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Renewables open door for Aussie-made steel

Renewable energy is opening a host of new opportunities for Australian-made steel, Federal Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic has told the Australian steel convention.

In his September 11 opening address to the annual Australian Steel Institute (ASI) convention at Melbourne's Sofitel Hotel, Husic said Australian-made steel had a key role to play in the shift to advanced manufacturing of equipment such as wind turbines.

"We want to be a country that makes things and steel has a vital role to play in that vision.

Husic said he was the son of a metal worker and knew how important locally-made steel was to the nation.

"The industry employs 140,000 people and generates \$30b in annual revenue. Our government through its \$15b National Reconstruction Fund will grow local jobs even further."

The September 10-12 ASI *Choose Steel* conference at Melbourne's Sofitel Hotel will deliver among other things a panel discussion at 11am today (September 11) on a campaign promoting steel as the preferred building material for home renovations (www.choosesteel.com.au).

The website features a collection of compelling case studies, practical dos and don'ts for home renovation, and a comprehensive list of steel suppliers specialising in home renovations.

ASI is the peak industry body for the Australian steel industry, representing 500 companies and 5000 members. Founding members are BlueScope, InfraBuild, Liberty Primary Steel and Stramit Building Products.

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