



ACT CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday 30 April 2020

Location: Online Webex meeting

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:40 PM

Council Attendees: Prof Penny Sackett (Chair), Dr Paul Bannister, Dr Cris Brack, Ms Karen Jesson, Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang, Prof Mark Howden, Mr Ben Ponton

Secretariat: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Summary:

This was the final meeting of the 2019-20 financial year, focused on completing Council's report to the Minister on lessons learned from the events of the summer.

Council discussed the results of its consultations with experts and community members on the impacts of the climate change-fuelled events of the summer. Council reviewed the draft Listening Report, summarising what it heard from the community at its three community forums. Councillors provided summaries of the findings from Council's survey of experts. Council then planned the steps and timeline for completing its report to the Minister.

Council updated the Minister on its findings from the consultations and plans for finalising the report. The Minister thanked the Council for their considerable efforts on this report. Council, the Minister and EPSDD officials discussed learnings from the COVID-19 crisis, and how these could inform Council's report and its work going forward. Council and the Minister briefly discussed the Council's workplan for 2021 and agreed that supporting the implementation of the ACT Climate Change Strategy should be a focus.

The Council also met with the Manager, Healthy Country, and Traditional Custodian Liaison, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, to discuss Council engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.