



CIRCULAR ECONOMY MINISTERIAL ADVISORY GROUP– COMMUNIQUÉ

20 February 2023

The first meeting of the Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group was held on 20 February 2023 in Sydney.

The Chair welcomed the Minister for the Environment and Water, Minister Plibersek, and the Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic and all members.

Minister Plibersek addressed the group regarding the opportunities the circular economy represents for Australia and the importance of coordinated action to drive change at scale. Minister Husic addressed the group about the opportunities and importance of industry and science in driving Australia's circular economy.

The Advisory Group considered the status of the circular economy in Australia, including current and emerging policies, programs and industry actions.

The Advisory Group discussed the major challenges and opportunities facing Australia's circular economy and potential areas of focus for the Advisory Group over the next two years. These priorities will be set out in a workplan for the Advisory Group.

Key sectors identified for driving circularity in Australia are:

- Built environment
- Consumables and manufacturing
- Primary sectors including food and natural resources

The next meeting of the Advisory Group is expected to be in May 2023.

Attendees**Ministers**

- The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
- The Hon Ed Husic MP

Advisory Group Members

Chair Professor John Thwaites AM

Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM

Dr Larry Marshall

Romilly Madew AO

Lisa McLean

Professor John Spoehr

Claire Kneller

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