



Meeting Summary – Tuesday 15 August 2023

Location:	Room 00.031, 480 Northbourne Avenue Dickson/Microsoft Teams
Date:	Tuesday 15 August 2023
Time:	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Attendees:	Professor Mark Howden (Chair), Associate Professor Aparna Lal, Dr Arnagretta Hunter, Associate Professor Cris Brack, Ms Mia Swainson, Dr Paul Bannister, Dr Tom Longden, Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang, Mr Stephen Mudford.
Apologies:	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction and Ms Anna McGuire, Minister’s Adviser, Ms Roslyn Brown (observer), Ms Fiona Wright (Executive Group Manager, Climate Change & Energy Division).
Directorate Attendees:	Ms Carolyn Goonrey (Senior Director, Climate Change Policy, Climate Change & Energy Division) & Mr Mark Shorter (Director, Emissions Reduction Policy)
Council Secretariat:	Lucinda Berrie and Roshni Suchanti, ACT Climate Change Council Secretariat

Summary

The Council discussed the ACT’s emissions reduction targets, including the growing need to consider Scope 3 emissions in the territory’s targets. Council members spoke in support of a robust and standardised reporting mechanism for scope 3 emissions. Discussions included the importance of identifying the largest sources of Scope 3 emissions and aiming towards reducing them.

The Council reflected on their meeting with Minister Rattenbury to discuss cultural burning in the ACT. Minister Rattenbury and the council discussed the potential for cultural burning in healing the community of its trauma from recent bushfires.

The Council discussed their recent presentation on electrification and equity and noted the importance of bringing the community along on ACT’s pathway towards electrification.

The Directorate presented their work on the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) and the substantive work required to transition the territory away from fossil fuels while maintaining a fair and equitable energy system. The Council and the Directorate discussed the importance of assisting vulnerable and low-income communities through this transition. This included an understanding of both physical and mental health impacts of this transition for the vulnerable community. The directorate noted that consultation on the IEP position paper was underway and welcomed council feedback on this paper.