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The Green List: Australia's Top 100  
energy players

They are the foot soldiers in the climate revolution – the policymakers, manufacturers, CEOs, innovators, investors, spruikers and advocates committed to changing the energy basis of our economy. Meet the powerful in power.



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This annual celebration of the 100 Top Green Energy Players comes at a time of serious debate about the costs of dealing with climate change.

It's also an issue set to play out at the federal election next year as the opposition pushes the nuclear case and the government navigates the pushback from voters worried about the cost of living.

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Green List: Leading Australia's Green Revolution

Meet the visionaries driving Australia's transition to a sustainable future. From clean energy startups and renewable...

This year's list includes many working in policy and implementation, a reflection of the way the sector is moving to bed down change.

We asked leaders in the green space to choose those making a difference as Australia decarbonises the economy.

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The judges were: Zoe Whitton, managing director of Pollination; Simon Currie, co-founder of Energy Estate; Tan Kueh, CEO of Grok Ventures; Tony Wood, energy and climate change program director at Grattan Institute; David Scaysbrook, managing partner of Quinbrook; Stephanie Bashir, CEO of Nexa Advisory.

The Green List 2024




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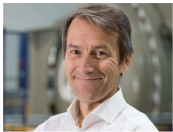


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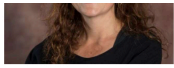
**Title**

Co-founder and CEO

In many large energy projects, it's the developer who scouts for suitable land. The RELA Marketplace reverses this process, inviting landowners to express an interest in developing their property, then assessing the property's suitability, approaching developers and facilitating negotiations. The innovative model was pioneered by co-founder and chief executive Michael Katz as a way to level the playing field between landowners and developers and smooth the pathway to more clean energy developments. "By facilitating a transparent, competitive business process within a structured decision-making framework, we've created an inherently transparent and fair marketplace," he says.



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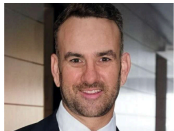
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### Reality check: plans for the planet face new tests

High costs and an increased public scepticism about climate targets have dogged the green debate in recent months. Are we on the right track? Is the government's timetable solid?



### 'We'll build it ourselves': the little solar miracle in Goulburn

Farmer Ed Suttle still chokes up when he talks about the start of a grassroots plan to turn an old gravel pit into a solar farm. 'Within an hour, we had \$500,000 committed. It was just stunning.'



### Following the money and power of green diplomacy in the Pacific

Climate change is front and centre in the Pacific where Australia is pursuing green diplomacy as it tries to counter the influence of China.



### Top 10 new EVs: from fast and furious to downright crazy

From Cadillac whoppers to tiny Fiats and the craziest electric vehicle to launch in Australia this year - here are 10 of the newest electric cars to arrive on our shores.



### Peter Garrett on the 'high-risk', 'cruel joke' of nuclear energy

The Midnight Oil frontman, former politician and environmentalist says the idea that Australia needs a more expensive and riskier technology when it has an abundance of sun, wind and flowing water is 'a cruel joke'.



### Unearthing the new cash crop for farmers

Charles Anderson thought that with some... .. he would find...