

CO2CRC Emeritus Scientist Appointed

The Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Kelly Thambimuthu as CO2CRC Emeritus Scientist.

Kelly is the Chairman of the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Program and has over thirty years of low emission technology R&D experience.

"Kelly's experience and skills are a perfect fit with CO2CRC," said Dr Peter Cook, Chief Executive of CO2CRC.

"His understanding of new technology development and his skills in building international collaborations will be a highly valuable addition to the CO2CRC team."

CO2CRC is an internationally acclaimed carbon capture and storage (CCS) research centre. CCS is essential to meeting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and a critical tool in the transition to a clean energy future.

"As CCS projects around the world ramp up, Australia must maintain its position as a world-leader and innovator in CCS technology and research. Kelly's appointment is an important part of keeping our competitive edge," said Dr Cook.

Kelly's previous roles have been as scientist and program director at CANMET Energy, Natural Resources Canada, as CEO of the Centre for Low Emission Technology and as a professorial fellow at the University of Queensland in Australia.

Kelly was an editorial panel member and coordinating lead author of the 2005 IPCC Special Report on CO₂ Capture and Storage.

He was the recipient of the 1998 Natural Resources Canada award for innovation in climate change mitigation technologies, the 2006 IEA-CIAB award for the sustainable development of coal and a contributor to the award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize to the IPCC.

Kelly is a chemical engineering graduate of the University of Birmingham, University of Cambridge, UK and from McGill University, Canada.

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CO2CRC collaborates with leading international and national CCS experts to conduct world-class research into carbon capture and storage. Organisations participating in CO2CRC research include Geoscience Australia, CSIRO and the Universities of Adelaide, Curtin, Melbourne, Monash, NSW and Western Australia.

Industry and State core partners supporting CO2CRC are Anglo American, ANLEC R&D, BG Group, BHP Billiton, BP Australia, Brown Coal Innovation Australia, Chevron, Foundation for Research Science and Technology (NZ), GNS Science (NZ), INPEX, KIGAM, NSW Industry & Investment, QER, QLD Department of Mines and Energy, Rio Tinto, Sasol, Schlumberger, Shell, Solid Energy, Stanwell, Total, the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, WA Department of Mines and Petroleum and Xstrata.

Supporting Partners are The Global CCS Institute, The University of Queensland, Process Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Government of South Australia, CANSYD Australia, Charles Darwin University and Simon Fraser University (Canada).