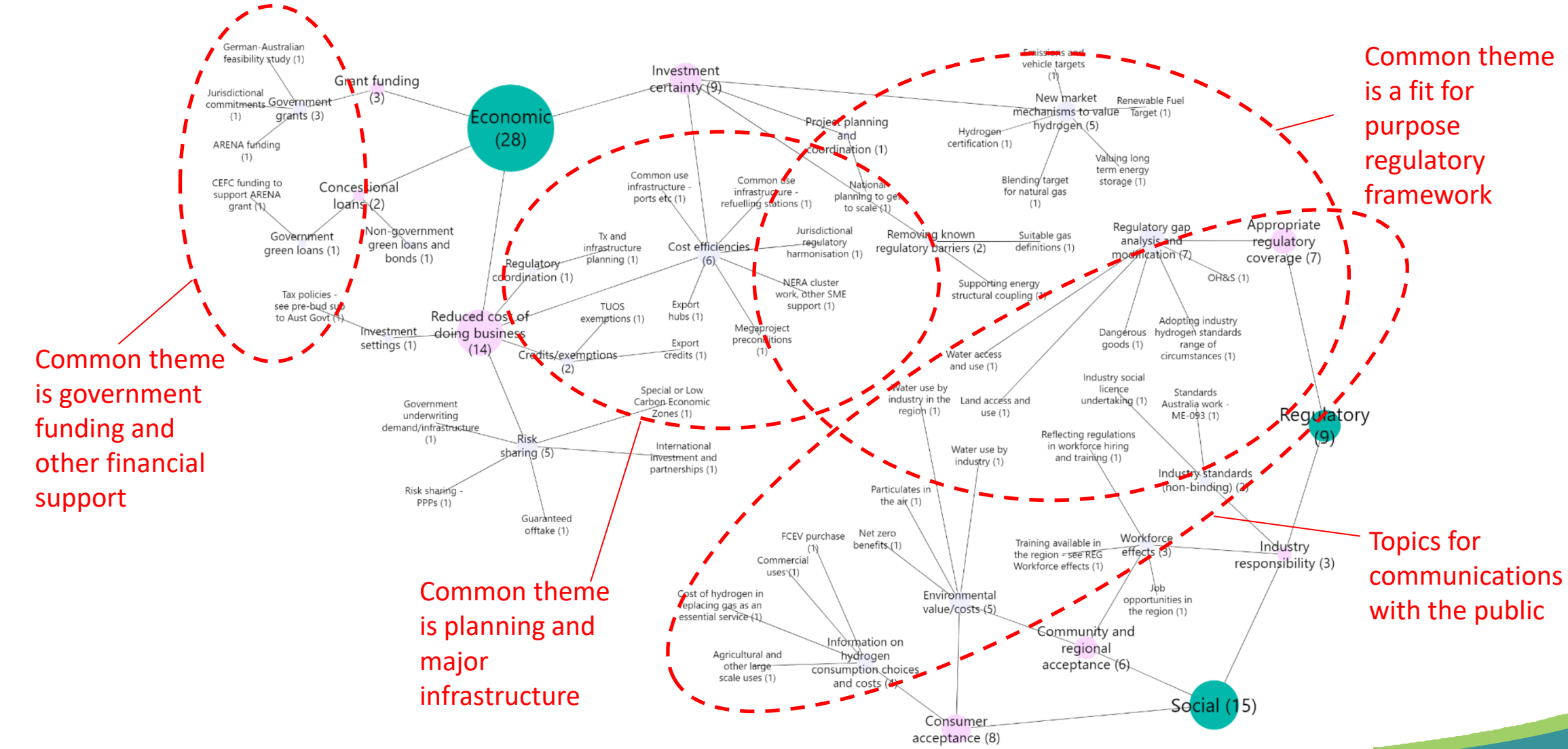
**NOTES:** <sup>1</sup> Readiness refers to a combined metric of technical readiness for clean hydrogen use, economic competitiveness and ease of sector to use clean hydrogen. <sup>2</sup> 'Heating (100%)' refers to building heating with hydrogen boilers via hydrogen distribution grid, <sup>3</sup> 'High temperature heat' refers to industrial heat processes above ca. 800°C <sup>4</sup> Current hydrogen use in refining industry is higher due to greater oil consumption. <sup>5</sup> Long-term energy storage for the power system.

Multiple potential uses of hydrogen in a low carbon economy, some of which can provide early 'off take' for clean hydrogen. SOURCE: Energy Transitions Commission (2021), page 17.

