



# ACT Climate Change Council

**Annual Report  
2020-21**



## Acknowledgment to Country

Yuma

Dhawura Nguna Dhawura Ngunnawal  
Yanggu ngalawiri dhunimanyin  
Ngunnawalwari dhawurawari  
Nginggada Dindi yindumaralidjinyin  
Dhawura Ngunnawal yindumaralidjinyin

Hello,

This is Ngunnawal Country

Today we are meeting on Ngunnawal country

We always respect Elders, male and female

We always respect Ngunnawal Country

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as Canberra's first inhabitants and Traditional Custodians. We recognise the special relationship and connection that Ngunnawal peoples have with this Country. Prior to the dislocation of Ngunnawal people from their land, they were a thriving people whose life and culture was connected unequivocally to this land in a way that only they understand and know, and is core to their physical and spiritual being. The disconnection of the Ngunnawal people from Culture and Country has had long-lasting, profound and ongoing health and well-being effects on their life, cultural practices, families and continuation of their law/lore. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate acknowledges the historic dispossession of the Ngunnawal people of Canberra and their surrounding regions. We recognise the significant contribution the Ngunnawal people have played in caring for Country as for time immemorial they have maintained a tangible and intangible cultural, social, environmental, spiritual and economic connection to these lands and waters.



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## Letter of Transmittal

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
GPO Box 1020  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister Rattenbury

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the ACT Climate Change Council for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2021.

The Climate Change Council was established under Part 4, Section 16 of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010* (the Act) to advise you, as Minister, on matters relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and addressing and adapting to climate change.

This Report has been prepared pursuant to section 19 of the Act, and outlines the Council's activities during the fiscal year 2019-20, the advice given and recommendations made to you as Minister. Subsection 19(3) of the Act provides that within 21 days after receiving this report, it must be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Council will welcome two new Councillors beginning this year. We also say goodbye to Professor Penny D Sackett, who is stepping down as Chair as of 30 June 2021. Penny made significant contributions as Chair – overseeing formal submissions and research reports as well as engaging with the ACT community. I and the other Council members sincerely thank Penny for all her efforts.

This year was unlike any other with not only recovery from the impacts of Black Summer but also the COVID-19 pandemic transforming our daily lives. Drastic measures were necessary to curb the spread of the virus, though this major health threat meant some parts of our society diverting attention away from other important issues requiring urgent action such as climate change. Despite their fundamental differences, they are both significant global challenges that require immediate action based upon scientific evidence. The Council is dedicated to providing prompt and rigorous evidence and views on climate change matters to the elected government of the ACT. We aim to increase our engagement with you and other Government Ministers over the forthcoming year.

I thank my Council colleagues for their wisdom, energy and professionalism, and the Secretariat provided by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate of the ACT government for its support, cooperation and dedication.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Mark Howden**  
**Chair, ACT Climate Change Council**  
**28 July 2020**

## Introductory note from the 2019-21 Chair

*Note: As I have now completed two full terms on the ACT Climate Change Council, this is my last communication as a Councillor. It has been my pleasure and a deep honour to work with the other members of the Council, the ACT Government, and its public service to contribute to the Territory in this capacity. I am grateful for their dedication and wisdom. What follows are a few parting thoughts. - Penny*

Over a decade has passed since the Council was established as a statutory body advising the ACT Government on effective, evidence-based action on climate change. Looking back over ten years, much has happened.

In a series of steps, the ACT has continued to lead the nation, and indeed much of the world, by moving from its 2010 greenhouse gas emission targets for the Territory of:

- per capita emissions in each year peaking by 2013 (target now met)
- 40% less than 1990 emissions by 2020
- 80% less than 1990 emissions by 2050, and
- Net zero by 2060

to the emission targets today of:

- 40% less than 1990 emissions by 2020 (target now met)
- 50 to 60% less than 1990 emissions by 2025
- 65 to 75% less than 1990 emissions by 2030
- 90 to 95% less than 1990 emissions by 2040, and
- Net zero by 2045.

