

## Media Release

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### CIRCULAR PV ALLIANCE WELCOMES PV LAB AS CPVA FOUNDING MEMBER

Circular PV Alliance (CPVA) is proud to announce PV Lab has joined CPVA as a Founding Member. This formalises the already collegial collaboration between the two organisations that have been working together since CPVA first established in mid-2021.

PV Lab is Australia's only independent, specialised PV panel testing laboratory with a focus on quality assurance and risk evaluation for PV modules and components. The lab is headquartered in Canberra and was founded by Dr Michelle McCann and Lawrence McIntosh. Michelle has a PhD from the photovoltaic group at the Australian National University and has twice held a world record for high efficiency solar cells. Lawrie has an engineering and commercial background and has been heavily involved in the planning and development of the Solar Share Majura Park solar farm, the largest community owned solar facility in Australia. Since inception, the PV Lab team has tested panels used in over 2GW of solar farms across Australia. Michelle, Lawrie and the whole PV Lab team are passionate about the quality of the solar industry in Australia and they are excited to be contributing towards the development of a solar energy circular economy.

In 2021, CPVA and PV Lab undertook a micro-pilot project testing a range of used PV panels at PV Lab's facility in Canberra. The results of the project demonstrated a compelling argument in support of PV panel reuse as part of a holistic circular economy for solar energy. This important work catalysed the enduring partnership between PV Lab and CPVA and has led to further collaborations including a recent project awarded by the ACT Government for the Renewable Energy Innovation Fund.

As a CPVA Founding Member, PV Lab will hold a position on the CPVA Technical and Strategic Advisory Board and co-design best practice and voluntary standards at the forefront of the circular PV economy in Australia and abroad. CPVA looks forward to continuing to work with PV Lab and drive innovation in the circular PV economy.

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