

## Meeting Summary – Tuesday 11 April 2023

**Location:** Room 00.025, 480 Northbourne Avenue Dickson/Microsoft Teams

Date: Tuesday, 11 April 2023

**Time:** 10 am – 1 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 Hamblin Wang.

**Apologies:** Mr Stephen Mudford, Ms Roslyn Brown.

Minister: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions

Reduction. Ms Anna McGuire, Minister's Adviser.

Ms Fiona Wright (Executive Group Manager, Climate Change and

Energy

**Directorate**Division), Ms Carolyn Goonrey (Senior Director, Climate Change **Attendees:**Policy), and Mr Mark Shorter (Director, Emissions Reduction Policy).

Council Secretariat: Lucinda Berrie, ACT Climate Change Council Secretariat

## Summary

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

The Council reflected on its work planning strategy session held on 2 March 2023, including the value of connecting and engaging with each other and the Environment, Planning, and Sustainable Development Directorate (Directorate). Council members agreed to hold a yearly work planning session to promote creativity and strategic ideas. The Council and the Directorate discussed various other opportunities for collaboration between the Council and ACT Government going forward.

Minister Rattenbury and the Council discussed challenges affecting climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies related to transport, electrification, waste, scope 3 emissions, and canopy cover. The Council outlined the need for pre-planned and unique electrification solutions for high-density residential structures and equity considerations relevant to the rollout of solar photovoltaic and electric vehicles. Ms Swainson also provided the Minister an update on the development of the Council's business plan for the implementation of its Engagement Strategy.

The Council discussed its recent submission to the Inquiry into the Future of School Infrastructure in the ACT. Ms Swainson spoke to the Council's recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee on Education and Inclusion, and the merits of the collaborative drafting process used.