Along the way, the ACT has – among a long list of actions too numerous to list – succeeded in purchasing 100% of its annual electricity use from renewable sources, completed the first leg of a city-bridging electric light rail system, begun a program to electrify all public transport, increased its national and international climate alliances and networks, and invested in battery storage and grid technology research and infrastructure. In addition, the Territory has committed to considering the social cost of carbon in all government decisions and achieving 30% urban canopy cover and surface permeability across Canberra. All of these actions, and the progression of increasingly ambitious emissions targets were encouraged and supported by advice from the ACT Climate Change Council.

Looking forward ten years, there is much more to do. Achieving the interim greenhouse gas targets for 2025 and 2030 will require a substantial reduction in the Territory's dependence on natural gas and fossil fuelled transport. Black Summer brought into sharp focus that the ACT must improve its resilience and adaptation in the face of the climate change that is already in train, whilst learning more and doing more to protect its natural environment and the health of Canberrans. Yet those very same experiences revealed the strengths of the ACT community, including the leadership of individual residents and their willingness to pull together to create the benefits derived from doing things differently, together.

As an independent body, the ACT Climate Change Council is well poised to continue be a valuable resource during the next decade, by advising the ACT government on climate action with an ear to the local needs of the Canberra community, global best practices, and relying on a foundation of recent, reliable evidence.

# Introduction

The ACT Climate Change Council advises the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability on matters relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building resilience and adapting to climate change. The Council was established by the ACT Government in 2011 under the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010.

The Council plays a pivotal role in informing climate change policies in the ACT, liaising with business and community, and scanning the horizon for the challenges and opportunities associated with creating a prosperous, climate-ready net-zero emissions Territory. It seeks to provide leadership by listening to community views and attitudes, understanding best international practice on climate change, and raising awareness of climate change risks and community benefits from effective climate action.

ACT residents are welcome to raise an issue with the Council or alert them to recent climate change news or research.





# Statutory Obligations

The Council is established under Part 4 of the [Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010](#) (the Act), which also sets out the functions of the Council and outlines how they are to be exercised.

The main function of the Council is to advise the Minister on matters relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, addressing, and adapting to, climate change. In exercising its functions, the Council must try to consult with representatives from business and the community, including environmental and conservation entities, on matters relating to climate change. The Council must also make efforts to provide information to private entities to encourage action to address, or adapt to, climate change.

In exercising a function under the Act, the Minister must consider any relevant advice given by the Council. Section 19 of the Act requires the Council to provide an annual report about the Council's activities during the financial year, including any advice or recommendations made to the Minister. The Council must give the report to the Minister within three months after the end of the financial year.

The Act can be found at: <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2010-41>

# Administration

## Remuneration

Remuneration for the Council is set by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal and reviewed annually. From 1 July 2020 to 31 October 2020, members were remunerated according to Determination 13 of 2019, which provided a per diem rate of \$555 for the Chair and \$480 for members. From 1 November 2020 to 30 June 2021, members were remunerated according to Determination 13 of 2020, which prescribed the same per diem rates as Determination 13 of 2019 due to unprecedented circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The attendance of members at Council meetings during the reporting period is provided at Appendix A, and a summary of expenditure is provided at Appendix B.

## Gender Report

The gender balance of the Council is taken into consideration when members are appointed. For the 2020–21 reporting period, membership included four male and three female members.

## Freedom of Information

No freedom of information applications concerning Council business were received during 2020–21.

## Accountability and Secretariat

The Climate Change Policy team within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) provides Secretariat support to the Council. Further information on the work of the Council is available at <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/cc/act-climate-change-council>.

# Membership

Members are appointed under the Act, which prescribes that the Council must comprise at least five, but not more than nine members appointed by the Minister. The Minister must, to the greatest extent practical, ensure the Council includes people with a broad range of skills and knowledge relating to mitigating or adapting to climate change.

During the 2020-21 financial year, the Council consisted of seven members, with a diverse range of skills and experience in areas such as climate change science, energy efficiency, community development, business, environmental management and urban planning.



## Professor Penny Sackett (Chair)

*Professor Penny Sackett is appointed to the Council for her expertise in climate change science and the community's interest in climate change.*

Professor Sackett is a physicist, astronomer, former Chief Scientist for Australia, and a private strategic advisor on matters of science and sustainability. She is a Distinguished Honorary Professor with the Australian National University (ANU) Institute of Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions, and has served on Australian, European, African and US science and advisory panels. As Director of the ANU Mount Stromlo Observatory when it was destroyed in the 2003 bush fires, Professor Sackett led the effort to rebuild and re-establish the international centre for research, training, and high-tech instrumentation.