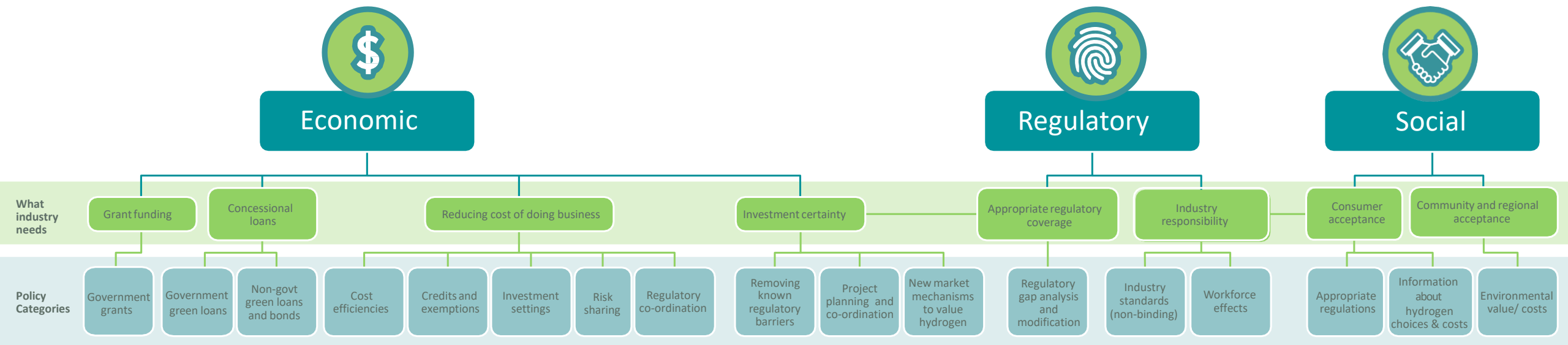
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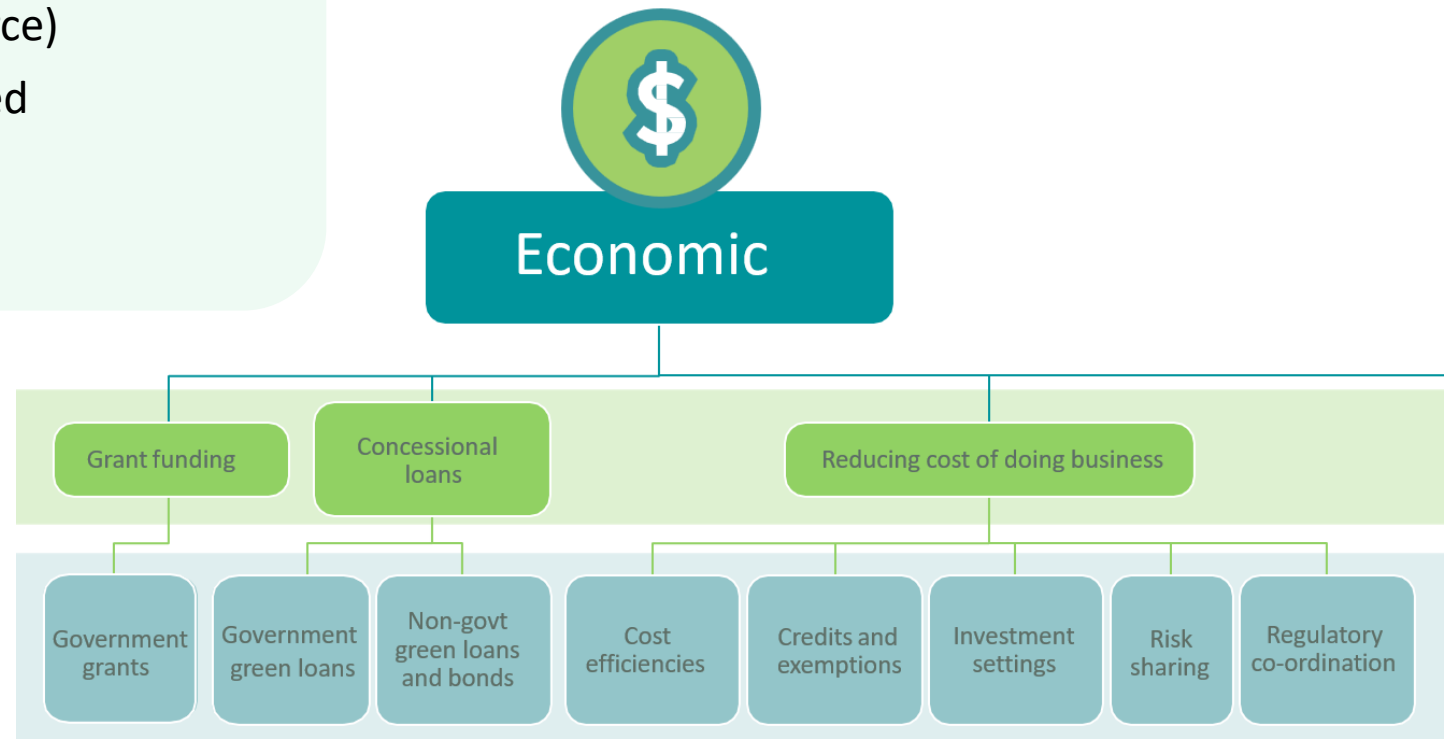


