Outcomes

Climate Change Authority Meeting

22 September 2026

CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORITY

Preamble

The Climate Change Authority met on 22 September 2026 for a full-day meeting.

The meeting 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 in accordance with the Authority Charter. Members considered declared interests potentially relevant to the Annual Progress Advice. Members determined that Mr Kean, Ms Akopiantz and Ms Theobald Stephens would not participate in final approval decisions on certain Annual Progress Advice recommendations related to the Safeguard Mechanism, but they could be involved in all discussions.

The CEO gave a report on Authority operations and relevant developments since the last meeting.

Summary

Draft Annual Progress Advice and recommendations

Members considered the first full draft of the 2026 Annual Progress Advice and provided feedback on the report's recommendations, executive summary and sector analysis. Members discussed proposed advice on the Safeguard Mechanism, fossil methane and other emissions reduction opportunities. Members requested clearer communication of the scale and urgency of Australia's emissions reduction task, progress to date, constraints and economic opportunities. Members agreed in principle to the proposed recommendations, subject to further drafting.

Fuel Tax Credits

Members considered the interaction between Fuel Tax Credits and Australia's emissions reduction efforts, including onsite abatement investment decisions at Safeguard facilities.

COP31 update and decarbonisation deals

Members considered the Authority's proposed COP31 program and a draft Decarbonisation Deals concept note. Members discussed how decarbonisation deals could support practical collaboration between governments, industry and investors to advance low-emissions value chains.

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 Theobald Stephens*	Member
Dr Virginia Marshall	Member
Ms Patty Akopiantz*	Member

Apologies

Nil.

Secretariat

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 Mia Swainson	General Manager, Outreach and Enabling Branch
Secretariat advisors and note takers	

*Partial attendance