As Chief Scientist for Australia (2008–2011), Professor Sackett provided independent advice to the Australian Government on matters of science and innovation, and was a vocal champion of evidenced-based decision making. She spearheaded the effort to introduce long-term, cross-portfolio and cross-disciplinary foresight into the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council, and opened new channels of communication to the Australian public on matters of science, particularly those relating to sustainability such as climate change and food security. Professor Sackett continues work in climate change communication and policy, with special interests in subnational climate change action and climate law.





## Dr Paul Bannister

*Dr Paul Bannister is appointed to the Council for his expertise in energy efficiency and the built environment.*

Dr Bannister has expertise in the field of commercial and institutional building energy efficiency. He had a central role in the development of major energy efficiency innovations such as the NABERS Energy and water ratings and the redevelopment of Section J (Energy Efficiency) of the Australian Building Code (2019 Edition). One of Dr Bannister's particular specialities is the optimisation of building controls, which he has been able to use to create significant improvements in building performance on a wide range of sites.

Dr Bannister is a well-known speaker on energy efficiency issues both nationally and internationally, having presented at numerous conferences within Australia and overseas. He has published over 100 papers on energy efficiency related issues. Dr Bannister has strong networks in the building and property industry, from government through to builders and from industry associations through to individual property managers.



## Dr Cris Brack

*Dr Cris Brack is appointed to the Council for his expertise in environmental management.*

Dr Brack is Associate Professor of Natural Resource Measurement and Management in The Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University. He has over twenty years of experience in researching, teaching and developing best practices in urban forestry, having published 12 peer reviewed articles specifically on urban forests and green spaces, in addition to another 70 papers on carbon sequestration, natural resource assessment and management.

Dr Brack won an Australian Museum Eureka Award for Environmental Science for his work on the National Carbon Accounting System (NCAS), which was developed to support national policy development on climate change mitigation. Dr Brack has extensive skills and experience working with ANU and the ACT Government on the planning and management of Canberra's urban forest, including street trees and the National Arboretum. Dr Brack's recent research has focused on sustaining a vibrant and healthy urban forest in the presence of increasingly harsh climate scenarios.



## Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang

*Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang is appointed to the Council for her expertise in business.*

Ms Hamblin Wang is currently the Chief Operations Officer of Mineral Carbonation International, a company that develops sustainable materials that incorporate CO<sup>2</sup> emissions into building products, and was recently awarded first place for Resource Innovator of the Year at the New Materials Summit in Berlin. Ms Hamblin Wang is also a co-founder of 'Kingfisher Co-Housing Canberra', which aims to build resident-led micro-co-housing communities in Canberra. She has previously been a delegate at many national and international conferences on climate change, entrepreneurship and business including the World Economic Forum in Davos, 2020 and the UN Youth Climate Change Summit in New York, 2019.



## Professor Mark Howden

*Professor Mark Howden was appointed to the Council as a member to represent climate change science.*

Professor Mark Howden is Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions at the Australian National University. He is also an Honorary Professor at Melbourne University, a Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and was a member of the former Australian National Climate Science Advisory Committee. He was on the US Federal Advisory Committee for the 3rd National Climate Assessment and contributes to several major national and international science and policy advisory bodies.

Professor Howden has worked on climate variability, climate change, innovation and adoption issues for over 30 years in partnership with many industry, community and policy groups via both research and science-policy roles. Issues he has addressed include agriculture and food security, the natural resource base, ecosystems and biodiversity, energy, water and urban systems.

Professor Howden has over 420 publications. He helped develop both the national and international greenhouse gas inventories that are a fundamental part of the Paris Agreement and has assessed sustainable ways to reduce emissions. He has been a major contributor to the IPCC since 1991, with roles in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and now Sixth Assessment Reports, sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with other IPCC participants and Al Gore.



## Ms Karen Jesson

*Ms Karen Jesson is appointed to the Council as a community development specialist.*

Ms Karen Jesson is the Community Development Manager with Communities@Work. She has over 14 years' experience in Community Development (CD) and works with a variety of stakeholders and groups in the ACT. She has qualifications in Community Development and Management, as well as Permaculture Design and Home Sustainability Assessment.

