

2022 BETTER FUTURES FORUM | 6-7 SEPTEMBER 2022

OUR MOMENT TO SHAPE AN AMBITIOUS CLIMATE AGENDA FOR AUSTRALIA

The second national Better Futures Forum, at UNSW Canberra and online on 6 and 7 September, will launch a collective commitment to an ambitious national climate agenda. One that creates regional jobs, protects the future health and prosperity of our businesses and communities, regenerates nature and underpins a booming renewable energy industry.

Australia is changing for the better. Our new national government has committed to meaningful action on climate change. But we need to do much more.

Climate champions across all corners of society and the economy will converge in Canberra to showcase achievements and engage Australia's new government in forging collaborative pathways to healthier, climate resilient, prosperous and better futures for us all.

An exciting mix of interactive plenary sessions, lightning talks, workshops, roundtable dialogues, exhibits and entertainment.

DAY 1 | TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 | OPPORTUNITIES OF CLIMATE ACTION AT ALL LEVELS

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022 | STRENGTHENING OUR CLIMATE AMBITION



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***We respect and honour
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander peoples
and their Elders past
and present and commit
to creating better
futures together.***



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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

DAY 1 | Tuesday, 6 September 2022 | Opportunities of climate action at all levels

TIME*	DETAILS
8.30am	REGISTRATION
9.00am	Welcome Day 1 with Aunty Matilda House
9.20am	KEYNOTES Rewiring the nation & powering Australia
9.30am	PANEL DISCUSSION Unleashing renewable energy storage
10.30am	MORNING TEA & ENTERTAINMENT Singer songwriter Nidala Barker
11.00am	PANEL DISCUSSION : Steps to future-proof an ambitious climate agenda for Australia
11.45am	KEYNOTES Opportunities for Australia in the new energy economy
12.30pm	LUNCH & EXPO BOOTHS Singer songwriter Nidala Barker
1.30pm	KEYNOTES International policy frameworks
2.20pm	PANEL DISCUSSION Decarbonising sectors to achieve Australia's climate agenda together
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00pm	SECTOR WORKSHOPS & SUBMISSIONS
5.15pm	CLOSING REMARKS
5.30pm	RECEPTION Live music & networking
5.45pm	CLIMATE CHAMPIONS FEATURE Capital Brewing Co. & Taylor Wines
6.00pm	FIRESIDE CHAT Renewable manufacturing opportunities with Energy Estate
6.45pm	STRING DUET Jess Green
7.30pm	CLOSE

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DAY 2 | Wednesday, 7 September 2022 | Strengthening our climate ambition

TIME*	DETAILS
7.30am	BETTER FUTURES BREAKFAST With Minister for Climate Change & Energy, the Hon. Chris Bowen
9.00am	Welcome Day 2
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	KEYNOTE + PANEL DISCUSSION Preparing Australia for climate impacts in communities across the Asia Pacific
12.00pm	PANEL DISCUSSION How can we strengthen the resilience of local governments to protect communities from the impacts of climate change
1.00pm	LUNCH & EXPO BOOTHS
2.00pm	PANEL DISCUSSION Do we need a business manifesto to advance accelerated action on Australia's climate recovery?
3.00pm	POLICY SUBMISSION ROUNDTABLES
4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.30pm	BETTER FUTURES ASSEMBLY Action plans to take forward
5.15pm	CLOSING REMARKS
5.30pm	CLOSE

EVENT DETAILS

Welcome to Better Futures Forum 2022.

We are pleased to announce the ground of UNSW Canberra University as our home for this year's Better Futures Forum. In light of the recent pandemic, we are also welcoming guests who are attending our virtual conference.

