

# Outcomes

## Climate Change Authority Meeting

30-31 March 2026

### Preamble

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

Several members provided updates to their notified interests. Members considered all declared interests, and agreed there were no items on the agenda that required any member to be excluded from deliberations at the meeting.

### Summary

#### *Carbon markets workshop*

Members discussed how the Safeguard Mechanism and the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme interact and contribute to meeting Australia's emissions reduction targets. Members discussed how different policy options and actions would or could interact to bring forward extra emissions reductions, implications for costs and benefits and their distribution across sectors and regions, and other relevant matters. Members noted that further policies and programs will be needed to meet Australia's emissions targets.

#### *ACCU Scheme review*

Members discussed key themes for the ACCU Scheme review and proposed approaches to those themes. Members agreed the report should clarify the scheme's role within the broader policy mix, address integrity and market confidence, and present clear evidence to address stakeholder concerns. Noting that reforms are still being implemented following the Authority's last scheme review, members agreed the review should prioritise building a better shared understanding of the scheme's role, and enhancing its operation, rather than scheme redesign.

#### *Fossil methane project strategy*

Members agreed the scope and strategic framing of the fossil methane project. It will examine opportunities to accelerate near-term methane reductions, focusing on the coal and gas sectors. Members noted the Government's ongoing work on methane measurement and reporting, and agreed the Authority's project will not focus on those matters. The upcoming issues paper will communicate fossil methane's impacts and help inform members of stakeholder views on the barriers and enablers to abatement.

**Attendees**

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

**Apologies**

Nil.

**Secretariat**

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| Ms Kath Rowley                       | Chief Executive Officer                            |
| Ms Eliza Murray                      | Deputy Chief Executive Officer                     |
| Mr Tim Banks                         | General Counsel                                    |
| Mr Jed Buffier*                      | Acting General Manager, Analysis Branch            |
| Ms Weilin Chiu                       | Acting General Manager, Systems and Science Branch |
| Ms Mia Swainson                      | General Manager, Outreach and Enabling Branch      |
| Secretariat advisors and note takers |  |

\*Partial attendance