

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting

20 October 2023



PREAMBLE

The Climate Change Authority met on 20 October 2023 for a full day meeting. The meeting was held on Ngunnawal Country at the authority's headquarters in Canberra. The meeting commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by standard deliberations relating to administrative matters and handling of potential conflicts of interest. Members also received an update from the secretariat on finalisation of the 2023 Annual Progress Report, which is to be submitted to the Minister on 27 October. This follows an authority meeting held on 3 October for the specific purpose of considering a draft of the report.

Members discussed the authority's approach to undertaking a review of sectoral pathways, following a referral from the Parliament, and developing advice on Australia's 2035 targets. Members also reviewed and discussed drafts of the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) Act 2007* review (NGER Review) and the review of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* (ACCU Review).

SUMMARY

Sectoral Pathways Review and 2035 Targets Advice

Members discussed a proposed approach to the Sectoral Pathways Review and preparation of the authority's advice on Australia's 2035 emissions reduction targets, including the approach to consultation and communications. Members endorsed the proposed approach with suggestions to refine the project's scope.

Members also agreed to provide further feedback on a draft consultation paper on the approach to the Sectoral Pathways Review, ahead of publication in coming weeks. The authority's Sectoral Pathways Review is due to be submitted to the Minister by 1 August 2024.

Members discussed the general approach to be taken to managing member interests in relation to the review and in developing the authority's targets advice.

2023 NGER Review

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

Members reviewed and discussed the near final draft of the 2023 NGER Review, including finalising recommendations. Members provided feedback to finalise proposed recommendations and agreed key findings for the review. Members intend to endorse the final report for submission to the Minister in December 2023.

2023 ACCU Review

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

Ms Sam Mostyn presided over the discussion of the item, as nominated by fellow authority members. Discussion centred on consultation findings for the review and the current draft of the review report, including recommendations. Members provided feedback and suggestions on key findings and recommendations in the report. Members intend to endorse the final report for submission to the Minister in December 2023.

Attendees

Mr Grant King*	Chair
Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Dr Russell Reichelt AO	Member
Mr Mark Lewis*^	Member
Ms Susie Smith*	Member
Ms Sam Mostyn AO	Member
Mr John McGee	Member
Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM FAA FTSE	Member (Ex-officio)

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

^ Mr Mark Lewis left the meeting early for personal reasons.

Apologies

Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
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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
Minute takers	Secretariat staff

*Part attendance