

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting 30 September 2025

Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on 30 September 2025 for a full-day meeting. This followed an out-of-session meeting on 9 September 2025 to decide the Authority's 2035 targets advice.

The meetings commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country and standard deliberations relating to administrative matters, including declaration and handling of potential conflicts of interest.

At the 30 September meeting, members provided updates to their notified interests for recording on the Authority's website notice, in accordance with the *Authority Charter*. Following the Authority's standard meeting procedures, members who had previously declared material personal interests in matters that could be relevant to items on the agenda were excused from the meeting while their involvement in deliberations was considered and handling determinations were made as needed by the remaining members.

A CEO's report was provided at the 30 September meeting.

Summary of 9 September meeting

2035 Targets Advice

Members discussed finalisation of the Authority's recommended 2035 targets for inclusion in Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement. Members agreed to recommend to the Minister that the emissions reduction target should be a 62%-70% reduction on 2005 levels, along with a 2031-2035 emissions budget based on that range.

Summary of 30 September meeting

2035 Targets Advice debrief

Members discussed the release of and reactions to the 2035 targets advice, and its intersection with recent government reports.

Presentation: Chair, Emissions Reductions Assurance Committee (ERAC)

Members received a presentation from Professor Karen Hussey, ERAC Chair, on the operation of the ERAC and possible issues for consideration in the Authority's upcoming ACCU Scheme Review.

2025 Annual Progress Report

Members discussed the draft report and recommendations, and provided feedback to the secretariat. Members agreed to consider revised recommendations out of session ahead of the next Authority meeting.

2026 ACCU Scheme Review issues paper

Members discussed the draft 2026 ACCU Scheme Review issues paper, including the scope of the paper, consultation, stakeholder engagement and the delivery timeline for the review.

Attendees – 9 September 2025

Mr Matt Kean	Chair
Professor Tony Haymet	Member (Ex-officio)
Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Ms Fiona Simson	Member
Ms Patty Akopiantz	Member
Mr Richard Bolt	Member
Mr Tim Reed	Member
Ms Gretta Stephens	Member

Apologies – Nil.**Secretariat**

Mr Brad Archer	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Eliza Murray	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Jed Buffer	Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch
Ms Weilin Chiu	General Manager, Systems and Science Branch
Mr Tim Banks	General Counsel (minute taker)
Ms Mia Swainson	General Manager, Outreach and Enabling Branch

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Mr Richard Bolt	Member
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Ms Gretta Stephens	Member

*Part attendance

Apologies

Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
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Secretariat

Mr Brad Archer	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Eliza Murray	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Gavin Mongan	Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch
Mr Toomas Mirlieb	Acting General Manager, Systems and Science Branch
Mr Tim Banks	General Counsel
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