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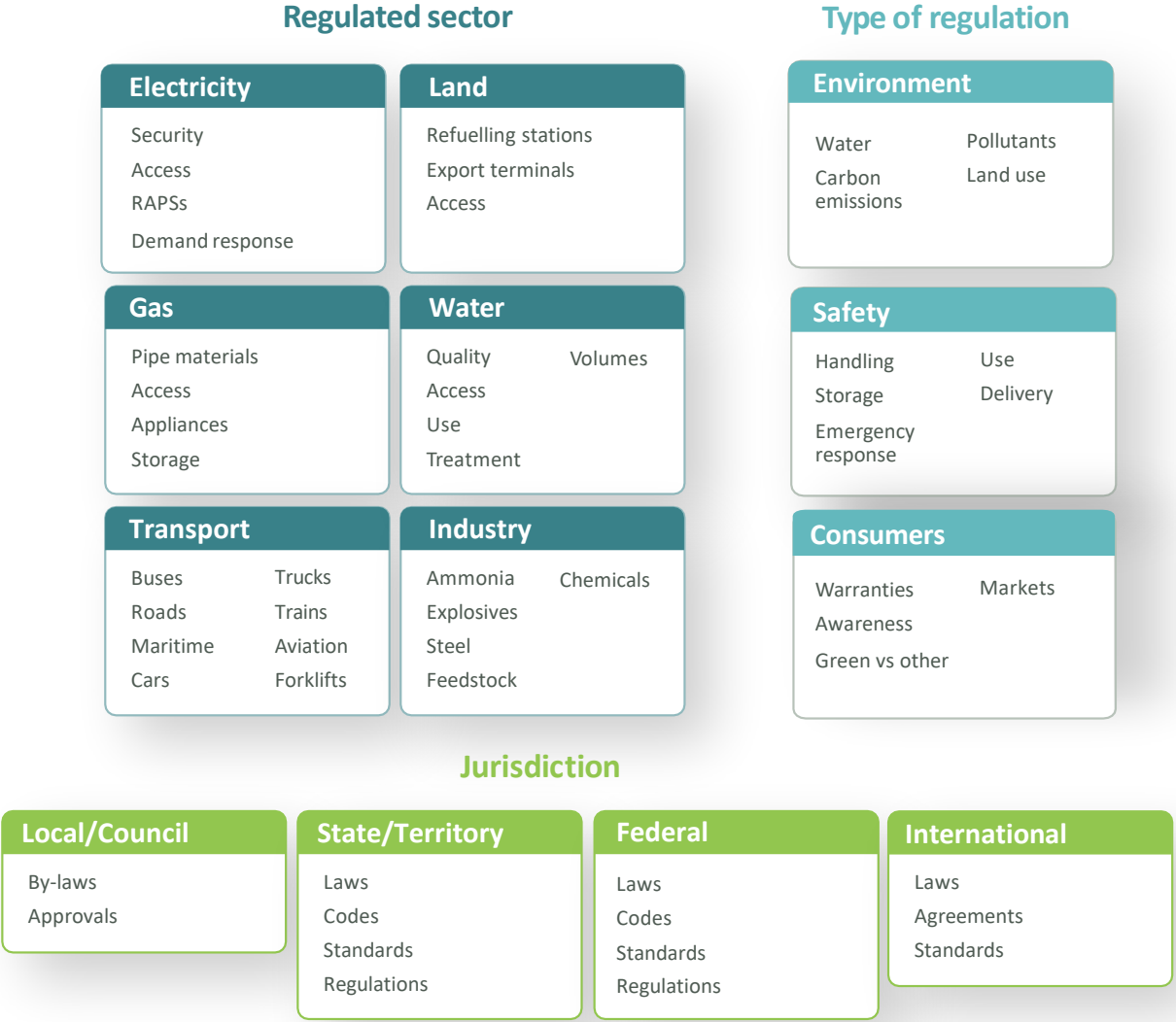
## Current state

- ✓ >\$1.6 bn in government funding
- ✓ >100 projects in Australia (see HyResource)
- ✓ 7 hubs in the process of being announced
- ✓ International agreements in place
- ✓ Increasing industry and port MoUs





