

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meetings 3 October, 6 and 12 November 2024



Preamble

The Climate Change Authority held meetings on 3 October and 12 November to finalise and endorse the 2024 Annual Progress report, and on 6 November to discuss development of the 2035 Targets Advice. Each meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of Country delivered by the Chair and standard deliberations relating to administrative matters, including declaration and handling of potential conflicts of interest and the CEO's report.

Summary – 3 October 2024 meeting

2024 Annual Progress Report

Members received an update on preparation of the authority's 2024 Annual Progress Report containing advice to inform the Minister's third Annual Climate Change Statement. Members discussed the draft report and agreed to provide more detailed written feedback to the secretariat. Members discussed the draft recommendations, agreeing to make them more concise and clear about the tasks required to achieve Australia's 2030 emissions reduction target. Members also agreed they would meet again to endorse the Annual Progress Report in November 2024. In accordance with standard meeting procedures, the Chair, having advised a potential future personal interest in a subject area within the report was excused for a short period when draft recommendations were considered. Dr Foley presided during that time.

Summary – 6 November 2024 meeting

2035 Targets Advice – Methodology and analysis

Members discussed developing the authority's 2035 Targets Advice, including its methodology for determining an ambitious, achievable and science-based 2035 emissions reduction target for Australia. Members agreed the authority's 2035 targets advice should focus on reducing territorial emissions as much as possible and identify other areas to support global efforts to reduce emissions.

Strategic Communications Plan

Members discussed the proposed Strategic Communications Plan as part of the authority's role as a central part of Australia's climate policy architecture. Members agreed to the Plan, noting some of the challenges resourcing constraints may pose.

Summary – 12 November 2024 meeting

2024 Annual Progress Report

Members considered the final draft report and recommendations, including the updated section relating to the safeguard mechanism following receipt of data from the Clean Energy Regulator.

In accordance with standard meeting procedures, the Chair, having advised a potential future personal interest in a subject area of the report, was excused for a short period when a relevant recommendation was considered and endorsed. Ms Foley presided during that time. Ms Smith was also excused during the endorsement of one recommendation which could be perceived as relevant to her declared material personal interests.

Members endorsed the final draft of the 2024 Annual Progress Report.

Other business

Members discussed the authority's meeting schedule and proposed agenda for the final meeting of 2024.

Attendance

Attendees

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

*part attendance 3 October and 12 November meetings

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Apologies

3 October meeting	Mr John McGee
6 November meeting	Professor Lesley Hughes Ms Fiona Simson

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	