

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting 5 August 2025



Preamble

The Authority met for a half-day meeting in Canberra on 22 July 2025 and a full-day meeting in Sydney on 5 August 2025.

The meetings commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country and standard deliberations relating to administrative matters, including declaration and handling of potential conflicts of interest. A CEO's report was provided at the 5 August meeting.

At the meetings 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.

Summary of 22 July meeting

2035 Targets Advice

Members discussed the 2035 Targets advice and agreed to endorse text of the draft report, subject to incorporation of their further feedback during the meeting and recirculation to members ahead of the next Authority meeting scheduled for 5 August 2025. Members discussed the target range and agreed to reflect further on it ahead of discussion at the next meeting.

Summary of 5 August meeting

Presentation: Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

Members received a presentation from the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, Mr Tony Mahar, about his role and insights from his engagement with communities and proponents. Mr Mahar and members discussed shared challenges and opportunities for working together in the future.

2035 Targets Advice

Members continued deliberations on the Authority's 2035 targets advice. Members discussed the target range and agreed to reflect further on it ahead of discussion at an upcoming special Authority meeting.

2025 Annual Progress Report

Members discussed the outline for the report, including progress metrics, and agreed to provide further comments out of session. Members agreed that the focus area for this year's report will be streamlining environmental approvals, in recognition of the critical importance of facilitating renewable energy implementation at the required pace while also delivering better environmental outcomes.

2026 Review of the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme

Members discussed the 2026 statutory review of the ACCU Scheme, including the delivery timeline, potential focus areas, and the consultation process.

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Professor Tony Haymet*	Member (Ex-officio)
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Ms Patty Akopiantz	Member
Mr Richard Bolt	Member
Mr Tim Reed	Member
Ms Gretta Stephens	Member
*Part attendance	

Apologies

Profession Lesley Hughes	Member
Ms Fiona Simson	Member

Secretariat

Mr Brad Archer	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Eliza Murray	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
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