

# Our Engagement Charter

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## Purpose of this charter

The [Climate Change Authority's Corporate Plan 2021-22](#) sets out our objectives for achieving our vision:

- Our research and review reports and the advice we give are relevant, timely and of high quality.
- Our public consultation processes are based on the principles of transparency, accountability and accessibility.

This Engagement Charter sets out the Authority's ongoing commitment to listen to our stakeholders and ensuring they have the opportunity to be involved in the development of our advice.

## Who are we?

The Climate Change Authority is established under the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* to provide independent, expert advice to the Australian Government on climate change policy.

The Authority is made up of a Chair, the Chief Scientist and up to seven other members and a secretariat.

## What do we do?

The Authority undertakes three main types of work:



1. we are required by legislation to undertake periodic reviews of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* and the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*.
2. we undertake special reviews on other matters as requested by the Minister responsible for climate change or the Australian Parliament.
3. we conduct our own independent research and analysis on climate change matters.

## Who do we engage with?



Climate change affects us all, although the impact and our experience will differ depending on where we live, what we do for work and many other factors. The Authority aims to consult as broadly as possible across all sections of society, including industry stakeholders, non-government organisations, Indigenous organisations, research organisations and private individuals.

The Authority engages with Australia's governments at Federal, state and territory and local levels and our international counterparts.

We promote all of our public consultations on our website and welcome submissions from all interested parties, regardless of their location (i.e., in Australia or overseas).

## Why do we engage with our stakeholders?



The input we receive through stakeholder engagement and consultation enhances the effectiveness and quality of the Authority's work. Information received through consultation provides data and evidence for the Authority's independent findings.

The Authority is required by the Climate Change Authority Act to undertake public consultation for all its legislative and special reviews.

For transparency, all of our reports are published on our website as soon as practicable after finalisation.

## How do we engage with our stakeholders?

How we engage with our stakeholders may vary depending on the nature of each consultation. Most public consultations for our reviews offer all interested parties the opportunity to lodge a written submission and/or participate in targeted discussions. We may also communicate directly with relevant subject matter experts, particularly when undertaking our own research.

## What can you expect from us?



### Independence

The Authority forms its own views based on evidence and rigorous analysis, while always having regard to the principles in section 12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* including environmental effectiveness, economic efficiency and equity.



### Inclusiveness

The Authority aims to engage and consult with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible and provide everyone with the opportunity to contribute to our public consultation processes.



### Transparency and accountability

The Authority advertises public consultations on its website, provides clear guidance and timelines for engagement, and publishes all submissions not marked as confidential. An organisation may request its submission be treated as confidential, for example where it includes commercial-in-confidence information. We encourage all submissions to allow publication where possible. Publishing submissions enables us to be transparent about the information we draw on to inform our findings and advice. Where we undertake targeted consultation for research reports, we list all stakeholders with whom we engaged where confidentiality was not requested.



### Planned and genuine

The Authority plans effective and genuine consultation. We do this by providing clear guidance on how to engage with us, and ensure there is adequate time for you to provide input and for the Authority to consider your ideas.



### Responsive to feedback

The Authority regularly reviews its Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Strategy and is responsive to feedback on how we can improve.



### Privacy

The Authority respects your right to privacy and complies with the Privacy Act in relation to the collection and management of personal information.

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