

# Australian Circular Economy Forum 2024

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Nature, Climate, Circular

10 October, 2024  
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**The Australian economy is undergoing a fundamental transformation. Driven by critical environmental and economic challenges it is shifting from the old linear take, make and waste economy - to a new circular one.**

The circular economy provides a powerful and positive solution to the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and resource depletion. It sets a path to regenerating the natural environment while also generating new jobs and industries.

The economic and environmental dividends of integrating circular economy, climate change, nature positive and regeneration agendas are enormous. Let's work together to transition our future economy with nature, climate and circularity.

**Join us at ACEF24 to unpack and understand the opportunities for your organisation on the road to 2030: the first key milestone set by State and federal Governments for Australia's circular economy transition.**

**The possibilities of the circular economy are as diverse as the economy itself!** Learn about:

1. The economic and environmental dividends of integrating circular economy, climate change, nature positive and regeneration agendas
2. Circularity delivering Net Zero and new markets
3. First Nations leadership
4. Removing risks to investment in the future circular economy
5. Priority circular economy policy reforms for business transformation
6. Circular precincts and infrastructure models
7. Metrics for regenerative systems and circular supply chains
8. Agrifood & regional development

The 3rd *Australian Circular Economy Forum* will bring together experts and leaders from government, academia, business, NGOs and investors to share knowledge and insight on participating in the new circular economy.

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**AGENDA: Integrating climate, nature and regenerative agendas for a thriving future economy on Thursday 10 October 2024:** Subject to change

0900 - 0905	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Susan Moylan-Coombs, Founding Director, Gaimaragal Group
0905 - 0910	<b>Welcomes and Introductions</b>	Lisa McLean, Chief Executive Officer, Circular Australia Jason Graham-Nye, Chair, Circular Australia Prof. Ali Abbas, CA Chief Circular Engineer
0910 - 0915	<b>Minister (video recording)</b>	Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment & Water, DCCEEW Australia
0915 - 0930	<b>Global Circular Economy Agenda</b>	Atte Jääskeläinen, President, Finnish Innovation Fund, Sitra
0930 - 0945	<b>Update on Federal Government Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group recommendations</b>	John Thwaites, Chair, Ministerial Advisory Group for Circular Economy 2030, Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Climateworks Centre
0945 - 1015	<b>What economic and environmental benefits will Australia's circular economy transition deliver for 2030?</b> The benefits & opportunities of a just and safe economic transformation to value nature, resources and tackle climate change.	Barry Irvin, Chair, Bega Cheese Greg Jericho, Chief Economist, The Australia Institute Jocelyn King, Co- Founder, Chairperson and Board member, First Nations Capital Jodie Bricout, Design Director and Circular Economy Leader, Aurecon
1015 - 1025	<b>BREAK</b>	
1025 - 1030	<b>New Research: Our Future Economy: Nature Climate Circular</b>	Simran Talwar, Research Principal, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS
1030 - 1055	<b>How do we bring together Net Zero, Nature and Circularity?</b>	Facilitator: Ian Overton, Principal, Natural Economy

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1055 - 1120	<b>Circular Power Pitch</b> Circular Businesses leading the way	10 quickfire business pitches
1120 - 1125	<b>Measuring Circular Economy</b>	Standards Australia
1125 - 1135	<b>Activating Circular Economy: Finance: Growing investment and finance for Circular Economy</b>	On sofa studio with: Katie Dowling, Circular Australia CFO and Chair Finance Investment Taskforce Jillian Reid, Head of Sustainable Investment, Investment Management, Pacific, Mercer Meredith Epp, Executive Manager Circular Economy and Nature, Westpac
1135 - 1145	<b>Markets: New research on circular market opportunities</b>	On sofa studio with Lisa McLean CA CEO Leanne Griffin, Australasia Circular Economy Service Leader, Arup, Co-Chair Industry Taskforce, Circular Australia Bronwyn Voyce, Founder, Civic Futures Lab, Co-Chair Industry Taskforce, Circular Australia
1145 - 1155	<b>Precincts: Activating circularity with partners, secondary resources and a location</b>	On sofa studio with Lisa McLean CA CEO Jenni Phillipe, Associate Circular Economy, Aurecon, Co-Chair Precincts & Infrastructure Taskforce, Circular Australia Ed Steane, Director Urban Policy, Transport for NSW, Co-Chair Precincts & Infrastructure Taskforce, Circular Australia
1155 - 1210	<b>BREAK</b>	

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1210 – 1230	<b>Circular + Net Zero:</b> Strategies for the hardest carbon to cut	Moderator Joyanne Manning, Board Member, Circular Australia, Principal & Resources Business Leader, Arup Deo Prasad, CEO, Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, Scientia Professor, UNSW Tommy Wiedmann, Professor, UNSW
1230 - 1300	<b>Building an Australian Circular Economy for 2030: A National and Regional development agenda</b>	On sofa studio with Lisa McLean Niall Blair, Sydney Water Non-Executive Director, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Chair, Fmr NSW Primary Industries, Trade, Industry & Water Minister
	<b><i>Regional Development</i></b>	Liz Ritchie, CEO Regional Development Institute
	<b><i>Water &amp; Biochar</i></b>	Corrine Cheeseman, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Water Association
	<b><i>Critical Minerals and Supply Chains</i></b>	Libby Chaplin, Chief Executive Officer, Battery Stewardship Council
	<b><i>First Nations</i></b>	Paul Paton, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations
1300	<b>Thank you &amp; Ends</b>	Jason Graham-Nye & Lisa McLean