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Meeting Summary – Tuesday 13 June 2023

Location:	Room 00.025, 480 Northbourne Avenue Dickson/Microsoft Teams
Date:	Tuesday, 13 June 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.
Apologies:	Ms Hamblin Wang, Mr Stephen Mudford, Ms Roslyn Brown.
Minister:	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction. Ms Fiona Wright (Executive Group Manager, Climate Change and Energy Division), Mr Mark Shorter (Director, Emissions Reduction Policy), and Mr Perry Wiles (Director, Adaptation and Resilience Policy).
Directorate Attendees:	
Council Secretariat:	Lucinda Berrie, ACT Climate Change Council Secretariat

Summary

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

The Council discussed scope three emissions, including reduction opportunities arising from market pressure, reform in the health sector, circularity, and waste. Discussions included the importance of a multi-stage approach to reducing scope 3 emissions involving both government and industry pressure. Council members spoke in support of robust and standardised reporting for scope 3 emissions.

The Council discussed its 2023-24 Business Plan for the implementation of its Community Engagement Strategy and agreed roles. The Council and the Directorate discussed opportunities for coordination and collaboration in terms of engagement and data collection. The Council endorsed the Business Plan and presented it to the Minister.

The Council reflected on its joint workshop with the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee held on 8 May 2023, including the value of the conversation and next steps. The Council shared their reflections with the Minister. The Minister expressed an interest in hearing more information on the administrative difficulties related to cool burning and requested a separate meeting to discuss the same.

Minister Rattenbury and the Council discussed upcoming presentations from the Council to ACT Government on electrification and the ACT's emissions reduction targets. This included electrification lessons learnt from the Victorian Healthy Homes Program, and the need to consider the current emissions reduction targets in the context of the evolving science.

The Directorate presented on the current work of the Climate Change and Energy Division and the significance of the latest Commonwealth Budget including synergies. The Council and the Directorate discussed the development of the Council's 2022-23 Annual Report.