

ABIE BUSINESS LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

ZOOM WEBINAR: THU 18TH MARCH 9:30AM CET / 19:30 AEDT

Australian Business in Europe (ABIE) invites you to the second online **Business Leaders Roundtable** with speakers from three ABIE organisations within the network on

**Opportunities for a sustainability-driven recovery:
Perspectives between Australia and Europe**



XAVIER BARBARO
Chairman & CEO Neoen

JEFF CONNOLLY
Chairman & CEO of
Siemens Australia Pacific



ROLAND SCHMIDT
MD Macquarie Capital

The discussion will be followed by a Q&A. To attend this complimentary webinar,

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ABIE is a network of organisations across Europe and Australia collaborating to develop and promote business relations between the two regions.

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ROLAND SCHMIDT
MD Macquarie Capital

Roland heads the German investment banking business for the infrastructure & energy sector of Macquarie Capital, which is the principal investment and advisory arm of Macquarie Group. He joined Macquarie Capital in 2011 and has more than 20 years of experience in Investment Banking (Macquarie, Lazard, UBS).

He worked with various clients in the utilities sector such as E.ON, EnBW, STEAG, RWE, Uniper, CEZ, Theolia, municipalities and various financial sponsors and infrastructure funds on a number of transactions. The principal investment activities range from infrastructure in telecommunications, transportations to renewable energy and emerging low-carbon technologies



XAVIER BARBARO
Chairman & CEO of
Neoen

Xavier Barbaro is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Neoen. He started his career at Louis Dreyfus Communications in Geneva in 2001, before joining Louis Dreyfus Commodities as assistant to the Managing Director, where he was in charge of the business plan and carried out several projects in Asia. He then joined Direct Energie in 2007 as Director of development before founding Neoen in 2008. Xavier Barbaro is graduated from École Polytechnique and École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.



JEFF CONNOLLY
Chairman & CEO of
Siemens Australia Pacific

Jeff Connolly has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Siemens in the Pacific region since 2012. Siemens has been active in Australia since 1872, has a turnover of > A\$2.5 Billion, employing over 2500 people. Siemens' local financial commitment, via local equity, and in debt and equity participation in public infrastructure, is approximately A\$1 Billion. Jeff has lived and worked for Siemens in Germany, Austria and China.

Originally from Melbourne, Jeff is a graduate of Melbourne University. He is President of Ai Group Victoria and Vice President of Ai Group National Executive; Member of Ai Group Defence Council; Director of CEDA (Committee for Economic Development of Australia); President of the VIC/TAS State Advisory Council; Director of the European Australian Business Council; Member of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Digital Expert Advisory Committee (Digital Technology Taskforce); Member of the Skills for Victoria's Growing Economy Expert Advisory Group (Review into Victoria's Post-Secondary Education and Training System); Advisory Councillor of the Ai Group Industry 4.0 Advanced Manufacturing Forum; Previous Chair of the Prime Minister's Industry 4.0 Taskforce; Chairman of the University Research Commercialisation Scheme Taskforce, announced by Minister Tehan in November 2020; and Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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