

Australian Circular Economy Forum 2024

**Our Future Economy:
Nature, Climate, Circular**

10 October, 2024
9AM-1PM AEDT
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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
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

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, Chief Executive Officer, Circular Australia Jason Graham-Nye, Circular Australia Chair
0910 - 0915	Minister (video recording)	Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment & Water, DCCEEW Australia
0915 - 930	Global Circular Economy Agenda	Atte Jääskeläinen, President, Finnish Innovation Fund, Sitra
0930 - 0945	Update on Federal Government circular economy framework and 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? The benefits & opportunities of a just and safe economic transformation to value nature, resources and tackle climate change.	Lisa McLean, Chief Executive Officer, Circular Australia Barry Irvin, Chair, Bega Cheese Greg Jericho, Chief Economist, Australia Institute Jocelyn King, Co- Founder, Chairperson and Board member, First Nations Capital Jodie Bricout, Design Director and Circular Economy Leader, Aurecon
1015 - 1025	Break	
1025 - 1055	How do we bring together Net Zero, Nature and Circularity? Australian states integrating circular economy, climate change, nature	Ian Overton, Principal, Natural Economy Presentation Simran Talwar, Research Principal, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS

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1055 - 1120	Circular Economy Business Showcase	5 leading circular economy business pitches
1120 - 1150	Circularity: A regional development agenda	Moderator Niall Blair, Sydney Water Chair Speakers: Paul Paton, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Corrine Cheeseman, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Water Association Liz Ritchie, CEO Regional Development Institute Libby Chaplin, Chief Executive Officer, Battery Stewardship Council
1150 - 1200	Break	
1210 - 1230	Why will we only get to 50% of Net Zero without a circular economy? How will circular economy enable Net Zero in the Sectoral Plans?	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	Activating Circular Economy markets, precincts and finance	Moderator Prof. Ali Abbas, University of Sydney, Chief Circular Engineer Circular Australia Speakers: Jenni Phillipe, Associate Circular Economy, Aurecon Leanne Griffin, Australasia Circular Economy Service Leader, Arup Jillian Reid, Head of Sustainable Investment, Investment Management, Pacific, Mercer Cliff Cobbo, Principal First Nation's Adviser WWF
1300	Thank you & Ends	Jason Graham-Nye & Lisa McLean