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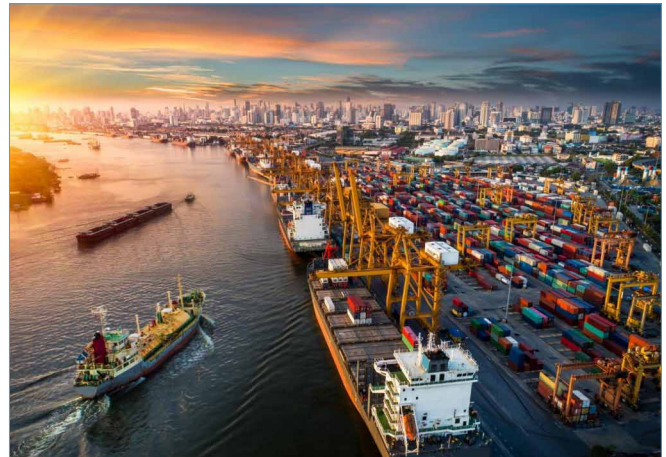


Australia-Singapore Advance Green Economy Agreement Initiatives

Australian Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King and acting Singaporean Minister for Transport Chee Hong Tat met in July to discuss mutual cleaner seas and skies initiatives.

The Singapore meeting follows the October 2022 signing of the Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement, which has targeted the joint implementation of 17 specific initiatives.

In a statement issued on 21 July, Minister King said discussions considered how the agreement can accelerate the mutual uptake and promotion of decarbonisation technologies in shipping.



“The Australian Government is committed to reducing emissions across all transport sectors, including by establishing a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor between Singapore and Australia to reduce maritime emissions,” stated the Minister.

“We also discussed the potential for further engagement and collaboration between our countries on low-emissions solutions for maritime and port operations.

“I am pleased to advise that my department and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore are working closely together towards deployment of these solutions in a Green Shipping and Digital Corridor in 2025.”

Minister King said she took the opportunity during the trip to detail her Government’s commitment to developing a Maritime Emissions Reduction National Action Plan. This initiative is expected to chart a practical green transition for Australia’s maritime sector while underpinning collaboration with other nations.

The Minister also welcomed the opportunity to visit the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore “to examine their shipping operations and port control, leveraging from their world-leading experience in the operation of port facilities”.

Additionally, Minister King said the two countries’ sustainability ambitions for aviation were raised during the trip.

“Under the Green Economy Agreement both countries will discuss how we can co-operate on sustainable aviation growth while reducing emissions. We will also work together in the International Civil Aviation Organization to pursue global aviation environment initiatives.



“This includes how our two countries can help progress the long-term global aspirational goal for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

“I look forward to continuing to drive down transport emissions in Australia while being a leader and maintaining our strong overseas partnerships.”

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