For more information and to keep you updated on our event, please scan the QR codes below

We sincerely hope this year's program will inspire you to continuously drive our climate actions.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Plenary	
★	Adams Auditorium Registration + Plenary Sessions
P	Parking
UBER	Taxi and Uber station – Tobruk Rd roundabout.
Workshops	
★	Making zero emissions transport accessible to all Building 21 Rm 379 (proceed to the second floor and down the corridor to the right of the entrance)
★	Renewable Energy Storage Target Building 32 SR03
	Partnering with local government to transition and build climate resilience Building 32 SR04
	A Renewable Energy Export Strategy Building 32 SR05
	Transitioning Heavy Industry Regions - Justice for Workers and Communities Building 32 SR07
	No Net Zero without Nature: Building 32 LT10
	Tackling climate change and health - Building 32 LT07
★	How businesses are reducing emissions and decarbonising supply chains Building 32 SR06
★	Industrial decarbonisation is a good news story Building 30 LT01



Andrew Barr
ACT Chief Minister



Auntie Matilda House
Ngambri Elder



Dan Bouchier
ABC



Brynn O'Brien
ACCR



Anjali Sharma
Student Climate Activist

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OPPORTUNITIES OF CLIMATE ACTION AT ALL LEVELS

Hear about actions being taken by businesses, investors, communities, government and others and exchange ideas for how we can work together to create better futures for us all.

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8.30 ^{am}	REGISTRATION	
9.00 ^{am}	WELCOME + ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dan Ilic - Presenter, filmmaker and comedian » Dan Bouchier - ABC Journalist » Auntie Matilda House - Welcome to Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country 	
9.20 ^{am}	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Implementing Australia's climate agenda together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Andrew Barr - Chief Minister, ACT Government 	
9.30 ^{am}	PANEL DISCUSSION Unleashing renewable energy storage <p>Moderator :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » John Grimes - CEO, Smart Energy Council <p>Panellists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Andrew Barr - Chief Minister, ACT Government » Rick Brazzale - Director, Green Energy Markets » Francis Wedin - Managing Director, Vulcan Energy Resources » Luke Osborne - Partner, Stride Renewables » Lara Panjkov - Senior Manager (Growth & Market Development), Fluence 	
10.25 ^{am}	MORNING TEA + SINGER SONG-WRITER NIDALA BARKER	
11.00 ^{am}	PANEL DISCUSSION Future-proofing Australia's climate agenda <p>Moderator :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dan Bouchier - ABC Journalist <p>Panellists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dr. Janine Mohamed - CEO, Lowitja Institute » Brynn O'Brien - Executive Director, ACCR » David Pocock - Independent Senator, ACT » Anjali Sharma - Student Climate Activist 	



Audrey Quicke
The Australian Institute



Luke Osborne
Windlab System



Ban Ki Moon
Former UN Member



Brett Shoemaker
Microsoft ANZ



Steve Murphy
Australian Manufacturing
Worker's Union

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11.45 ^{am}	KEYNOTES Opportunities for Australia in the new energy economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Lord Adair Turner - Chair of the global Energy Transitions Commission » Ban Ki-moon - Former UN Secretary-General and Deputy Chair of the Elders » Janaline Oh - Diplomat, Climate Action Now 	
12.20 ^{pm}	SINGER SONG-WRITER NIDALA BARKER	
12.30 ^{pm}	LUNCH BREAK + EXPO BOOTHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Book signings - Claire O'Rourke » Fonz Moto - michelle Nazzari » Fossil Ad Ban - Matt Bray & Belinda Noble 	
1.30 ^{pm}	KEYNOTES International policy frameworks Moderator : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dan Ilic - Presenter, filmmaker and comedian <hr/> Panellists : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Laurence Tubiana - CEO, European Climate Foundation » Brianna Fruen - Global Citizen Prize Winner, Pioneering Climate Activist Fighting for Justice in the Pacific » Rev Dr (Hon) (Uncle) Ray Minniecon - Co-Chair IPO-Australia and Director of Bunji Consultancies » Cathryn Eatock - Co-Chair IPO-Australia & Pacific representative to the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, UNFCCC » Dr. Ian Fry - UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change 	
2.20 ^{pm}	KEYNOTE & PANEL DISCUSSION Decarbonising sectors to achieve Australia's climate agenda together Moderator : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Claire O'Rourke - Author & Australia Energy Transformation Program Co-Director at The Sunrise Project <hr/> Panellists : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Scientia Professor Deo Prasad - CEO, NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, AO » Dr. Virginia Marshall - Co-Chair Indigenous Cluster, ANU Institute of Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions » Michael Wheatland - Manager - Sustainable Processing, Calix Limited » Louise-Marlena Terrier - CEO, Carbon Positive Australia » Akaash Sachdeva - Manager Responsible Investment, HESTA super 	
3.30 ^{pm}	AFTERNOON TEA	ATTENDEE TO MOVE TO WORKSHOP ROOMS



