

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**AICD to host lunch on Renewable Energy with special guest  
Cheryl Batagol PSM FAICD**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018, the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) will host the 'Renewable Energy' Leaders' Edge Lunch from 12:30pm – 2pm at Lady Bay Resort, 2 Pertobe Road, Warrnambool, Victoria.

The lunch will feature keynote speaker Cheryl Batagol PSM FAICD, Chair of The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria, who will discuss renewable energy, and how the changes taking place in the energy mix will impact businesses.

The AICD provides professional development and networking opportunities for senior executives and directors, supporting them in confronting the challenges they face as business leaders and board members. As well as delivering meaningful programs to the director community across business, government and the not-for-profit sector, the AICD aims to positively impact society and the economy through governance education and advocacy.

The risks and issues that directors face and the responsibilities that are incumbent upon boards as part of a company's environmental policy and strategy will be explored.

As the Chair of the EPA Victoria, Emergency Management Victoria Diversity Working Group for Community Connectedness and recent appointee to the US-based board of the litter App, Litterati, Batagol is committed to protecting the environment and public health through sound environmental business practices:

"As directors of organisations, we know and understand that we are already in a major global transition in which there is greater awareness of the impact of humans on the planet," said Batagol.

"In many cases we are seeing business lead the policy makers, doing what business does best – seeing the signals and innovating – and the move towards finding renewable energy sources is part of that transition. Businesses are not just looking at energy efficiency but looking around at how they might create business opportunities from this massive transition."

"Waste, for example, and safely and cost effectively disposing of it, has been our focus for the past century. But contained within that waste are resources that can be beneficial to the transition we are making. They are not only a source of renewable energy, but can also better protect the environment and improve public health. This is the opportunity to be harnessed."

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Sally Leake GAICD, State Manager, Victoria, AICD, said: “We are very pleased to be able to offer this session to our regional members and the broader community in the Warrnambool area. This event is an excellent opportunity for attendees to update their knowledge and engage with the director community.”

For more information about Victorian events and courses, please contact the Victoria Division on 03 9245 4200 or [vic@aicd.com.au](mailto:vic@aicd.com.au).

For further information about the ‘Renewable Energy’ Leaders’ Edge Lunch visit <http://aicd.companydirectors.com.au/events/events-calendar/vic/ev139942-lunch>

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