



Metrics Working Group Meeting Communiqué

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The second meeting of the Australian Circular Economy Hub (ACE Hub) Metrics Working Group has been held, looking to build on the foundations set in the opening meeting with a more in-depth discussion on circular economy metrics and what these would look like in an Australian context.

Tapping into the extensive experience of the working groups members, the second meeting aimed to commence some of the groups key objectives in assessing appropriate tools and systems and providing leadership on CE metrics to all levels of Australian government, industry, and other relevant organisations.

In regard to assessing appropriate tools and systems, the group reviewed the methodology of the Netherlands Circularity Gap Report, analysing important aspects of this methodology and discussing potential options that would be more suited within the context of an Australian Circularity Gap Report. The working group was of the view that, building on the achievements of the assessment methodology developed in the Netherlands, it was possible to bring world-leading Australian expertise to the table for a first Australian Circularity Gap report. Such a report would not only present an overall number for the circularity gap but also identify priority domains of actions to advance Australia's circular economy.

The working group had an engaging discussion on a draft set of principles for circular metrics in Australia. Key amongst the principles discussed were

- Setting up systems that enable circular metrics from a whole of supply chain perspective with a view to creating a hierarchical system that can be interrogated across functional and spatial elements
- The need to inform the policy cycle — including all steps in a policy cycle from problem-framing to policy framing, implementation and policy monitoring and evaluation.
- Thinking about metrics in a way that services industry needs and creates a service to business beyond mandatory reporting.
- Based on a robust scientific approach.
- Building on existing frameworks and best practice of CE metrics around the globe.

Regarding engagement with industry, suggestions were focused on a representative peak body or reference group to start.

More information on the [ACE Hub Metrics Working Group members and meeting summaries here.](#)