

# Outcomes

## Climate Change Authority Meeting

12 September 2023



### Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on Tuesday 12 September to discuss advice for the Minister for Climate Change and Energy's annual climate change statement, to be compiled in the authority's 2023 Annual Progress Report. Members also discussed draft reports reviewing the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* (ACCU Scheme Review) and the *National Greenhouse Energy Reporting Act 2007* (NGER Review), as well as a strategy for communicating the authority's findings and advice.

The meeting commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by standard deliberations relating to administrative matters of the authority, including declarations and management of personal interests. Members reviewed and approved minutes taken at previous meetings in relation to agenda items they attended. The CEO's report focused on the Australian Parliament's recent referral, requesting that the authority review the potential technology transition and emissions pathways that best support Australia's transition to net zero emissions by 2050 for six sectors: electricity and energy; transport; industry and waste; agriculture and land; resources; built environment.

### Summary

#### *2023 Annual Progress Report*

Authority members discussed a revised draft of the 2023 Annual Progress Report, particularly the draft recommendations, structure of the report, and submission to the minister, due 27 October 2023.

#### *NGER Review*

Member Susie Smith was absent from discussions on this topic due to having declared a material personal interest.

Members discussed the current draft of the NGER Review, including consultation findings and draft recommendations, and agreed the review is progressing well.

Members agreed to continue their engagement and involvement as the project progresses, including reviewing the next draft at the October meeting. The NGER review is due for submission to the minister by 31 December 2023.

#### *Communications Strategy*

Members discussed a draft Communications Strategy. Recalling the authority's Engagement Strategy, members observed the importance of communicating with individuals and the diversity of Australian communities in formulating and socialising the authority's advice.

#### *ACCU Scheme Review*

Authority Chair Grant King and member Mark Lewis were absent from discussions on this topic due to having declared material personal interests.

Members discussed the first draft of the ACCU Scheme Review including recommendations, a technical report commissioned to inform this review, and the overall structure of the report. Members agreed the review aligns well with the summary discussed previously.

Members agreed to continue their engagement and involvement as the project progresses, including reviewing the next draft of the review at the October meeting. The final review is due to the minister by 31 December 2023.

## Attendees

### Members

<b>Mr Grant King*</b>	Chair
<b>Professor Lesley Hughes</b>	Member
<b>Dr Russell Reichelt AO</b>	Member
<b>Mr Mark Lewis*</b>	Member
<b>Ms Susie Smith*</b>	Member
<b>Dr Virginia Marshall</b>	Member
<b>Mr John McGee</b>	Member
<b>Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM FAA FTSE</b>	Member (Ex-officio)

\* Excused for a portion of the meeting as described in the summary above.

### Apologies

<b>Ms Sam Mostyn AO</b>	Member
-------------------------	--------

### Secretariat

<b>Mr Brad Archer</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Ms Eliza Murray</b>	General Manager, Strategy Branch
<b>Dr Matt Searson</b>	Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch
<b>Minute takers</b>	Secretariat staff