

Ministerial Brief

To:	Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water	Tracking No.: 25/0000218
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From:	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
Subject:	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 1 September 2025	

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Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 1 to 5 September 2025.

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ACT Climate Change Council Advice Publication

Two publications (provided to your office in June) from the former ACT Climate Change Council have recently been published on the [Council's webpage](#), which include advice on:

- a. the establishment of the Office of the ACT Landscape Architect, and
- b. key priorities for the new ACT Climate Change Strategy.

The Council's advice on establishment of the Office of the ACT Landscape Architect focused on holistic climate change policy using adaptation and mitigation measures which consider rising temperatures, health, energy, transport and built environment sectors as well as natural, social and economic consideration.

Key components of the Council's advice to inform the new Climate Change Strategy include:

- a. re-evaluating the net zero target with a view to bringing it forward;
- b. evaluating the links and co-benefits between health, wellbeing and climate;
- c. embedding equity into implementation of all policies and programs; and
- d. actively engaging diverse community voices, including ensuring equity in policy development and implementation.

The Council's advice is consistent with work underway by Climate Change, Energy and Water Division. It is anticipated that the new Council will also provide advice on the new Strategy in the coming months, with discussions starting at the first meeting on 5 September 2025.

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