Karen has assisted in the development and delivery of some key projects within the ACT. She is passionate about making connections and sharing information. On numerous occasions she has been instrumental in delivering conferences and workshops which have seen both national and internationally recognised speakers present best practice thinking in the field of CD.

She established the Sustainability Network, which saw two key outcomes, namely the development of Canberra loves 40% and Canberra City Farm achieved. She is one of the founding members of Canberra Transition Town.

Karen was motivated to join the Climate Change Council by her passion for building connected, resilient and more sustainable communities and bringing their voice to the conversation around Climate Change.



## Mr Ben Ponton

*Mr Ben Ponton is appointed to the Council as Director-General of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.*

Mr Ponton was appointed to the role of Director-General in April 2017. Ben is a registered town planner with over 25 years' experience in both the private and government sectors and is passionate about achieving high quality outcomes through meaningful and effective engagement.

Ben has experience within the private sector where he worked as a town planning consultant before beginning his government career with various New South Wales local government authorities. For the last 14 years, Ben has worked for the ACT Government in areas such as strategic planning, environmental policy, land and planning regulation, transport, city services and urban renewal. Ben focuses on citizen-oriented Government and believes in engaging with citizens early to build a sustainable and prosperous community for all.



# Activities

Over the 2020-21 reporting period, the Council held four formal meetings and provided advice to the Minister for Water, Energy, and Emissions Reduction as well as the Environment, Planning, and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), including advice on establishing an ACT Social Cost of Carbon. The Council prepared two submissions on key pieces of government legislation and policy as well as participating in a variety of engagement activities. The Council also initiated conversations to establish ongoing working relationships with ACT ministers to address how climate change will affect the different ministerial portfolios and continued to liaise with the community.



# Meetings

The Council formally met four times in the 2020-21 reporting period in addition to progressing work through informal Council meetings, and continued to consult with representatives from business and the community on climate change matters.

## Tuesday 8 September 2020

This was the first meeting of the 2019-20 financial year. Council discussed its work plan for 2019-20 and met with the Minister to discuss this plan. Council made plans to brief the incoming Minister following the October election.

Council also met with the ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, the ACT Chief Engineer, and representatives of the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate to discuss linkages between their work and Council's and identify opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

## Thursday 17 December 2020

This was the second meeting of the 2020-21 financial year. Council discussed its work plan for 2020-21 and met with the Minister to discuss their plan. Council sought advice from the Minister about the new working arrangements and ministerial portfolios following the October election.

Council made plans to arrange a meeting with the new ministers to discuss linkages between their work and the Council's and identify opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

## Friday 26 March 2021

This was the third Council meeting of the 2020-21 financial year. Council discussed work involving science communication of the effects of climate change felt in Canberra, a Social Cost of Carbon for the ACT, and met with the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction to discuss the scope and direction of the Council's work in progress. Council sought advice from the Minister on the review of the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act, engaging further with current ACT ministers, and the membership of the Council after 30 June 2021.

Council made plans to progress the pieces of work described above, and to identify opportunities for collaboration and information sharing with ACT ministers and community.

## Tuesday 15 June 2021

This was the fourth Climate Change Council (Council) meeting of the 2020-21 financial year. Council received a presentation from the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate regarding ACT Government planning and urban policy initiatives. Council discussed their upcoming meeting with the Cabinet Climate Action Subcommittee of ACT Government, and sought advice from the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction on their presentation. The Council reported to the Minister on the outcomes of their recent collaborative meetings with ACT ministers. The Minister also provided an update on Council recruitment and membership of the Council, and on the social cost of carbon work in the ACT.

Council made plans to progress the pieces of work described above.

# Advice and Recommendations

The Council provides advice to the Minister and the Government on climate change issues. ACT Government officials occasionally engage with Council members on an ad-hoc basis for advice on other climate-change related matters.

In 2020-21, key advice to Government was as outlined below. All formal advice is available on the Council web page.

## Update to the Social Cost of Carbon briefing

Council's major body of work for the second half of 2020-21 was to update its advice to the Minister on the Social Cost of Carbon and its potential use for ACT policy. Council's first briefing on the Social Cost of Carbon was in July 2018 – *The Social Cost of Carbon and public investment to reduce ACT greenhouse gas emissions*. The new work draws on the broad expertise of the Council, new trends in international policy, and new research on the Social Cost of Carbon.

