

Details

Meeting: Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board Meeting 8

Location: Yuin room Level 21, 52 Martin Place, Sydney
Microsoft Teams

Date/time: 14 September 2022
8.45AM arrival
9.00AM – 3:00PM

Chairperson: Dr Kerry Schott

Secretariat and 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

Rebecca Watson, Secretariat

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 10 August 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, including the uptake of electric vehicles and the electricity generation from renewable energy sources.

2. Agenda Item 2 – Hydrogen Hubs Initiative

The Board:

2.2 Noted the full application status update and considerations for assessment to select hydrogen programs.

2.3 Discussed the learnings from the EOI phase and discussed further considerations for the assessment process.

Board members

1. Chairperson: Dr Kerry Schott
2. Deputy Chair: Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Chief Scientist and Engineer
3. Katerina Kimmorley
4. Meg McDonald
5. Dr Martin Parkinson
6. Judy Slatyer
7. Peter Warne

Apologies

1. Katerina Kimmorley

3. Agenda Item 3 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program (NZIIP) - Low Carbon Industries

Item 3a - NSW Climate Technology Venture Capital Fund - September 2022

The Board:

- 3.1 Noted the responses to the questions at the NZECE Board meeting in July.
- 3.2 Noted the shortlisted applicants for the Enabling Infrastructure, Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and Commercialisation grants.
- 3.3 Noted the timing for finalisation of phase one grant rounds.
- 3.4 Discussed how learnings from round one will inform later phases of the program and made suggestions about obtaining further intelligence on priorities from stakeholders.

Item 3b - Clean Technology Innovation Program Delivery Update

The Board:

- 3.5 Noted that further analysis will be undertaken to test the venture capital model against a broader range of alternatives to confirm the most appropriate program to deliver policy objectives.
- 3.6 Noted that no further formal market engagement will occur until the results of this analysis are discussed with the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board.
- 3.7 Discussed the scope of alternatives to be considered in the analysis, including a need to build expertise and develop capability in this area.

4. Agenda Item 4 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program (NZIIP) - High Emitting Industries

The Board:

- 4.1 Noted the update on the four successful recipients of the Transformative Industry Projects Scoping Studies grant. Discussed parameters around the grant partnership, including sharing knowledge and learnings from implementing these technologies. The grants will assist in creating transformational change.

5. Agenda Item 5 - Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program (PIPAP)

The Board:

- 5.1 Noted and discussed the proposed partnership with National Parks, including funding and reporting options.
- 5.2 Discussed the design and focus of the EOI for high impact partnerships round one, including involving key stakeholders and data collection for an extensive screening process.

6. Agenda Item 6 - Discussion on the Board's first annual report, the next Statement of Expectations, and agenda for a future meeting with the Treasurer

The Board:

6.1 Discussed the draft outline of the Board's inaugural annual report to include what has been achieved and the forward plan to meet the Net Zero targets.

6.2 Discussed the agenda items for a future meeting with the Treasurer.

6.3 Discussed the areas of focus for the Statement of Expectations.

7. Agenda Item 7 - Net Zero Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) Framework

The Board:

7.1 Discussed the key performance indicators, sources of data collection to measure the distributional impact of programs, and whether they adequately inform the Board of the progress of Net Zero Plan outcomes.

7.2 Discussed and supported the proposed role of the Board in the governance of the Net Zero MERI Framework.

8. Agenda Item 8 – Zeroing in on Buildings

The Board:

8.1 Noted the briefing from the department on building energy efficiency and electrification.

8.2 Discussed the risks and benefits in pursuing a more ambitious policy framework for decarbonising existing buildings, including job creation and upskilling opportunities, supporting local manufacturing, reducing the impact of rising temperatures. The initial step is an analysis of the overall opportunity for energy efficiency within the building sector.

9. Agenda Item 9 – Administration and other business

The Board:

9.1 Discussed the 2023 meeting schedule and supported the meetings to be held every six weeks.

9.2 Discussed the forward workplan and October meeting agenda.

9.3 Noted draft itinerary for the October field trip.

Next meeting

Wednesday 12 October 2022