

Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting

9 June 2026

Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on 9 June 2026 for a full-day meeting. This followed an out-of-session meeting on 6 May to progress the Authority's work program.

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 material personal interests and for publication in accordance with the Authority Charter. Members discussed declared interests potentially relevant to the ACCU review, and decided it was appropriate that all members present at the meeting participate in full for that agenda item. A CEO's report was provided at both meetings.

Summary of the 6 May meeting

Members agreed the scope, principles and consultation approach for the Authority's review of the Safeguard Mechanism. Members will take a focused approach centred on post-2030 baseline decline rates and the extent to which current settings are driving on-site abatement. Members agreed to conduct targeted engagement with regulated industries alongside public consultation.

Members also agreed the scope of the 2026 Annual Progress Advice and associated issues papers. Members supported a focused approach to consultation on progress tracking and the Safeguard Mechanism, complementing separate consultation on fossil methane.

Members endorsed release of the fossil methane consultation paper, subject to final refinement, and endorsed the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy 2026–29.

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ACCU Scheme Review

Members discussed draft recommendations for the 2026 ACCU Scheme Review. Members agreed the report should explain the role of the ACCU scheme within the broader policy mix; directly address transparency and integrity issues; and avoid duplicating reforms already underway.

Fossil Methane workshop

Members discussed how methane-specific policy options may interact with the Safeguard Mechanism and broader emissions outcomes. Members noted the importance of further analysis, including consideration of different emissions metrics, before drawing conclusions about likely policy impacts.

Misinformation insights paper

Members agreed the scope of an Authority insights paper on misinformation and discussed preliminary analysis.

Annual Progress Advice issues paper

Members considered the draft issues paper for the 2026 Annual Progress Advice. Members agreed revisions to better explain key issues relating to safeguard performance and benchmarking climate progress, and that it should adopt an open, consultative tone. Members agreed to release the issues paper subject to these improvements.

Evidence Platform

Members considered the proposed approach to metrics and benchmarks for the Evidence Platform, informed by responses to the March 2026 issues paper. Members supported a structured framework for assessing progress toward emissions reduction targets, including at the sector level, while emphasising the need for a tight, strategically focused set of public-facing indicators.

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Professor Lesley Hughes	Member
Ms Patty Akopiantz*	Member
Mr Richard Bolt	Member
Mr Tim Reed	Member
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Ms Fiona Simson	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member

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Ms Eliza Murray	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
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*Partial attendance