Claire O'Rourke
Author



Clark Butler
Zero Industrials



Dr Sophie Scamps
Mackellar



Dr Cybele Dey
Child & Adol. Psychiatrists



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4.00pm	SECTOR WORKSHOPS & SUBMISSIONS	
	 A renewable energy export strategy Moderator : Phil Freeman, WWF Speakers : Hilly Montague - Australian Conservation Foundation; Shaun Chen - Accenture	Location: Building 32 SR05
	 Making zero emissions transport accessible to all Moderator : James Whelan - CANA Speaker : Audrey Quicke - The Australia Institute	Location: Building 21 RM379
	 Industrial decarbonisation: Opportunities for Australia Moderator : Laura Simes - ClimateWorks Centre Speakers : Michael Wheatland - Calix Limited; Hudson Worsley - MECLA; Aimee Mehan - University of Newcastle; Sarah Stanley - Collie Shire	Location: Building 30 LT01
	 How businesses are reducing emissions and decarbonising supply chains Speakers : Serena Stewart & Melissa Edwards - UTS Business School	Location: Building 32 SR06
	 Transitioning heavy industry regions: Justice for workers and communities Moderator : Warrick Jordan - Hunter Jobs Alliance Speakers : Amanda Cahill - The Next Economy; Trevor Gauld - National Policy Officer - ETU; Steve Murphy Secretary - AMWU; Tony Wolfe - Power stations worker/Gippsland Climate Change Network	Location: Building 32 SR07
	 Advancing the national climate and health strategy and building a sustainable & climate resilient healthcare system Moderator : Claire O'Rourke - Author & Sunrise Project Speakers : Dr Veronica Matthews - University of Sydney; Dr Rebecca Patrick - Deakin University/ CAHA; Dr Sophie Scamps - Independent MP for Mackellar; Prof. Eugenie Kayak - University of Melbourne/ DEA; Mr Justin Clancy - Member of the New South Wales Legislative, NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Health, NSW Legislative Assembly; Ms Liz Lopa - ACT Health Directorate; Ms Fiona Armstrong - Climate and Health Alliance	Location: Building 32 LT07
	 Partnering With Local Government to Accelerate The Transition and Build Climate Resilience Moderators : Alexi Lynch - Ironbark Sustainability; Portia Odell & Darcy Pimblett - Cities Power Partnerships; Cathy Oke - University of Melbourne, Cathy Oke Darcy Pimblett (online as necessary) Speakers : Cr HY William Chan	Location: Building 32 SR04

MORE TOPICS CONTINUE >

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dan Ilic
Comedian & Journalist



Daniela Binder
Healthy Landscape



David Pocock
Independent Senator, ACT





Deo Prasad
UNSW Center



Dermot O'Gorman
WWF

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TIME*	SESSION AND SPEAKERS	ADAMS AUDITORIUM – BUILDING 111, GALLIPOLI ROAD
	 No net zero without nature: How to plan land-use and scale up nature based solutions to help meet our net zero targets	Location: Building 32 LT10
	Moderator : Celina Garcia - Climateworks Centre Speakers : Joanne Griffin - Conservation Futures; Dr Virginia Marshall - ANU Institute of Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions Co Chair Indigenous Cluster; Dr David Hall - AUT University's School of Social Sciences & Public Policy and Founding Director of the Climate Innovation Lab; Daniela Binder - Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists	
	 Communicating the need for storage	Location: Building 32 SR03
	Moderator : Dan Ilic Speakers : Smart Energy Council; Climate Media Centre; Solar Citizens; IEEFA; ANU storage expert; The Australia Institute	
5.15pm	CLOSING REMARKS	
5.30pm	RECEPTION Live music & networking	LOCATION: ADAMS AUDITORIUM LOBBY
5.45pm	JAZZ TRIO Jess Green	
5.45pm	CLIMATE CHAMPIONS FEATURE Capital Brewing Co. & Taylor Wines » Dan Watters - Capital Brewing Co. » Mitchell Taylor - Taylor Wines	
6.00pm	FIRESIDE CHAT RENEWABLE MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITIES » Simon Currie - Energy Estate » Simon Corbell - Energy Estate » Monica Tan - Beyond Zero Emissions	
6.45pm	JAZZ TRIO Jess Green	
7.30pm	CLOSE	

