

# Outcomes

## Climate Change Authority Meeting 19 March 2024



### Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met virtually on 19 March 2024. The meeting commenced with Chair Grant King warmly welcoming the authority's two new members, Fiona Simson and Richard Bolt, who were appointed by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, for five-year terms commencing on 15 March 2024. Mr King also congratulated CEO Mr Brad Archer on his reappointment for an additional 12 months.

Mr Archer gave an Acknowledgement of Country and Mr King proceeded to the standard deliberations relating to administrative matters and declarations and handling of potential conflicts of interest. Ms Simson and Mr Bolt advised the meeting of outside roles, which have also been declared to the Minister as part of the appointment process. Dr Marshall confirmed she has been appointed to the Great Artesian Basin committee as of 13 March. No additional interests were declared by members. The Chair noted these interests will be recorded in the relevant register and website notice in accordance with the *Authority Charter*.

The CEO's report included a summary of a recent meeting he, the Chair and Ms Murray had with the Minister to discuss the authority's work program for 2024 and delivery dates for the authority's advice. Mr Archer also provided updates in relation to the government's consultation on proposed vehicle emissions standards and the recent releases of the: government's [September quarter 2023 greenhouse gas inventory update](#); [National Climate Risk Assessment First Pass Assessment Report](#); and [National Adaptation Plan Issues Paper](#).

Mr Archer also noted the release of the authority's [2024 Reconciliation Action Plan](#).

### Sectoral Pathways Review and 2035 Emissions Reduction Targets Advice

Members received an update on the progress of the Sectoral Pathways Review and the 2035 Emissions Reduction Targets Advice [projects](#), including stakeholder consultation across all sectors, cross-cutting issues and priority cohort groups, development of the Interim Paper, and economic modelling. Both projects are progressing well, with the Sectoral Pathways Review report due to be delivered to the Minister by 1 August 2024 and the 2035 Targets Advice report in the last quarter of 2024.

### Pathways and Targets: Interim Paper

Members discussed the latest draft of the authority's proposed interim paper for the Sectoral Pathways Review, 2035 Emissions Reduction Targets Advice and the 2024 Annual Progress Report. The interim paper aims to build understanding of and facilitate consultation on the authority's approach and direction for these projects. Members agreed the interim paper is shaping up well and is on track for release in April 2024 for public consultation.

## Attendees

Mr Grant King	Chair
Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Mr John McGee	Member
Ms Susie Smith	Member
Mr Richard Bolt*	Member
Ms Fiona Simson*	Member
Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM FAA FTSE	Member (Ex-officio)

\* *Partial attendance due to prior commitments*

## Apologies

Ms Sam Mostyn	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
Secretariat Staff	Minute takers