

Speech

**Presented by His Excellency Mr Yamagami Shingo,
Ambassador of Japan to Australia**

**On the occasion of the Sydney premiere screening of the documentary 'Save the Reef –Act
Now–',**

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Good evening Ladies and Gentleman, I would like to begin by thanking
the Producer Mr Iijima Hiroki,
the CO-Producer Ms Mimi Chau,
the Director of the Japanese language version Mr Shimasaki Yoshuya,
the Actor Dr Daniel Harrison,
and the organizers at the Japan Foundation for inviting me today.

It is an honour to be here for the premiere of the Japanese language version of "Save the Reef –Act Now–".

The impact of climate change upon coral reefs has been felt both in Japan and Australia. And so, I'm sure that tonight's film will serve as an important source of inspiration for the people of both our nations.

No doubt the film will impress upon us the urgent need for action to address climate change. However, before it begins, I would like to draw your attention to the great potential Japan and Australia have for cooperation on this issue.

With our strong foundation of trust built upon a long history of cooperation in the energy sector, Japan and Australia are ideal partners in the fight against climate change.

Our two nations are both working towards the shared goal of emissions reduction. In October last year Prime Minister Suga declared Japan's ambition to achieve carbon neutral by 2050. Japan, like Australia, considers innovation to be the key to achieving this goal.

It is not unexpected then that new frontiers of bilateral cooperation have already arisen. The vast potential of Hydrogen to help steer the world towards a cleaner future is recognized by both our governments.

As we speak, the world's first global hydrogen supply chain is being developed in Victoria by an all Japanese multi-industry consortium. The HESC Project aims to transport liquefied

hydrogen at minus 253 degrees, all the way from Latrobe Valley to Kobe as early as this year.

Its success will have an enormous impact on emissions reduction by helping Australia to leap closer to its goal of becoming a global leader in the supply of clean hydrogen energy.

Japan and Australia are well placed to engage with high emitting players to improve the global environment.

As you watch tonight's film, I hope that you keep in mind the strong ties that our two nations share. Because together we can achieve much more than we can alone.

Thank you.