



Value from Waste – Australia & Japan Circular Economy Opportunities

Zoom webinar | 10 November 2021 5PM to 6:30PM AEDT

At both a Federal and State level, Australian Governments are implementing new circular economy policies, to capture more value from the waste we produce – and promote investment in recycling infrastructure. In Japan, vertically integrated waste management practices, for the production of energy and reprocessing of goods have been implemented on a large scale for many years.

In this webinar, AJBCC and JETRO will bring together a panel to discuss how Australia and Japan can collaborate to share strategies and capabilities to encourage growth in circular economy related industries.

The webinar will include an opportunity for Q&A with our panel.

Panelists

The Hon Sussan Ley MP

Australian Federal Minister for the Environment



Sussan Ley was born in Nigeria to British parents, Sussan spent her early childhood in the United Arab Emirates, before migrating to Australia at the age of 13 with her parents and older brother.

She has received a Bachelor of Economics, Master of Taxation Law and a Master of Accounting. Sussan has worked in agriculture and aviation, as well as raising a family.

She entered Parliament in 2001 as the Member for Farrer and has been returned at six subsequent elections. Now in her 20th year of Federal Politics, Sussan has been appointed to a number of ministerial and parliamentary positions, most recently as Minister for the Environment in May 2019.

Adam Cunneen

Commissioner for Victoria to North Asia



Adam Cunneen took up his appointment as Commissioner for Victoria based in Tokyo, Japan in February 2012. Adam has lived and worked in Japan for more than 20 years and is responsible for managing Victoria's interests in North Asia.

Prior to his role as Commissioner for Victoria, Adam was the Director of the Northern Territory Government's International Investment Attraction Program for minerals and energy, focusing on the key markets of Japan, Korea and China.

Between 1984 to 2002 Adam held several positions with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including three postings to Japan covering economic, trade and strategic issues. He then served as an Austrade Trade Commissioner in Tokyo for two consecutive appointments, followed by a period as Country Head of the Japanese subsidiary of an Australian multinational manufacturing and IT/gaming company. Adam speaks Japanese.

Tim Rose

CEO of Southern Oil Refinery



Tim Rose is a chemical engineer with degrees in both Environmental Science and Business. He has more than 25 years of industrial operations experience and seven years in re-refining. Tim is responsible for overall group performance and management of Southern Oil Refineries.

He is also the sole owner of Synbio, having founded the company in 2016 for the research of biofuels and the development of a pilot plant for the commercialization of renewable diesel.

Tats Kato

Head of Project Origination, Sojitz Australia



Tats Kato is Head of Project Origination at Sojitz, which is a world's leading ESG investor and one of the largest general trading companies listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) with a worldwide network comprising of approximately 400 group companies operating in over 50 countries.

Based in Sydney Australia, he is in charge of ESG investments and Circular Economy business developments such as Resources Recycling, Organic Recycling, Energy from Waste, Renewables, Green hydrogen/ammonia and healthcare across Australia.

He is also an Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee (AJBCC) Future Leader delegate, promoting Australia – Japan business co-operation opportunities for the sustainable growth of Australian and Japanese entities.

Kirsten Sturzaker

Group Head of Sustainability (Oceania), Asahi Beverages



Kirsten Sturzaker is the Group Head of Sustainability at Asahi Beverages. Asahi Beverages is a member of Asahi Group Holdings, one of Japan's leading beverage companies and includes beverages businesses such as Asahi Lifestyle Beverages and Carlton & United Breweries.

Asahi has an ambitious Sustainability strategy and targets focussed on key material issues such as Climate Change, Circular Economy and Sustainable Packaging.

Kirsten will be sharing with us their latest achievement and progress for closing the loop on PET plastics – a joint venture called Circular Plastics Australia. The joint venture is to develop and build a localised r-PET recycling and manufacturing plant.

Moderator

Peter Knight

Managing Director, Real Assets Advisory & Finance



Peter has spent almost 30 years in Asia – primarily in Tokyo, working in government, telecoms and finance.

He has spent the last three years as NSW Trade & Investment Commissioner in Tokyo, promoting investment opportunities for Japanese companies in Australia's energy transition and smart infrastructure. Prior to this he has held senior management roles in banking and asset management companies based in Japan.

At Real Assets, he is providing advisory services and asset finance solutions to firms that are entering or expanding in Australia, with a focus on the equipment needed to support clean energy and smart cities.

