

MINISTERIAL BRIEF

To:	Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Tracking No.: 24/87923
Date:	28/08/2024	
From:	Executive Group Manager, Climate Change and Energy	
Subject:	ACT Climate Change Council paper and presentation: future challenges and opportunities of climate change in the ACT	
Critical Date:	09/09/2024	
Critical Reason:	To close out a commitment by the ACT Climate Change Council to circulate this paper and presentation.	

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Recommendations

That you **agree** for the Climate Change Council Secretariat to distribute Attachment A and Attachment B to Climate Action Subcommittee members and their staff.

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

Shane Rattenbury MLA

11/9/24

Minister's Office Feedback

Background

1. The ACT Climate Change Council (the Council) was scheduled to present their work on *Future challenges and opportunities of climate change in the ACT* to the Climate Action Subcommittee (CASC) on 22 April 2024. This presentation did not proceed.
2. The Council presented their work to you at a 2 April 2024 meeting. At this meeting, you noted that the presentation was a good summary of future issues for consideration and suggested the presentation be sent to CASC members with an accompanying briefing paper.

Issues

3. The briefing paper at Attachment A outlines the key issues of the presentation and major discussion points, including the Council's position that addressing climate-induced inequality and adaptation should be points of focus under the next Climate Change Strategy.
4. The Council's presentation at Attachment B provides a list of opportunities to assist the ACT in meeting its net zero target by 2045 and adapting to accelerating climate change.

Next steps

5. As per your request, and in lieu of the CASC meeting scheduled for 22 April 2022, the *Future challenges and opportunities of climate change in the ACT* briefing note and presentation have been provided to you for distribution to CASC members.
6. If agreed, the Climate Change Council Secretariat will distribute Attachment A and Attachment B to CASC members and their staff.
7. The Council is available for further consultation on these and other issues.

Financial Implications

8. Nil for the purposes of this brief.

Consultation

Internal

9. Nil.

Cross Directorate

10. Nil.

External

11. The ACT Climate Change Council prepared and approved the paper and presentation.

Work Health and Safety

12. N/A

Benefits/Sensitivities

13. The presentation and paper identify challenges and opportunities that may help the ACT Government in responding to climate change.

Communications, media and engagement implications

14. The presentation and paper will be published on the ACT Climate Change Council website. This would not be expected to attract media interest.

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Attachments

Attachment	Title
Attach A	Future challenges and opportunities of climate change in the ACT briefing note
Attach B	ACTCCC presentation on future challenges and opportunities of climate change in the ACT