

Australian Circular Economy Forum 2024

Our Future Economy:
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	Acknowledgement of Country	Susan Moylan-Coombs, Founding Director, Gaimaragal Group
0905 - 0910	Welcomes and Introductions	Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia Jason Graham-Nye, Chair, Circular Australia
0910 - 0930	Global Circular Economy Agenda	Atte Jääskeläinen, President, Finnish Innovation Fund, Sitra
0930 - 0945	Update on Federal Government Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group recommendations	John Thwaites, Chair, Ministerial Advisory Group for Circular Economy 2030, Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Climateworks Centre
0945 - 1015	What economic and environmental benefits will Australia's circular economy transition deliver for 2030? <i>The benefits & opportunities of a just and safe economic transformation to value nature, resources and tackle climate change.</i>	Barry Irvin, Chair, Bega Cheese Greg Jericho, Chief Economist, The Australia Institute Jodie Bricout, Design Director and Circular Economy Leader, Aurecon
1015 - 1025		BREAK
1025 - 1055	Our Future Economy: Nature Climate Circular: How do we bring together Net Zero, Nature and Circularity?	Facilitator: Ian Overton, Principal, Natural Economy
1055 - 1120	Circular Power Pitch <i>Circular Businesses leading the way</i>	10 quickfire business pitches
1120 - 1125	Measuring Circular Economy	Standards Australia

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1125 - 1135	Activating Circular Economy: <i>Finance: New Research Growing investment and finance for Circular Economy</i>	On sofa studio with: Katie Dowling, Circular Australia CFO and Chair Finance Investment Taskforce Jillian Reid, Head of Sustainable Investment, Investment Management, Pacific, Mercer
1135 - 1145	<i>Markets: New Research Activating new circular markets in Australia</i>	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	<i>Precincts: New Research Activating circularity with partners, secondary resources and a location</i>	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 - 1205		BREAK
12:00- 12:05	Audience feedback session	Jo Taranto, Educator In Residence Circular Australia
1205 - 1210	Circular Economy Innovation	Prof. Ali Abbas, CA Chief Circular Engineer
1210 – 1230	<i>Circular + Net Zero: Strategies for the hardest carbon to cut</i>	Moderator Joyanne Manning, Board Member, Circular Australia, Principal & Resources Business Leader, Arup Deo Prasad, CEO, Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, Scientia Professor, UNSW Monica Richter Project Director MECLA Tommy Wiedmann, Professor, UNSW
1230 - 1300	Building an Australian Circular Economy for 2030: A National and Regional development agenda	On sofa studio with Lisa McLean Niall Blair, Sydney Water Non-Executive Director, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

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Chair, Fmr NSW Primary Industries, Trade,
Industry & Water Minister

Regional Development

Liz Ritchie, CEO Regional Development
Institute

Water & Biochar

Corrine Cheeseman, Chief Executive Officer,
Australia Water Association

Critical Minerals and Supply Chains

Libby Chaplin, Chief Executive Officer, Battery
Stewardship Council

First Nations

Paul Paton, Chief Executive Officer,
Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner
Corporations

1300

Thank you & Ends

Jason Graham-Nye & Lisa McLean