

# Our Engagement Charter

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## Who we are and what we do

The Climate Change Authority provides independent, expert advice on climate change policy. The Authority is established under the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011*.

The Authority undertakes three main types of work:

- 1) we are required by legislation to undertake periodic reviews of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* and the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*.
- 2) we undertake special reviews on other matters as requested by the Minister responsible for climate change or the Australian Parliament.
- 3) we conduct our own independent research and analysis on climate change matters.

## Why do we engage?



The input we receive through engagement and consultation enhances the effectiveness and quality of the Authority's work. Information received through consultation helps to inform and provide data and evidence for the Authority's independent findings.

The Authority is required to undertake public consultation for special and legislative reviews.

All reports will be published on the Authority's website as soon as practicable after finalisation.

## With whom do we engage?



Climate change is affecting us all, although the impact and experience will differ depending on where we live, what we do for work and many other factors. Therefore the Authority aims to consult across all sections of Australian society including industry stakeholders, non-government organisations, Indigenous organisations, research organisations and private individuals.

The Authority also engages with Australia's governments at Federal, state and territory and local levels.

## What you can expect from us



### Independence

In carrying out our work the Authority will form its own views based on evidence and rigorous analysis and having regard to the principles in section 12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* including environmental effectiveness, economic efficiency and equity.



### Inclusiveness

The Authority will aim to engage and consult with a wide range of stakeholders and provide everyone with the opportunity to contribute to our public consultation processes.



### Transparency and accountability

The Authority will advertise public consultations on our website, provide clear guidance and timelines for engagement, and will publish all submissions not marked as confidential. Organisations may request that submissions be treated as confidential, for example where they include commercial-in-confidence information. We encourage submissions allow publication where possible. Publishing submissions enables us to be transparent about the information we draw on to inform our findings and advice. Where we undertake targeted consultation for research reports, we will list all stakeholders with whom we engaged where confidentiality was not requested.



### Planned and genuine

The Authority will plan effective and genuine consultation. We will do this by providing clear guidance on how to engage with us, and ensure there is adequate time for you to provide input and for the Authority to consider your ideas.



### Responsive to feedback

The Authority will continually review its engagement with you and will be responsive to feedback on how we can improve.



### Privacy

The Authority respects your right to privacy and complies with the Privacy Act including in relation to the collection and management of personal information.

## How to connect with us

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