

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meetings

13 August and 3 September 2024



Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met for a half-day meeting on 13 August to welcome its new Chair, the Hon Matt Kean, and member, Ms Patty Akopiantz. Meeting discussions consisted of an Acknowledgement of Country and standard deliberations relating to administrative matters, including declaration and handling of potential conflicts of interest. Mr Kean and Ms Akopiantz provided initial declarations regarding material personal interests. Members also discussed the plan for the public release of the Sector Pathways Review, the authority's meeting schedule, and upcoming calendar of events.

In a full-day meeting on 3 September members discussed progress in development of the authority's 2024 Annual Progress Report and 2035 Targets Advice, and commenced discussion on the authority's 2025 work program. The meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country by the Chair, followed by a discussion on standard administrative matters and handling of potential conflicts of interest.

In his report, the CEO congratulated Dr Cathy Foley and Ms Fiona Simson (absent) for their appointments to the government's expert panel on methane reporting and the new Nature Repair Committee, respectively. The CEO addressed the government's responses to the authority's 2023 reviews of the ACCU Scheme and the NGER Act legislation, noting that the government *agreed or agreed in principle* with most of the authority's recommendations.

Summary – 3 September 2024 meeting

2024 Annual Progress Report

Members received an update on preparation of the authority's 2024 Annual Progress Report, which will present information and advice to inform the Minister's third Annual Climate Change Statement. Members discussed draft recommendations, the timing of the release of the report and an update on the authority's climate policy tracker. Members agreed they were generally content with the progress and development of the report, which is due to be submitted to the Minister toward the end of 2024.

2035 Targets Advice

Members discussed developing the authority's 2035 Targets Advice, including timing for delivery to the government, building on the sector pathways work the authority has already submitted to the government, and methodologies to ensure the advice is anchored in the latest science, robust economic modelling, research and consultation. Members agreed the work on the 2035 Targets Advice is progressing well. The advice is due to the Minister after 1 October 2024.

2025 Work Program

Members considered potential areas for attention in the authority's 2025 authority work program, in addition to the 2025 Annual Progress Report and any special reviews requested by the Minister or Parliament. Members agreed to a future workshop to further discuss the 2025 work program.

Other business

Members discussed the authority meeting schedule for the remainder of 2024.

Attendees

The Hon Matt Kean	Chair
Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Ms Susie Smith	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Mr John McGee	Member
Ms Patty Akopiantz	Member
Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM FAA FTSE	Member (Ex-officio)

Apologies

Ms Fiona Simson	Member
Mr Richard Bolt	Member

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 note takers	