The new report – *The Social Cost of Carbon and Implications for the ACT* – defines the Social Cost of Carbon, and discusses associated complications and uncertainties, carbon pricing concepts, discount rates, current estimates of the Social Cost of Carbon, and case studies from Canada, Europe, UK, USA. In its updated report, the Council recommends that the ACT Government adopt a Social Cost of Carbon that reflects currently available research, best practice implementation, a precautionary stance toward future damages, and a recognition of the disproportionate intergenerational burden of the social damages associated with continuing emissions. It further recommends a minimum interim value for the use of the Social Cost of Carbon in all ACT Government decision-making, a maximum interim social discount rate of 2%, and a review of these values every three years.

The report, dated 26 May 2021, will be published on the Council's webpage at <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/cc/act-climate-change-council/council-publications>.



# Submissions

Council prepared two submissions during the year. These are available on the Council webpage.

## Submission to the ACT Draft Urban Forest Strategy

In September 2020, Council made a submission to the ACT Draft Urban Forest Strategy. The submission welcomed the development of the draft strategy and supported the objectives of the draft strategy. The submission also made multiple recommendations to improve the strategy. These targeted the integration of trees and understory, the “non-tree” aspects of the urban forest, species choice, dealing with mature trees, and the quantities of tree plantings.

## Submission to the House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy: The Climate Change Bill 2020

In December 2020, Council made a submission to the House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy regarding the Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020.

The submission expressed support of the Bills and provided recommendations on emission offsets, the national climate risk assessment, the national climate adaptation plan, a national emissions reduction target, setting emissions budgets, and the establishment of the Climate Change Commission.



# Engagement

Council members organised and participated in a range of engagements during the year, including forums, briefings and presentations.

## House of Representatives Standing Committee: The Climate Change Bill 2020

In February 2021, the Council Chair Penny Sackett appeared as a witness at the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Public Hearing on the Inquiry into the Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 and Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020. The engagement is recorded in the Parliament of Australia Hansard - [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Hansard/Hansard\\_Display?bid=committees/commrep/7ca0ffe5-4e6a-4139-8573-77b25924fe5a/&sid=0001](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard/Hansard_Display?bid=committees/commrep/7ca0ffe5-4e6a-4139-8573-77b25924fe5a/&sid=0001)

## Presentations to Engineers Australia

In December 2020, Councillor Paul Bannister gave a presentation to the Engineers Australia Sustainable Engineering Society to provide an overview of the report *Learning from Canberra's Climate-Fuelled Summer of Crisis*.

In November 2020, Councillor Mark Howden gave the annual Butters Oration to Engineers Australia on the implications of climate change for the engineering profession. Following that, in February 2021, he attended the Retired Engineers Canberra meeting hosted by Engineers Australia. The presentation provided an update on climate change, including how the ACT is currently addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation.

## Youth engagement

In October 2020, Councillors Karen Jesson and Sophia Hamblin Wang met with the Communities@Work Youth Advisory Board (YAB) to discuss the YAB's Sustainability Action Plan and recognise the work of the YAB to become more sustainable, raise awareness, and create behaviour change.

In December 2020, Councillor Sophia Hamblin Wang attended the OzGreen Youth Lead Community Forum as a mentor and judge. Students presented community action plans to the judging panel and the Council member provided feedback and advice on the presentations.

In April 2021, encouraged by Councillor Karen Jesson, Communities@Work facilitated the Tuggeranong Youth Engagement Forum, in partnership with the Tuggeranong Community Council. The event was run in the format of a World Café with different themes allocated to tables. The Councillor Sophia Hamblin Wang attended as a host for the climate change themed table and engaged in discussions with the students.





## Meetings with ACT Ministers

Letters to Ministers from Council will be uploaded to the Council webpage <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/cc/act-climate-change-council/council-publications>.

### Meeting with Chief Minister Barr and Minister Rattenbury

Date: 21 May 2021

Council members in attendance: Penny Sackett, Cris Brack, Paul Bannister, Mark Howden, Sophia Hamblin Wang, Ben Ponton

Outcomes: The Chief Ministers office will collaborate with the Council on achieving broader engagement with the community. Council's advice was sought on the future hydrogen economy and on reaching the ACT's ambitious interim emissions reductions targets. The relationship between the Ministers and the Council will be continued through periodic presentations from the Council to the ACT's Cabinet Subcommittee on Climate Action.