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Karrina Nolan
Original Power



Kelly O'Shanassy
Australian Conservation
Foundation



Hon. Chris Bowen
AU Parliament



Dr Lai Heng Foong
ACEM



Dr Rebecca Patrick
Climate & Health Alliance

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STRENGTHENING OUR CLIMATE AMBITION

Engage policymakers of Australia's new government to support ambitious, society and economy-wide action on climate change.

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9.00 ^{am}	WELCOME + ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY » Dan Ilic - Presenter, filmmaker and comedian	
9.20 ^{am}	PANEL DISCUSSION Renewable Export Opportunities Moderator : » Emma Herd - Partner, EY Panellists : » Michele O'Neil - President, ACTU » Karrina Nolan - Executive Director, Original Power; a key architect of the First Nations Clean Energy Network » Kelly O'Shanassy - CEO, ACF » Dermot O'Gorman - CEO, WWF » Clark Butler - Director, Zero Industrials	
10.30 ^{am}	MORNING TEA	
11.00 ^{am}	KEYNOTES + PANEL DISCUSSION Preparing Australia for climate impacts in communities across the Asia Pacific Moderator : » Associate Professor Fengshi Wu - UNSW Panellists : » Professor Anthony Burke - Deputy Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at UNSW Canberra » Dr. Pichamon Yeophantong - Political Scientist & China Specialist » Dr Elizabeth Boulton - Independent Researcher with Destination Safe Earth » Ian Cumming - Experienced climate and security advisor » Willy Missack - Secretariat Advisor, Vanuatu Climate Action Network » Scientia Professor Jane McAdam - Director of the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, AO, UNSW.	

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Dr Simon Quilty
Central Australian
Health Service



Dr Elizabeth Boulton
Doctor



Emma Herd
EY Oceania



Eugenie Kayak
Melbourne University



Fiona Armstrong
CAHA

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Francis Wedin
Vulcan Energy Resources



Hilly Montague
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Sydney LM Gov. Team



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Lowitja Institute

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3.00 ^{pm}	POLICY SUBMISSION ROUNDTABLES Representatives of new Federal Departments in Canberra are invited to join these discussions, allowing participants to connect and build partnerships towards agreeing on and activating plans together.	
	A renewable energy export strategy Moderator : WWF & ACF	Location: Building 32 SR05
	Making zero emissions transport accessible to all Moderator : James Whelan, CANA	Location: Building 21 RM379
	Industrial decarbonisation: Opportunities for Australia Moderator : Laura Simes - ClimateWorks Centre	Location: Building 30 LT01
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	Transitioning heavy industry regions: Justice for workers and communities Moderator : Warrick Jordan - Hunter Jobs Alliance	Location: Building 32 SR07
	Advancing the national climate and health strategy and building a sustainable & climate resilient healthcare system Moderator : Claire O'Rourke - Sunrise Project	Location: Building 32 LT07
	Partnering With Local Government to Accelerate The Transition and Build Climate Resilience Moderator : Alexi Lynch - Ironbark Sustainability; Portia Odell & Darcy Pimblett - Cities Power Partnerships; Cathy Oke - University of Melbourne	Location: Building 32 SR04
	No net zero without nature: How to plan land-use and scale up nature based solutions to help meet our net zero targets Moderator : Celina Garcia - Climateworks Centre	Location: Building 32 LT10
	Communicating the need for storage Moderator : Smart Energy Council	Location: Building 32 SR03
4.00 ^{pm}	AFTERNOON TEA	PROCEED TO AUDITORIUM
4.30 ^{pm}	BETTER FUTURES ASSEMBLY	
5.15 ^{pm}	CLOSING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » MC & Digital Scribe Reflections » Closing statement from Bishop Philip Huggins 	
5.30 ^{pm}	CLOSE	

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