

POSSIBLE GOALS FOR HOSTING COP 31:

A broad goal could be to accelerate commitments, action, and knowledge and awareness, from governments, business, and civil society around the world, and to position Australia and the Pacific at the centre of this effort for domestic and international benefit.

ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS FROM COP 31:

- Engage strongly in current COP activities, including the Global Stocktake.
- Take a multiyear whole of government approach to COP 31.
- Use all diplomatic missions to undertake engagement for ideally three years prior to the COP with outreach to governments, business, and civil society.
- Ensure the ‘agenda’ for the COP is impactful – seek to encourage increased ambition in NDCs before and at the 2025 and 2026 COPs, enhance implementation efforts, and achieve agreements on key themes relevant to the region such as oceans and climate finance
- Encourage high quality and shared analysis including from the International Panel on Climate Change, United Nations Environmental Program, and others.
- Leverage the unique networks of Australia and the Pacific Nations.
- The Pacific Island Forum (Pacific Nations, Australia, and Aotearoa (New Zealand)) and its 18 Dialogue Partners (including USA, China, European Union, India, Indonesia, United Kingdom, and others) provide a unique network of countries essential to a successful COP that could be engaged early by the Forum to ensure success of the COP.
- Work closely with Brazil to advance climate ambition ahead of and after the 2025 COP (COP 30) set to take-place

in Belém on the fringes of the Amazon Rainforest.

- Push for all NDCs to be aligned with no more than 1.5°C of global warming. The Pacific COP needs to put 1.5°C as an accountability mechanism.

ADVANCE ‘SIDE-AGREEMENTS’ AND ACTION ON THEM THAT ACCELERATE ACTION BY WILLING GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND CIVIL SOCIETY:

- Engage in tracking and action under the existing ‘Glasgow side agreements’, and key agreements being made around COPs by business and societies.
- Foster new relevant side agreements, for example for Non-Economic Loss and Damage, Oceans and Climate Finance.
- Build a new alliance of clean energy exporting nations. Australia can showcase how a country known for exporting the problem (fossil fuels) can transition to exporting the solution (green hydrogen, steel and aluminum).

BUILD PUBLIC AND BUSINESS ACTION AND SUPPORT:

- Review and offer to strengthen roles and synergies between Climate Champions and engage early with them.
- Engage business and civil society in planning and action, and encourage existing and new initiatives (e.g., The Glasgow Finance Alliance) and new.
- Support and foster the ‘art’s sectors’ in Australia and the Pacific and globally as an early and powerful builder

of awareness, action, and celebration.

- Engage Pacific diasporas in Australia, Aotearoa (New Zealand) and in the USA in activities.
- Expand the Climate Champions role to every major sector (Agriculture Champion, Energy Champion, Transport Champion, etc).

ENCOURAGE PARALLEL ACTION ACROSS OTHER KEY FORA INCLUDING THE G20, MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS, THE PACIFIC ISLAND FORUM, THE BIODIVERSITY CONVENTION, AND UNEP, TO DEEPEN AND ACCELERATION PROGRESS THAT WILL ENHANCE SUCCESS OF THE COP:

- Continue to advance climate action and seek synergies in the G20, PIF, UNEP, and the Biodiversity Convention.
- Join efforts to reform and strengthen the role that multilateral development banks can play in accelerating the transition to net zero economies.

POSITION AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION TO BENEFIT FROM FINANCE, KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS/SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE CONTINUING RAPID GLOBAL TRANSITION TO LOW CARBON SOCIETIES/ ECONOMIES.

- Encourage Australian and Pacific interests to use the COP year and pavilions at upcoming COPs to showcase actions and needs in the region; viewing this as a finance, knowledge, technology, business, and awareness ‘accelerator.’