Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board

Meeting minutes – Meeting 11 – 14 December 2022

Details

Meeting: Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board Meeting 11

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

Date/time: 14 December 2022
9.00AM – 2:00PM

Acting Chairperson: Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Chief Scientist and Engineer

Secretariat and Departmental attendees

Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary Energy Climate Change & Sustainability

Dr Kate Wilson, Executive Director Climate Change & Sustainability

Jane Gibbs, Director, Climate Adaptation, Land Sector, and Opportunities

Gill Goldsmith, Director, NZIIP Emissions Intensity Reduction

Cristien Hickey, Director Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Bec Watson, Secretariat

Board members

1. Chairperson: vacant
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

Dr Martin Parkinson

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 Noted interests for recording in the Conflicts of Interest register.
1.3 Accepted the minutes of the 9 November meeting.
1.4 Noted the updates on the Action log.
1.5 Noted the update on the progress of Net Zero Programs.

2. Agenda Item 2 - Update on the National Energy Ministers' Meeting

The Board:

2.1 Noted the update on the National Energy Ministers' Meeting, including the endorsement of the Capacity Investment Scheme, and the discussion on the Orderly Exit Management Framework, which will assist in the transition to a modern energy system.

3. Agenda Item 3 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Investment Plan (NZIIP) - Low Carbon and Clean Technology Industries

The Board:

3.1 Noted the applicants that have been recommended for funding from the Enabling Infrastructure and the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem grants under the Clean Technology Innovation Program, and discussed any potential issues that could arise prior to the execution of funding contracts.

3.2 Noted the market response to the Climate Technology Venture Capital Fund Request for Proposal.

3.3 Noted the scope of work outlined in the Request for Quotation for Alternative Financial Mechanisms to Support the Climate Technology Ecosystem.

4. Agenda Item 4 – NSW methane projections and coal mining emissions

The Board:

4.1 Noted the projected coal mining emissions to 2030 are driven by new projects, which are primarily extensions to existing underground mines.

4.2 Noted abatement opportunities and Net Zero Plan programs targeting coal mining emissions.

4.3 Noted the importance of mitigating coal mine fugitive emissions to help address NSW's methane emissions, and discussed the challenges for NSW to achieve the global methane targets, of a 30% reduction in methane emissions below 2020 levels, by 2030.

5. Agenda Item 5 – Draft Annual Report and Statement of Expectations

The Board:

5.1 Discussed and provided further feedback on the updated draft annual report, and the proposed changes to the Statement of Expectations.

6. Agenda Item 6 – Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program – The Agriculture Leaders in Sustainability Thinking (A-LiST).

The Board:

6.1 Discussed the proposed implementation of the A-LiST forum, and provided advice on the purpose and phasing stages, the proposed voluntary pledge mechanism, and the proposed delivery partnership approach and organisations.

7. Agenda Item 7 – Hume Hydrogen Highway Initiative

The Board:

7.1 Noted the outcome of the eligibility assessment of the applications for the Hume Hydrogen Highway which closed on 28 October 2022.

7.2 Discussed and provided advice on the Merit Shortlist, the initiative process, and next steps.

8. Agenda Item 8 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Investment Plan – Emissions Intensity Reduction, Clean Manufacturing Precincts.

The Board:

8.1 Noted the update on procurement outcomes for the development of decarbonisation roadmaps for the Clean Manufacturing Precincts in the Hunter and Illawarra Regions.

9. Agenda Item 9 - Review of time critical proposal guidelines – scope and role of the Board

The Board:

9.1 Discussed and endorsed the addition of the proposed role for the Board, as an independent expert assessment panel for time critical proposals, within the Board's remit.

10. Agenda Item 10 - Value for carbon emissions in CBAs

The Board:

10.1 Noted and discussed that the NSW Treasury is updating their Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis to include a value for greenhouse gas emissions.

11. Agenda Item 11 – Administration and other business

The Board:

9.1 Discussed the forward workplan and February meeting agenda.

Next meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2023