



To: Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions
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From: Acting Executive Group Manager Climate Change and Energy

Date of meeting: Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Subject: ACT Climate Change Council Meeting 55 – 7 February 2024

- A/g DDG, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction 31/01/24

Purpose of the meeting

To engage with the ACT Climate Change Council (Council) at its meeting on Wednesday, 7 February 2024. Key items for discussion during the session include the Council's role in a potential post 2025 Climate Change Strategy and an ACT specific internal value of carbon.

Recommendations

That you **note** the meeting brief and suggested talking points at Attachment A.

Noted / Please Discuss

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Purpose of the meeting:	This is a routine Council meeting. Discussion topics and suggested talking points are detailed in <u>Attachment A</u> below. The draft agenda for the meeting is provided at <u>Attachment B</u> .
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Discussion:	You are scheduled to attend from 12:30pm to 1:00pm to discuss the Council's role in the ACT Government's post 2025 Climate Change Strategy and to seek Council advice on determining an ACT specific carbon value under the target consistent approach (TCA).

	Background on each discussion item is provided below, along with suggested talking points. The Climate Change Strategy 2019-2025 is at <u>Attachment D</u> .
Consultation Internal:	Nil.
Cross directorate:	Nil.
External:	The Chair and Council members provided input.
Media implications:	A short summary of the meeting will be published on the Council's webpage on the Everyday Climate Choices website.

Attachment A – Items to be discussed:

Topic 1: A potential post 2025 Climate Change Strategy (Agenda Item 3.1)

Background:

- At the previous Council meeting, the Council commented that the Climate Change Strategy 2019-25 nominally finishes in 2025 and asked you about your expectations for the Council through the review of this strategy and setting of the broader 10-year horizon for the government.
- The Strategy outlines the actions Government will take to meet its 2025 interim target of 50-60% emissions reduction (below 1990 levels), builds on the ACTs achievements to date and identifies measures to further reduce emissions and respond to climate change. Some of the key measures considered by this strategy are:
 - (a) **Transport:** the strategy focuses on encouraging the ACT community to use public transport, undertake active transport and increase the uptake of zero emissions vehicles.
 - (b) **Building and Energy:** the strategy focuses on reducing emissions from gas and supporting the community, particularly the vulnerable community in their electrification journey.
 - (c) **Waste:** the strategy focuses on capturing methane at Mugga Lane and using it to generate electricity, supporting food rescue organisations, educating households on waste and investigating organic waste processing.
 - (d) **Land use:** the strategy focuses on sustainable farming practices and building resilience and adaptation for ecological communities and ecosystems.
- While considering actions across all sectors, the strategy places a strong focus on lowering emissions from the transport and gas sector. Since its achievement of a 100% renewable electricity in 2020, transport and the gas sector have been the two largest sources of emissions for the ACT.
- Note that the context in which the ACT operates now has changed considerably from when this Strategy was established. The Integrated Energy Plan will cover much of the ground previously covered in the Climate Change Strategy, but not all. In addition, there are several other strategies that the ACT has adopted, or is developing, that address climate change, for example:
 - The Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) Strategy 2022-2030
 - ACT Circular Economy Strategy and Action Plan
 - Active Travel Plan
 - Canberra Region Local Food Strategy
 - Canberra: A statement of ambition
 - CBR Switched On – ACT's Economic Development Priorities 2022-25

- Topic 2: ACT Internal value of Carbon** (Agenda Item 3.2)

- The ACT Government has a commitment to ensuring the social cost of Carbon (SCC) is considered in ACT Government policies, Budget decisions, capital works projects and procurements through the Climate Change Strategy 2019-2025 (action 5.5). This is based on a range of work undertaken previously through the ACT Climate Change Council and built on through two reports from the Council and Rovingstone Advisory, that were presented to the Climate Action Subcommittee meeting in November 2021.

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