

# Outcomes

## Climate Change Authority Meeting 11 June 2024



### Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on 11 June 2024. The meeting commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by standard deliberations relating to administrative matters and declarations and handling of potential conflicts of interest.

The CEO's report included a summary of the government's recent Future Made in Australia plan announcement. It also noted that the government's responses to the authority's 2023 reviews of the Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) Scheme and the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) Scheme are due to be released and tabled in Parliament in the coming weeks.

The remainder of the agenda consisted of updates on the authority's consultation program, Sector Pathways Review, 2035 Targets Advice, third annual progress report, and annual review of the authority's charter and performance.

### Summary

#### *Consultation*

Members discussed the initial findings and preliminary analysis of stakeholder submissions made to the authority's 2024 *Issues Paper: Targets, Pathways and Progress*. Members noted common themes from the submissions, including in relation to emissions reduction target ranges, calls for more coordination and information from government, and support for carbon pricing.

#### *Modelling*

Members discussed progress of the economic modelling project being undertaken by CSIRO on behalf of the authority. Members discussed how economic modelling, complemented by other analysis, data, consultation and qualitative research, will inform the authority's assessment of opportunities and costs for the Australian economy that are associated with different emissions reduction scenarios.

#### *Sector Pathways Review*

Members discussed the draft Sector Pathways Review report and areas for further refinement to avoid repetition and strengthen advice to government. Members noted that the high level of engagement with the consultation process will assist the authority to make robust, evidence-based recommendations. Members agreed that a key message of the review is that all sectors have a role to play in achieving net zero emissions by 2050 but that the pathways and timeframes will differ and interact.

### *2035 Targets Advice*

Members discussed the draft outline of the 2035 Targets Advice report and noted the critical role that renewable energy generation would play in reducing Australia's emissions, the role of removals and just transition issues. Members agreed to provide further feedback in writing for the secretariat to incorporate in preparing the draft of the 2035 Targets Advice report.

### *2024 Annual Progress Report*

Members considered the proposed scope of the authority's 2024 Annual Progress Report, which provides advice to inform the Minister's Annual Climate Change Statement. Members noted this will be the authority's third annual progress report, and the first to provide advice on the effectiveness of the reformed safeguard mechanism.

### *Other business*

Members completed an annual review of the *Authority Charter* and performance. Members discussed and agreed to updates to the charter, which will assist them to continue to operate in accordance with statutory requirements and good governance practice, and noted the updated charter will be published on the authority's website in coming weeks.

### **Attendees**

Mr Grant King	Chair
Mr Richard Bolt	Member
Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Mr John McGee	Member
Ms Fiona Simson	Member
Ms Susie Smith	Member

*\* Remote attendance*

### **Apologies**

Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM FAA FTSE	Member (Ex-officio)
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### **Secretariat**

Mr Brad Archer	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Eliza Murray	General Manager, Strategy Branch
Dr Matt Searson	Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch
Mr Tim Banks	General Counsel
Secretariat staff	Minute takers