



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

Reference: Climate Change

Hearing: 14 February 2025

In relation to: Climate Emissions

Question received: 20 February 2025

Answer Due: 28 February 2025

The ACT Climate Change Council and the Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainability have recommended that we consider, track and reduce our Scope 3 emissions. According to the Commissioner, the ACT would have the second largest per person carbon footprint if we included Scope 3 emissions and they are a significantly larger source of emissions than Scope 1 or Scope 2.

From January 2025, many Australia businesses have been to report on Scope 3 emissions (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-02/mandatory-climate-reporting-rules-begin/104718398>)

- (1) Are you planning to track Scope 3 emissions in the next climate strategy for the ACT?
- (2) Are you planning policy to reduce Scope 3 emissions in the next climate strategy for the ACT?

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Planning for the next climate strategy is currently underway. The strategy and any actions committed to will be informed by consultation and subject to Government agreement.
- (2) Planning for the next climate strategy is currently underway. The strategy and any actions committed to will be informed by consultation and subject to Government agreement.

The Government is already reporting and reducing scope 3 emissions on a number of major projects. Major projects currently underway in the ACT, such as Light Rail Stage 2 and Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) campus, are already actively delivering reductions in scope 3 emissions and testing scope 3 emissions tracking tools as part of sustainability rating schemes. The Government has also released the Low Carbon Concrete policy, which requires projects to use and report on low carbon concrete, where relevant, from January 2025.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:

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By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Suzanne Orr MLA