



ACT CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

Monday 13 January 2020

Location: Executive Boardroom, Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis St, Dickson ACT

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Attendees: Professor Penny Sackett (Chair), Dr Paul Bannister, Dr Cristopher Brack, Professor Mark Howden, Ms Sophia Hamblin Wang, Ms Karen Jesson, Mr Ben Ponton

Secretariat: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Summary:

This second extraordinary Council meeting was called to continue discussion of the emerging national bushfire crisis, particularly issues of severe and prolonged smoke haze impacting the ACT, and to discuss actions that Council could take in the short term.

The Council discussed the adaptation and resilience issues faced by the community during the ongoing bushfire, heat and smoke conditions, and considered their role in advising the ACT Government on mitigation and adaptation issues.

The Council agreed to submit an opinion piece for publication in the Canberra Times which was published on 22 January 2020. In this opinion piece, Council announced a series of upcoming engagement events with experts and the community. The outcome of this engagement will be a written report that is provided to Minister Rattenbury.