Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board

NSW GOVERNMENT

Meeting minutes - Meeting 18 - 26 October 2023

Details

Meeting: Net Zero Emissions and Clean

Economy Board Meeting 18

Location: Eora Room, Level 21, 52

Martin Place, Sydney, 2000

Date/time: 26 October 2023

09:00am - 3:00pm

Chairperson: Ms Judy Slatyer

Secretariat and Departmental attendees

Edward Jansson, Senior Manager, NSW Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer

Andrew Lewis, A/ Deputy Secretary, Energy Climate Change & Sustainability

Justin Koek, A/ Executive Director, Climate Change & Sustainability

Bec Watson, A/ Director, Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Linda Nicolson, A/ Secretariat, Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Board members

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

Apologies

Ms Katerina Kimmorley

Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Chief Scientist and Engineer

Minutes

1. Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and Introduction

The Board:

- 1.1 Acknowledged the First Nations custodians of the lands on which the meeting took place.
- 1.2 Noted interests for recording in the Conflicts of Interest register.
- 1.3 Accepted the minutes of the 6 September 2023 meeting.
- 1.4 Noted the updates on the Action log.

2. Agenda Item 2 - What's bubbling?

The Board:

2.1 Provided observations on current trends, shifts, and opportunities that need to be considered in progressing net zero targets.

3. Agenda Item 3 - Net Zero Policy and Programs performance and delivery update

The Board:

3.1 Noted the updates on significant developments with Net Zero Policy and Programs and discussed areas the Board could provide further input and advice in future meetings.

4. Agenda Item 4 – Final prep before meeting with the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Heritage (Minister)

The Board:

4.1 Discussed strategic priorities that will assist with meeting net zero targets, for discussion in Item 5 in preparation for meeting with the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Heritage.

5. Agenda Item 5 - Meeting with the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC

The Board:

5.1 Met with the Minister and discussed the opportunities within the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill, the set up of the Net Zero Commission, and the NSW Government response to the Electricity Supply and Reliability Check Up.

6. Agenda Item 6 - Debrief from meeting with the Minister

The Board:

6.1 Debriefed on the strategic priorities discussed with the Minister, and how the Board can assist to progress action towards net zero targets.

7. Agenda Item 7 - Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program

The Board:

- 7.1 Noted the briefing on the proposed design of the Living Carbon Grants and provided advice on the best approach to distributing the grants.
- 7.2 Noted the briefing on the proposed design of the Carbon on Country implementation and provided advice on how to select and engage local communities in this process.

8. Agenda Item 8 - Board Progress Report 2024

The Board:

8.1 Discussed and provided feedback on the initial draft of the Board Progress Report 2024.

9. Agenda Item 9 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Investment Plan, Emissions Intensity Reduction

The Board:

9.1 Provided advice on how the Department can engage the Commonwealth Government to provide a consistent approach for stakeholders of the Emissions Intensity Reduction Program.

10. Agenda Item 10 - Guest Speaker, Hunter Lakes Corporation

The Board:

- 10.1 Heard from Hunter Lakes Corporation on the Hunter Lakes Project.
- 10.2 Discussed alternative future options for post fossil economy rehabilitation, and the importance of considering the needs of community.

Next meeting

Wednesday 29 November 2023.