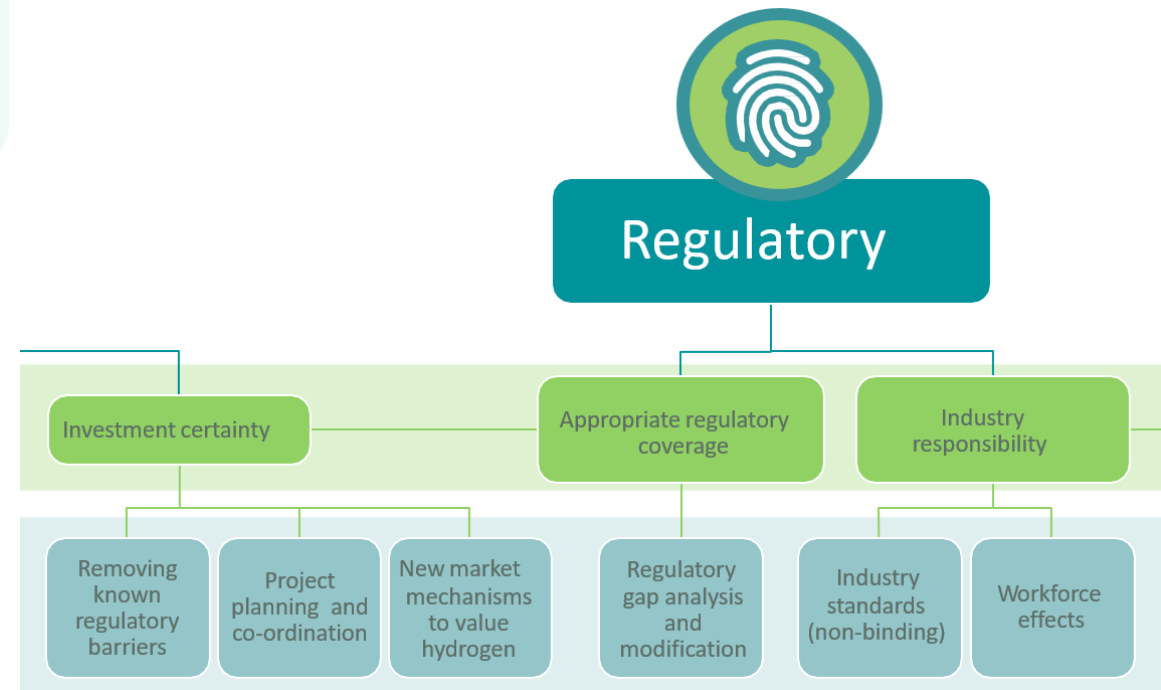
# Regulatory coverage



# Regulatory matters

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- ✓ Federal and state processes underway
- ✓ Standards Australia leading technical work
- ✓ International progress in some areas

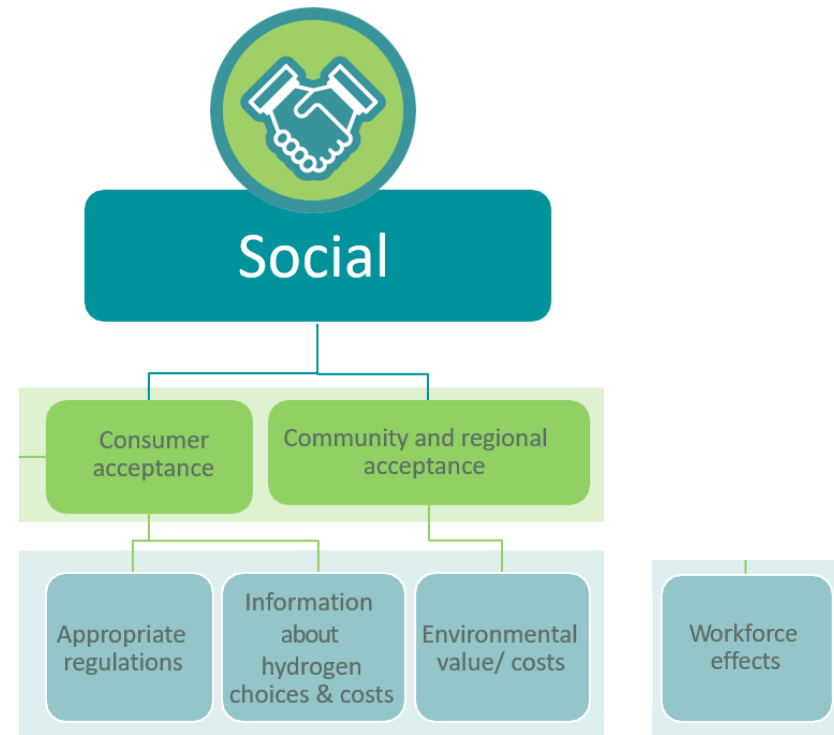


# Existing social licence issues that can impact hydrogen

Issue	Existing/past social licence issues
<b>Making hydrogen</b>	<i>Electricity transmission infrastructure:</i> visual impacts, land access and use, health, biodiversity, bushfire risk and community compensation.
	<i>Solar farms:</i> land, past developer behaviours, decommissioning and waste management.
	<i>Wind farms:</i> onshore (land, noise, birdlife, visual impacts, past developer behaviours) and offshore (animals, birdlife, fishing, visual amenity); also decommissioning and waste management.
	<i>CSG production:</i> land, 'fracking' and effects on water, including waste management, procedural fairness.
	<i>Raw water use:</i> stakeholder concern about water allocation and the effectiveness of water markets.
	<i>Seawater use:</i> brine waste from desalination and effect on sea life, economic cost of desalination plants for communities.
	<i>CCS/CCUS:</i> existing scepticism about fossil fuel interests and success rates, international concerns about land value (e.g. Barendrecht) and safety.
	<i>Mining:</i> coal and iron ore for jobs, and hydrogen production.
<b>Export</b>	<i>LNG export:</i> local economy boom and bust, lack of coordination for proponents, and domestic reserve policy.
	<i>Ports:</i> workforce concerns and consultation.
<b>Storage</b>	<i>Hazardous goods:</i> e.g. 2020 Beirut port explosion from ammonium nitrate; CCS – see safety above.
<b>End user experience</b>	<i>Natural gas:</i> access to supply/contracts.
	<i>Energy retail prices:</i> concerns about affordability and energy company price gouging for smaller consumers.

