

Digest 2021_00622

1. Summary of HC contact with BP

British High Commissioner, Vicki Treadell, noted a call with Frederic Baudry (BP Australia CEO) on 29 October 2020. <Redacted S43>

2. Summary of British Consulate Melbourne contact with BP

<Redacted S40> at BP in early September, regarding an event with the Council Economic Development Australia (CEDA). We were exploring whether the CEO of BP could speak on the panel regarding their recent announcement on reaching net zero but this was not possible. Email chain attached. It references a meeting late September which never took place.

<Redacted S40> again spoke to <Redacted S40> on the phone on 3rd November regarding our 'One Year to COP' campaign to ask if BP could write a linkedin article for a DIT-led project showcasing what UK companies are doing in this space and whether they would speak on a race to zero event we were running with ClimateWorks Australia. They agreed to the article and <Redacted S40> then connected <Redacted S40> to DIT colleagues who were leading this. They were unavailable to speak on the panel event. Relevant email chains are attached.

BP sits on the Australian British Chamber of Commerce Victorian Council, where British Consulate General are ex officio members. One meeting on 23rd September where both present.

3. Email contact with BP

From: <Redacted S40>
Sent: 10 September 2020 12:42
To: <Redacted S40>
Cc: <Redacted S40>
Subject: RE: bp Energy Outlook launch

<Redacted S40>
Thanks for this. I've copied the e-mail more widely around the High Commission to other staff who will be interested in this matter.

Hopefully we can catch up soon, but always happy to talk by phone,

Yours,

<Redacted S40>
From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: 10 September 2020 12:28
To: <Redacted S40>
Subject: bp Energy Outlook launch

Hi <Redacted S40>
I hope you're both well.

A quick heads up that our chief economist Spencer Dale will launch the bp Energy Outlook next week, Monday night our time.

Here's the [link](#) in case you're interested in finding out more or registering to watch live, alternatively the report will be available on the website after the launch.

As well as releasing the Energy Outlook, next week will also see bp provide further insight into our new strategy that was launched last month.

Please let me know if there's any queries and I look forward to catching up again when we are able to travel to Canberra.

Regards

<Redacted S40>
bp Australia Pty Ltd
<Redacted S40>

717 Bourke Street, Docklands VIC 3008

To: <Redacted S40>
Cc: <Redacted S40>
Subject: RE: CEDA event - 11 September

Hi, and likewise!

Excellent, sounds like a plan.

We'll get in touch with potential dates for late September in the next few days.
<Redacted S43>

Thanks

<Redacted S40>
From: <Redacted S40>
Sent: Thursday, 20 August 2020 1:47 PM
To: <Redacted S40>
Subject: RE: CEDA event - 11 September

Hi <Redacted S40>
It was good to chat this morning.

Would be great to schedule a wider discussion with you and the team mid/late September to learn more about your strategy, speak in more detail about the sustainability chapter in the FTA, and discuss how we could link up on our COP engagement. <Redacted S40> can bring in others from across the network who lead on these areas. Let me know when works for you!

Thanks

<Redacted S40>
From: <Redacted S40>
Sent: 20 August 2020 10:45
To: <Redacted S40>

Subject: RE: CEDA event - 11 September

Hi <Redacted S40>

Tried to call to discuss this and other opportunities. When you get a chance ps call on <Redacted S40>

Thanks

<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2020 6:59 PM

To: <Redacted S40>

Subject: CEDA event - 11 September

Hi <Redacted S40>

I hope you're doing well and keeping entertained in lockdown 2.0.

I wanted to touch base with you about a CEDA panel event we're sponsoring on climate action/'building back better', as I know CEDA have invited your COO for Asia Pacific, Frédéric Baudry, to join the panel. This event feeds into our wider COP26 engagement and from our perspective, it would be great to have BP represented; not only as a UK/ Australian company but one with a clear net zero target which could inspire others in the audience. Frédéric would be speaking alongside Nigel Topping from the UK government, Minister D'Ambrosio from the Victorian government, and hopefully, Minister Kean from the NSW government (still TBC). The event is now live and there's more detail on [CEDA's website](#) but please do shout if you have any questions. We'll be putting comms out around the discussion and should BP be able to join the discussion, would be great to link up on this.

