



Australian Government

**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) Inquiry into Annual Performance Statements 2021-22

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Overview

Following the Committee's invitation, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department) makes the following submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) Inquiry into Annual Performance Statements 2021-22.

The Department

The department was established on 1 July 2022 to lead integrated delivery of the government's agenda across climate change, energy, the environment, heritage and water. The portfolio carries a range of complex policy, program and regulatory issues that are of critical importance to Australia's future way of life and require collaborative, innovative and joined-up reform. The department has not been audited by the ANAO.

Our performance framework

On 10 March 2023, the department published its first Corporate Plan. In developing our Corporate Plan, we consulted with the ANAO and the Department of Finance to develop appropriate and meaningful performance information, including addressing relevant sections of the former Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) 2021-22 performance statements audit where possible.

We are currently reviewing our performance information in the context of new government and departmental responsibilities and initiatives. We will continue to review and refine our performance information to more closely align with our purposes, outcomes and key activities as we go forward, and these refinements will be reflected in the 2023-24 Corporate Plan, to be published later this year. As part of this work, we will continue to consult with the ANAO and the Department of Finance to develop quality performance information that demonstrates how we deliver on our purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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