

# 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

0900 - 0905	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	
0905 - 0910	<b>Welcomes and Introductions</b>	Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia Jason Graham-Nye, Chair, Circular Australia Jo Taranto, Educator In Residence, Circular Australia
0910 - 0920	<b>Global Circular Economy Agenda</b>	Atte Jääskeläinen, President, Finnish Innovation Fund, Sitra
0920 - 0930	<b>Circularity Gap Report - Global Findings</b>	Matthew Fraser, Director, Circularity Gap Solutions
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 Jodie Bricout, Design Director and Circular Economy Leader, Aurecon
1015 - 1045	<b>How do we bring together Net Zero, Nature and Circularity?</b> Australian states integrating circular economy, climate change, nature positive and regeneration agendas for co benefits	Ian Overton, Principal, Natural Economy Kylie Hughes, Director, Waste Policy & Legislation, Dept. Environment & Heritage Protection, QLD Angela Hoefnagles, Director, Circular Economy Policy, DEECA, Victoria Simran Talwar, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS

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1045 - 1050	<b>Audience feedback session</b>	Jo Taranto, Educator In Residence, Circular Australia
1050 - 1055		<b>BREAK</b>
1055 - 1115	<b>Circular Power Pitch</b> Circular Businesses leading the way	Introduced by Jo Taranto <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hydraloop</li><li>2. BlockTexx</li><li>3. Coca-Cola</li><li>4. XFrame</li><li>5. Woolworths</li><li>6. gDiapers</li><li>7. Polestar</li><li>8. Altogether Group</li><li>9. Sircel</li><li>10. Koskela</li><li>11. WorkBench</li></ol>
1115 - 1120	<b>Circular Economy Innovation &amp; Engineering</b>	Prof. Ali Abbas, Chief Circular Engineer, Circular Australia
1120 - 1130	<b>Measuring Circular Economy</b>	Monique English, Engagement Manager, Standards Australia
1130 - 1140	<b>Activating Circular Economy Series</b>  <i><b>Finance: New Research</b></i> <i><b>Growing investment and finance for Circular Economy</b></i>	On sofa studio with: Katie Dowling, CFO & Chair Finance & Investment Taskforce, Circular Australia Jillian Reid, Head of Sustainable Investment, Investment Management, Pacific, Mercer
1140 - 1150	<b>Activating Circular Economy Series</b>  <i><b>Markets: New Research</b></i> <i><b>Activating new circular markets in Australia</b></i>	On sofa studio with: Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia 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

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1150 – 1210	<b>Circular + Net Zero:</b> Strategies for the hardest carbon to cut	Joyanne Manning, Principal & Resources Business Leader, Arup, Board Member, Circular Australia Deo Prasad, CEO, Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, Scientia Professor, UNSW Tommy Wiedmann, Professor, UNSW Monica Richter, Project Director, MECLA
1210 - 1220	<b>Activating Circular Economy Series</b>  <b><i>Precincts: New Research</i></b> <b><i>Activating circularity with partners, secondary resources and a location</i></b>	On sofa studio with: Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia 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
1220 - 1225	<b>Building an Australian Circular Economy for 2030: A National and Regional Development Agenda</b>	On sofa studio with: Lisa McLean, CEO, Circular Australia Niall Blair, Sydney Water Non-Executive Director, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Chair, Fmr NSW Primary Industries, Trade, Industry & Water Minister
1225 - 1230	<b><i>Regional Development</i></b>	Liz Ritchie, CEO, Regional Development Institute
1230 - 1235	<b><i>Water &amp; Biochar</i></b>	Corinne Cheeseman, CEO, Australian Water Association
1235 - 1240	<b><i>Critical Minerals and Supply Chains</i></b>	Jade Barnaby, Director - Best Practice & Innovation, Battery Stewardship Council
1240 - 1245	<b><i>First Nations</i></b>	Paul Paton, CEO, Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations
1250 - 1300	<b>Wrap up</b>	Lisa & Jo Taranto
1300	<b>Thank you &amp; Ends</b>	Jason Graham-Nye & Lisa McLean