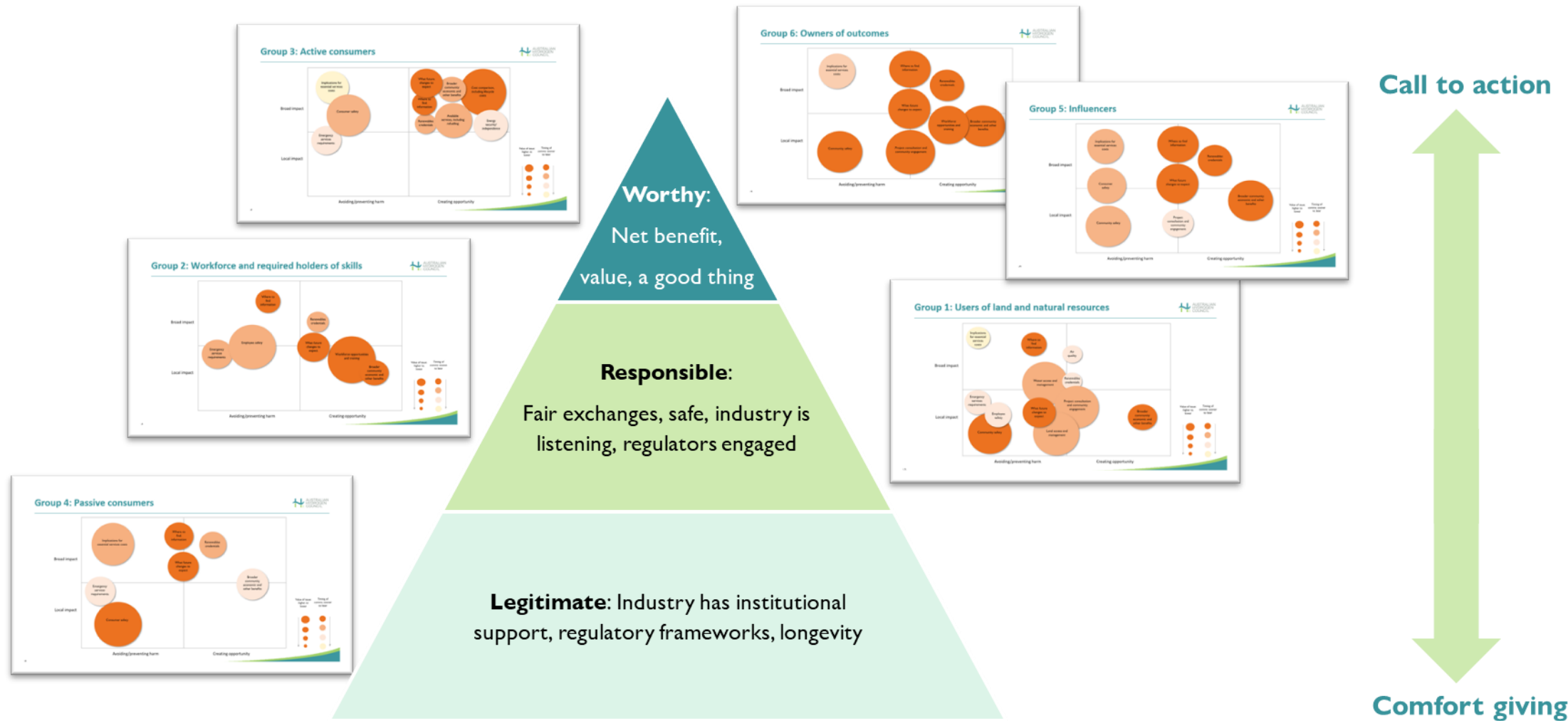
## Current state

- ✓ Surveys
- ✓ Regular discussion
- ✓ AHC work on public comms





# Orienting groups to hierarchy of messaging







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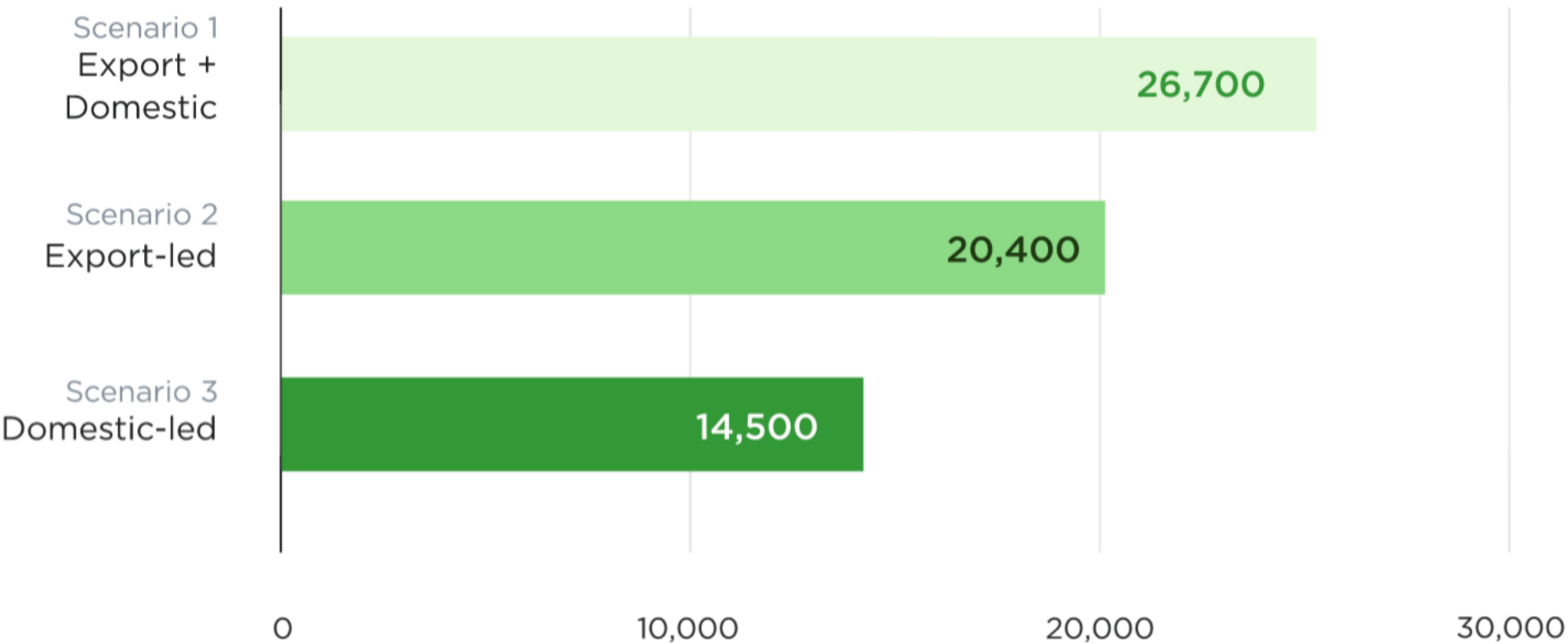
**Figure 7 Scenario input assumptions**

	 <b>Slow Change</b>		 <b>Progressive Change</b>		 <b>Step Change</b>		 <b>Hydrogen Superpower</b>	
	2030	2050	2030	2050	2030	2050	2030	2050
<b>DEMAND</b>								
<b>Electrification</b>								
- Road transport that is EV (%)	2	36	5	84	12	99	18	94
- Residential EVs still relying on convenience charging (%)	82	58	75	44	70	31	66	22
- Industrial Electrification (TWh)	-24	-21	4	92	27	54	37	64
- Residential Electrification (TWh)	0	0	0.2	15	4	13	2	4
- Energy efficiency savings (TWh)	8	19	14	40	22	55	22	56
<b>Underlying Consumption</b>								
- NEM Underlying Consumption (TWh)	163	213	201	394	222	336	243	330
- Hydrogen consumption - domestic (TWh)	0	0	0	32	0.1	58	2	132
- Hydrogen consumption - export, incl. green steel (TWh)	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	816
- Total underlying consumption (TWh)	<b>163</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>1,278</b>
<b>SUPPLY</b>								
Distributed PV Generation (TWh)	39	58	39	80	45	93	51	112
Household daily consumption potential stored in batteries (%)	3	5	5	22	12	38	13	39
Underlying consumption met by DER (%)	24	27	20	19	20	24	17	9
Coal generation (% of total electricity production)	32	5	38	2	21	0	6	0
NEM emissions (MT CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	53.3	13.0	77.2	22.4	48.1	6.8	20.6	6.6
2020 NEM emissions (% of)	38	9	54	16	34	5	15	5

