Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board

Meeting minutes – Meeting 7 – 10 August 2022



Details

Meeting: Net Zero Emissions and Clean

Economy Board Meeting 7

Location: Yuin Room

52 Martin Place, Sydney /

Microsoft Teams

Date/time: 10 August 2022, 9AM – 2:30PM

Chairperson: Dr Kerry Schott

Board members

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Katerina Kimmorley

Meg McDonald

Dr Martin Parkinson

Judy Slatyer

Departmental attendees

Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy Climate Change & Sustainability

Dr Kate Wilson, Executive Director, Climate Change & Sustainability

Cristien Hickey, Director, Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Alberta McAteer, A/Secretariat, Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Justin Koek, Director NZIIP Low Carbon and Clean Technology Industries

Apologies

Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte

Peter Warne

Minutes

1. Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introduction

The Board:

- 1.1 Acknowledged the traditional First Nations custodians of the lands on which the meeting was taking place.
- 1.2 Accepted the minutes of the 13 July meeting.
- 1.3 Noted interests for recording in the Conflicts of Interest register.
- 1.4 Noted and discussed an update on the progress of Net Zero Programs and an update of NSW emissions in the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

2. Agenda item 2 – Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program (NZIIP)

The Board:

- 2.1 Noted an update on the Co-Investment Partnership to support Clean Manufacturing Precincts in NSW.
- 2.2 Discussed avenues the Department could take to improve co-ordination.

3. Agenda item 3 - draft Net Zero Cities Action Plan for NSW

The Board:

- 3.1 Noted the briefing by Transport for NSW on the draft Net Zero Cities Action Plan for NSW.
- 3.2 Discussed the plan, including its application to existing precincts, the prioritisation process for activities and whether the plan could be co-funded by the private sector.

4. Agenda item 4 - NSW Climate Change Opportunity and Risk Assessment

The Board:

- 4.1 Noted the briefing from the Department on the purpose and principles-based design of the NSW Climate Change Opportunity and Risk Assessment.
- 4.2 Discussed who the Department had consulted with so far, the use of the assessment at different geographic scales, opportunity for use by private asset owners and engaging with private sector, and opportunities for use by local communities.

5. Agenda item 5 - Second Decarbonisation Innovation Study

The Board:

- 5.1 Noted the briefing from the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer on the scoping paper for the Second Decarbonisation Innovation Study, a biennial report focusing on emerging technologies that aim to reduce emissions and are likely to be commercially competitive.
- 5.2 Discussed considering gaps in the first study, looking for newly emerging technologies, the inclusion of case studies, consideration of any missing markets or market interventions, including regulatory changes required to unlock innovation. The Board also suggested scanning other reports that have been released in the last two years.

6. Agenda item 6 – Update on the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and Hydrogen Market discussion

The Board:

- 6.1 Noted the update from EnergyCo NSW on the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.
- 6.2 Discussed current and future renewable energy capacity and policy challenges.
- 6.3 Led a discussion with the Department on the development of a Hydrogen market in NSW.

7. Agenda item 7 - Administration and other business

The Board:

- 7.1 Agreed to discuss reporting options for the Board out of session.
- 7.2 Noted the update on the field trip to Newcastle.
- 7.3 Noted the forward workplan and suggested future speakers.
- 7.4 Noted the draft September agenda and suggested additional items for inclusion.

Next meeting

Wednesday 14 September 2022, 9AM