



CHRISTMAS ISLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE

Meeting of the Economic Future Working Group

10 December 2024

A second meeting of the Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group was held on 10 December 2024, chaired by Administrator of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Farzian Zainal.

Following the initial meeting in October 2024, the group continued working on an exercise to rate the impact and ease of implementation of a number of action items from the Christmas Island 2030 Strategic Plan. Facilitator Vanessa Bennett from C Change Sustainable Solutions guided EFWG members through the process, leading to robust discussion on the factors affecting outcomes for the island.

The group also looked at the possible action list that arose from the rating exercise and deliberated which actions should be prioritised by the EFWG, along with whether any additional items should be included. The transition to green energy, international education opportunities, tourism strategies, and support for small business were all discussed, with a number of items added to the action list for consideration.

Ahead of the next meeting, members of the EFWG have been tasked with selecting five action items for the group to focus on. These responses will be collated and form the basis for a work plan that will guide the group's actions and priorities in coming months.

The next meeting of the group will take place 10 February 2025.