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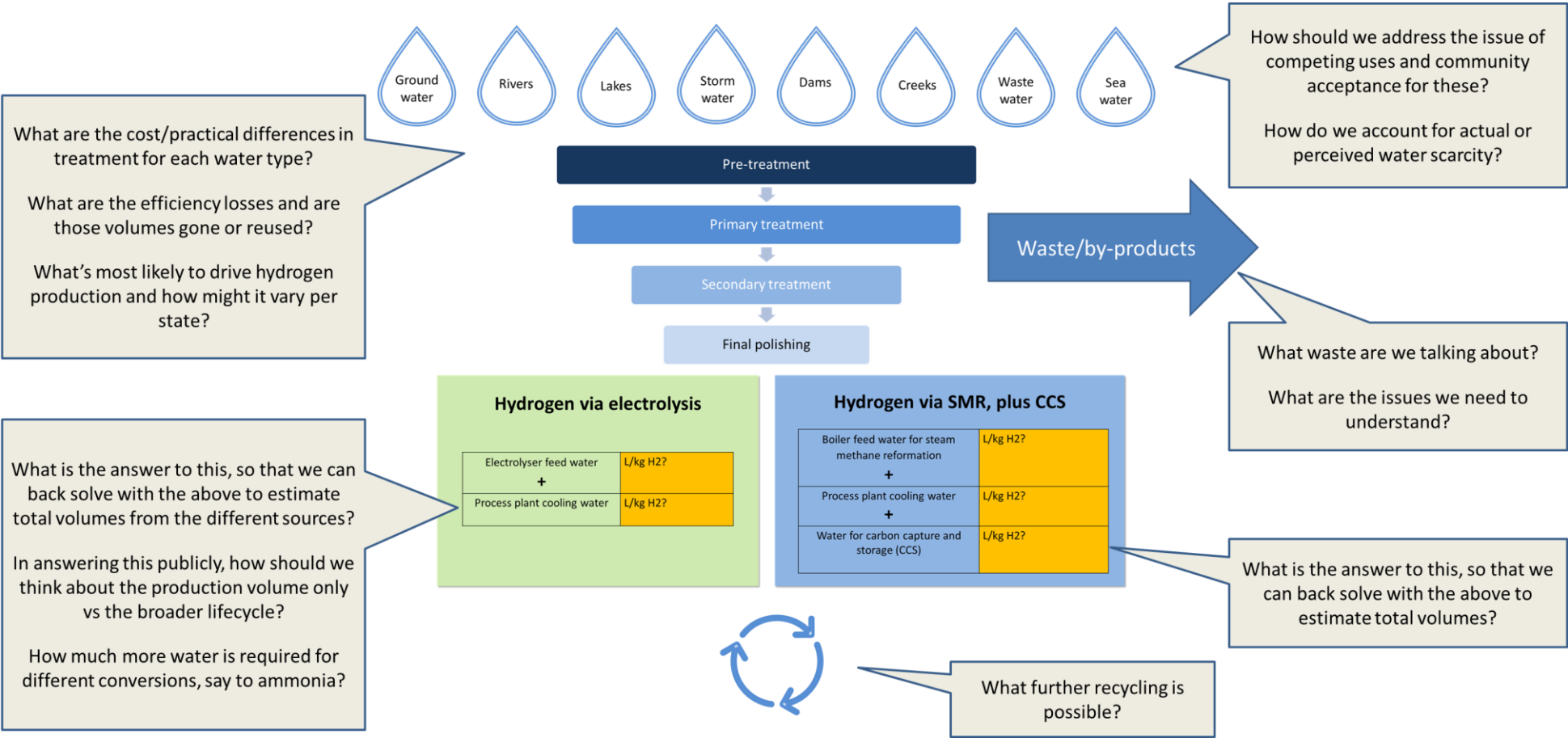
Renewables-related construction labour demand, Queensland (average, 2021-2050)



Source: CSIRO (2022) for Construction Skills Queensland.



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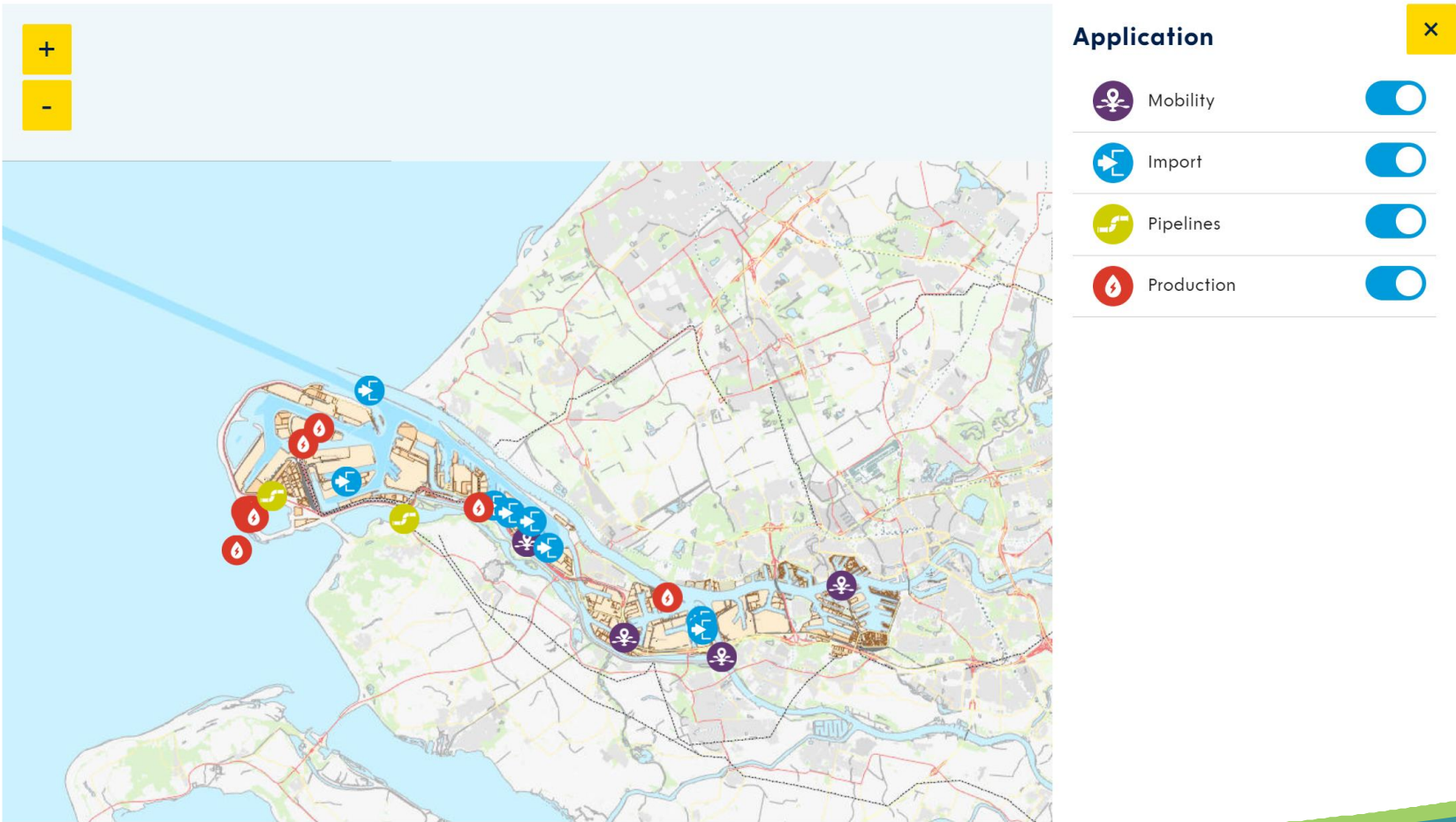


