

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting 25 November 2025



Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on 25 November 2025 for a full-day meeting. This followed an out-of-session meeting on 10 November 2025 to endorse the Authority's 4th Annual Progress Report.

Both meetings commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country and standard deliberations relating to administrative matters, including declaration and handling of potential conflicts of interest. Members provided updates to their notified interests and roles for recording on the Authority's standing register of members' material personal interests and published in accordance with the *Authority Charter*. A CEO's report was provided at both meetings.

Summary of the 10 November meeting

2025 Annual Progress Report

Members considered the final draft report and recommendations. Members endorsed the 2025 Annual Progress Report for submission to Minister Bowen and tabling in Parliament. Members also endorsed publication of the report following Minister Bowen tabling his Annual Climate Change Statement.

Members discussed reforms to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and agreed to engage further with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) about the process for determining 'no-go' zones and delivering the required reductions in environmental approval times for renewable energy projects.

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ACCU Scheme deep dive

Members discussed the scope and priorities for the Authority's 2026 ACCU Scheme Review, including ACCU market dynamics, method development bottlenecks and ensuring method integrity. Members discussed an additional round of stakeholder engagement to follow receipt of submissions in response to the Issues Paper and agreed to review the engagement strategy in early 2026.

Annual review of member collective performance and Authority Charter

Members completed an annual review of the *Authority Charter* and the Authority's performance. Members discussed possible improvements to the Authority's procedures and processes, for implementation in the new year.

Members considered and endorsed updates to the charter to ensure continued compliance with statutory requirements and good governance practices. Members noted the updated charter will be published on the Authority's website in coming weeks.

Strategic outlook and 2026 work program

Members endorsed the proposed 2026 work program, which focuses on completing statutory reviews, enhancing the Authority's evidence base, and delivering on the Authority's expanded mandate for community engagement.

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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 Tim Banks	General Counsel
Mr Jed Buffer	Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch
Ms Weilin Chiu	Acting General Manager, Systems and Science Branch
Ms Mia Swainson	General Manager, Outreach and Enabling Branch
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*Partial attendance