All the best,

<Redacted S40>

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<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: 11 November 2020 13:01

To: <Redacted S40>

Cc: <Redacted S40>

Subject: RE: One year to COP thought leadership piece

Hi

Looks great, will resist writing an infomercial of all that we are doing and suggest the following (small) addition:

... whilst [BP](#) have already committed to zero net carbon emissions by 2050. In partnership with the Federal Government BP is assessing the feasibility of an export scale hydrogen plant in Geraldton, WA, and BP's [Lightsource](#) has eight significant solar farms under development in regional Australia.

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 November 2020 4:47 PM

To: <Redacted S40>

Cc: <Redacted S40>

Subject: RE: One year to COP thought leadership piece

Hi <Redacted S40>

Apologies – one more thing from me and I'll owe you a coffee in the near future!

As part of our One Year to COP26 activity, Michael Ward, our Deputy Trade Commissioner APAC, has drafted the attached article to showcase the great work UK and Australian businesses are doing across sustainability and green energy / finance. There are a couple of references to BP's work in this area and we wanted to give you a heads up on this/ double check the details are correct.

If you could come back to us by the end of the week, we would hugely appreciate it. Copying in <Redacted S40> who is leading this in our team.

Thanks v much!

<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: 10 November 2020 11:26

To: <Redacted S40>

Subject: RE: One year to COP thought leadership piece

Hi <Redacted S40>

Just bringing this back up to the top of your inbox after our chat yesterday. Thanks for picking up – it would be great if BP could contribute a linkedin piece in line with the below. If you're happy to take forward, I'll link you up with the lead here to talk dates and logistics.

As mentioned, we've also approached Petrofac, JLR, Octopus Group, Lendlease, Macquarie, Arup and Grimshaw for similar contributions throughout the 'One Year to COP26' series.

Shout if you have any questions!

<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: 02 November 2020 14:50

To: <Redacted S40>

Subject: One year to COP thought leadership piece

Hi <Redacted S40>

Hope you're well and enjoying the sunshine!

I think I told you the last time we spoke that the UK in Australia network is marking 'one year until COP26' with a series of events and business engagement initiatives from 16 – 26 November (I can forward you the programme in case of interest!). As part of this series, we're asking UK and Australian business leaders in sustainability to write a short (500 words max) thought leadership piece, and I thought BP may be a perfect fit for this given your recent announcements. The piece can draw on your net zero commitment, include why sustainability is important to your organisation, and why other businesses should follow your lead etc.

We would ask you to post the piece on LinkedIn on a specific day during the fortnight, which we would share via our channels – social media, newsletters, the campaign website etc. Our aim is to have a different organisation each day to show how both UK and Australian companies are taking action to fight against climate change and I would hope it would provide you a good opportunity to showcase/cascade your net zero plans.

Let me know if this is something you might be interested in – happy to chat through on the phone if easier.

Many thanks,

<Redacted S40>

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From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:50:59 PM

To: <Redacted S40>

Cc: <Redacted S40>

Subject: RE: ClimateWorks event - 24 November

Thanks <Redacted S40> A quick call tomorrow would be great. <Redacted S40> but free any other time.

Speak then – and have a lovely evening!

<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: 05 November 2020 16:48

To: <Redacted S40>

Cc: <Redacted S40>

Subject: Re: ClimateWorks event - 24 November

Hi <Redacted S40>

Thanks for the emails and no apologies!

We'll work up something for the activities around COP and let you know ASAP.

The ClimateWorks event is a little more difficult as we have an international speaker zooming in for the AFR energy summit and associated events on the 24.

I'll try and call tomorrow?

Thanks again

<Redacted S40>

From: <Redacted S40>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:10:32 AM

To: <Redacted S40>

Cc: <Redacted S40>

Subject: ClimateWorks event - 24 November

Hi <Redacted S40>

Apologies for the second email this week! I wanted to test with you another opportunity for BP to take part in a panel discussion with Nigel Topping on 24 November. This will be part of our 'One Year to COP26' series and hosted in partnership with ClimateWorks Australia, who I believe you are working with on their energy transition initiative.

The event would be a panel discussion format from 6.30 – 7.30pm, and BP would be joined by Nigel Topping, the UN's High Level Champion for Climate Action, ClimateWorks (who will talk about their net zero tracker), and another company with a net zero commitment (tbc). The audience is likely to be mainly business and government.

Let me know if this is something you would be interested in participating in – happy to chat on the phone if easier!

Thanks,

<Redacted S40>