### Meeting with Minister Rebecca Vassarotti

Date: 27 May 2021

Council members in attendance: Paul Bannister, Karen Jesson, Cris Brack

Outcomes: Finding ways in which the ACT CCC can contribute more directly and effectively to policy development regarding, climate ready social housing, implementation of the National Construction Code, issues facing apartments and the skills and knowledge needed for building efficiency and sustainability. Paul Bannister will continue work with the Minister's Office in the buildings space.

### Meeting with Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith's Advisor Meg Bransgrove

Date: 9 June 2021

Council members in attendance: Penny Sackett, Karen Jesson

Outcomes: The meeting focussed on the importance of climate appropriate housing in Canberra, empowering the capacity of the community, addressing climate change impacts on mental health, the health sector's emissions contributions, and the opportunity for Council to provide input on a Territory-wide Health Services Plan.

### Meeting with Minister Chris Steel

Date: 10 June 2021

Council members in attendance: Cris Brack

Outcomes: Minister Steel will pass on Council's suggestions on training certificates and a database of climate change and environmental resilience skills. Cris will follow up with the Minister on park use changes based on upcoming ANU research. Discussions also centred on microforests, urban parks, utilising the green space along sideroads, wide-ranging discussion on roads and the integration of shade and street trees, as well as promoting active travel.

### Meeting with Minister Berry's Advisor Thomas Rosser

Date: 23 June 2021

Council members in attendance: Cris Brack, Paul Bannister

Outcomes: Opportunities for working with the Australian Passive House Association regarding using the Passive House Standard as a basis for some or all new social housing developments. Attendees also discussed the incorporation of climate change into the ACT's implementation of the national curriculum and the viability of green roofs in Canberra.

### Follow-up meeting with Minister Vassarotti's Advisor Ben Elliston

Date: June 2021

Council members in attendance: Paul Bannister

Outcomes: Paul will continue to keep the Minister Vassarotti's Office involved with discussions with the Australian Passive House Association. Discussions also included how enhanced infiltration regulation could be implemented and the upskilling of the market.

## ACT Government

The Council met with EPSDD representatives to discuss minimum rental standards in September 2020.

The Council also attended a presentation and Q&A session about the ACT Transport Strategy 2020.

## Australian Passive House Association

Councillor Paul Bannister met with CEO Paul Walls to discuss training packages for tradespeople. Paul Walls will compile an information package for circulation to ministerial advisors.

# Contact the Council

The community and stakeholders are invited to contact the Council via the Climate Change Council Secretariat.

Email: [ClimateChangeCouncilSecretariat@act.gov.au](mailto:ClimateChangeCouncilSecretariat@act.gov.au)

Phone: 13 22 81 (Access Canberra)

Post: GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601

# Connect with the Council online

The Council maintains a presence on Twitter and LinkedIn, and invites the community to connect with them through social media.

Twitter: [@act\\_ccc](https://twitter.com/act_ccc)

LinkedIn: [ACT Climate Change Council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/act-climate-change-council)

Website: [www.environment.act.gov.au/cc/act-climate-change-council](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/cc/act-climate-change-council)



# Appendix A: Meeting attendance

The Council formally met four times in the 2020-21 reporting period.

- Tuesday 8 September 2020
- Thursday 17 December 2020
- Friday 26 March 2021
- Tuesday 15 June 2021

## Number of council meetings attended by council members:

Member	Number of meetings in reporting period	Number of meetings attended
Professor Penny Sackett (Chair)	4	4
Dr Paul Bannister	4	4
Dr Cris Brack	4	4
Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang	4	4
Professor Mark Howden	4	4
Ms Karen Jesson	4	3
Mr Ben Ponton	4	4

# Appendix B: Expenditure

Climate Change Council	Totals 2020-21
Remuneration	\$16,934
Miscellaneous	\$115
<b>Total (excluding GST)</b>	<b>\$17,049</b>

The totals listed here relate to meetings and activities remunerated in the 2020-21 financial year. Remuneration for Council members is determined by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal. Council members who are public employees do not receive additional remuneration.

