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Meeting Summary – Wednesday 14 December 2022

Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Date:	Wednesday 14 December 2022
Time:	10:34 pm – 12:35 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 and Dr Tom Longden
Apologies:	Ms Roslyn Brown and Mr Stephen 'Djibin' Mudford, Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee
Minister:	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Anna McGuire, Senior Adviser Ms Fiona Wright, Executive General Manager, Ms Carolyn Goonrey, Executive Branch Manager, Mr Mark Shorter, Director, Climate Change
Directorate Attendees:	Policy, Climate Change & Energy Division
Council Secretariat:	Ms Sascha McCann, a/g ACT Climate Change Council Secretariat, Climate Change & Energy Division

Summary

This was the third ACT Climate Change Council (Council) meeting for the 2022-23 financial year.

The Council endorsed its Engagement Strategy and agreed with the Minister on the topics to present to the Climate Action Subcommittee in 2023.

The Council acknowledged Dr Bannister's paper on the use of microplastics in road surfaces. The paper explains that microplastics in roads have minimal impact on microplastic pollution. Tyre rubber is the second largest source of microplastic pollution in the air. There is no net increase in pollution from the use of microplastic in road materials. Roads protected by shading have a slower rate of pollution.

Dr Hunter briefed the Council on the proposed scope of the project 'A Day in the Life of Canberra in 2050'. Dr Hunter reflected on the preparation for extreme weather events and the unprecedented impacts on energy, water supply and health amongst many others. The purpose of this project would be to develop scenarios that explore the full range of options including by using imagination to consider out-of-the-box situations and responses.

Minister Rattenbury and the Council discussed the recruitment of a First Nations Council Member. The *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Amendment Bill 2022* requires that the Council includes 'an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person'. Following discussion, the Minister and Council agreed that the recruitment process should be an open



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application process to enable a wide range of applicants. The Secretariat is to commence the recruitment process in February 2023.