



Meeting Summary – Tuesday 17 October 2023

Location:	Room 00.031, 480 Northbourne Avenue Dickson/Microsoft Teams
Date:	Tuesday 17 October 2023
Time:	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Attendees:	Professor Mark Howden (Chair), Associate Professor Aparna Lal, Dr Arnagretta Hunter, Associate Professor Cris Brack, Ms Mia Swainson, Dr Paul Bannister, Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang, Mr Stephen Mudford.
Minister	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction and Ms Jessica Cheung, Minister’s Adviser.
Apologies:	Dr Tom Longden and Ms Roslyn Brown (observer),
Directorate Attendees:	Mr Kieran Lawton (Executive Group Manager, Climate Change & Energy Division), 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

This was the ACT Climate Change Councils (Council) second meeting for the 2023-24 financial year.

The Council discussed their social media plan, including the importance of aligning it with the Community engagement strategy. Discussions included the importance of understanding the principles such as the target audience, level of engagement and nature of posts, behind the Council approach to their social media presence.

The Council reflected on the importance of undertaking a gap analysis to understand how the ACT is fairing in terms of climate change. The Analysis will also determine potential climate change opportunities and steps the ACT can take to reduce their overall carbon footprint.

Minister Rattenbury and the Council discussed the Councils Community engagement forum that took place on 24 October 2023. This included the importance of working with Community organisations to educate the community on climate action and in turn, empower them to take action.

The Minister and the Council also discussed the importance of cultural change in not only spreading the culture of our Traditional Custodians but also positively impacting climate change. The Council explained the difference between the emissions emitted when burning in the cool season as compared to in the dry season.

Minister Rattenbury and the Council discussed upcoming presentations from the Council to ACT Government on the ACT’s emissions reduction targets. This included the need to consider the current emissions reduction targets in the context of the evolving science.