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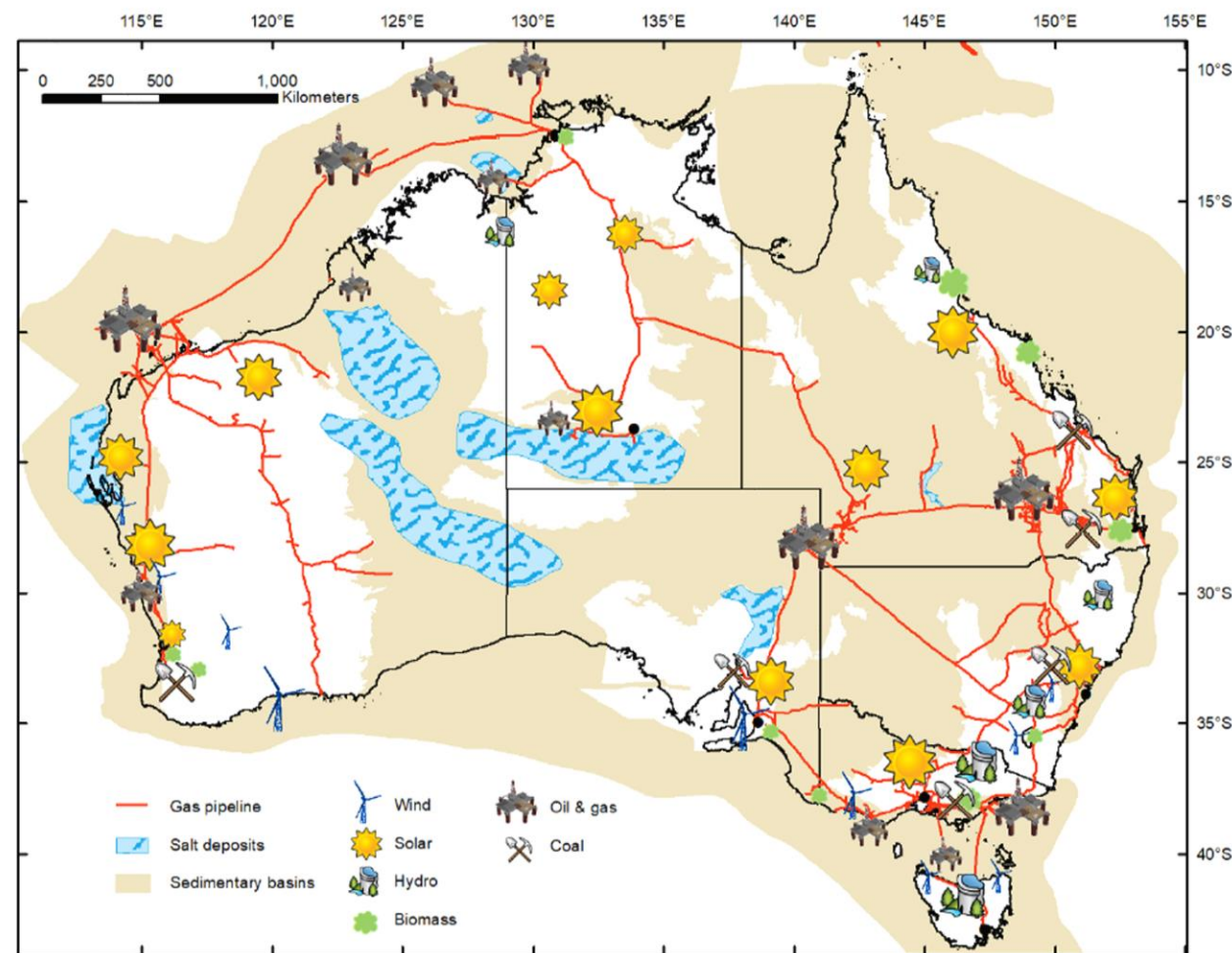


## Hydrogen projects in Rotterdam

Together with partners, we are building a hydrogen based economy in the port of Rotterdam. Find the current hydrogen projects below:



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**Figure 1. Types and distribution of current energy production in Australia and location of major salt deposits.**

SOURCE: Future Fuels CRC (2021), RP1-1.04  
Underground Storage of Hydrogen, July, page 12.

# Thank you

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