

Advisory Board Meeting Communique

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The seventh meeting of the ACE Hub Advisory Board saw members briefed on several ACE Hub activities currently in development for 2022, as well as upcoming ACE Hub reports such as the 'Circularity in Australian Business 2021' report. The group also opened discussions on the topic of equitable participation in the circular economy and continued deliberations on policy.

Advisory Board members discussed and agreed that the ACE Hub and ACE Hub Advisory Board should be putting forward policy positions, but that it depends on several factors including:

- The ACE Hub's commercial and funding arrangements may present potential conflicts of interest if the ACE Hub were to take on policy positions.
- Resourcing capacity to take policy positions and engage task forces and all levels of government.
- The sense of urgency to transition to a circular economy and help combat the climate crisis means leadership may need to be confrontational at times, but there is a red line.

The group suggested the most suitable approach for influencing policy and decision making would be through open dialogue and general propositions rather than pushing for specific policy positions. Several policy areas that members suggested including the right to repair and incentives to repair, economic instruments to facilitate circular outcomes, and circular procurement. These discussions are set to continue in the new year.

Members also opened the discussion on equitable participation in the circular economy, touching on areas such as Indigenous participation, cognitive diversity among leadership and decision-making roles, and accessibility of information.

Members also received updates on the [Circularity in Australian Business 2021: Awareness, Knowledge, and Perception's](#) report, with key highlights discussed. In addition, upcoming ACE Hub reports such as the Measuring the Circular Economy: An Australian Perspective were also raised, with more information to be made publicly available following the release of the reports in early 2022.

Find information on the [ACE Hub Advisory Board members and meeting summaries here](#).