



Who are we?

The Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) is a collaboration of Australian and New Zealand investors focussing on the impact that climate change has on the financial value of investments.

The IGCC represents institutional investors, with total funds under management of over \$1 trillion, and others in the investment community interested in the impact of climate change on investments. The IGCC aims to encourage government policies and investment practices that address the risks and opportunities of climate change, for the ultimate benefit of superannuants and unit holders. We aim to:

- Raise awareness of the potential impacts, both positive and negative, resulting from climate change to the investment industry, corporate, government and community sectors;
- Encourage best practice approaches to facilitate the inclusion of the impacts of climate change in investment analysis by the investment industry; and
- Provide information to assist the investment industry to understand and incorporate climate change into the investment decision.

Similar investor organisations on climate change currently exist both in the United Kingdom (Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change), the United States (Investor Network on Climate Risk) and Asia (Asia Investor Group on Climate Change).

Membership:

Membership of the IGCC is open to institutional investors operating in Australia and New Zealand, including superannuation funds, insurance companies, fund managers and other financial services providers.

A list of IGCC members can be found at www.igcc.org.au/who_are_we

By joining the IGCC, members acknowledge that companies, markets and economies face risks and opportunities associated with climate change and that these risks and opportunities will impact on the financial returns of investments. Members of the IGCC are acting to protect their individual investors' financial future, and this commitment underpins the IGCC's approach.

IGCC members are aware that as responsible owners they can play a role in encouraging a proactive response to what is one of the most significant environmental impacts on investors, business, and society.

Benefits of joining the IGCC

Membership of the IGCC will assist members to understand climate change issues and turn climate change into an opportunity for investment growth. Becoming a member entitles you to participate in and direct IGCC activities, and benefit from:



- Increased awareness and knowledge on climate change and its impacts on the financial returns of investments including:
 - The opportunity to learn about the latest climate change developments and trends, and to help determine the implications for investment management; and
 - Access to climate change research and input into research development relevant to the investment sector.
- Ability to demonstrate meeting fiduciary duty – by being a member of IGCC investors can better understand the risks to investments associated with climate change and ensure they are meeting their fiduciary duties.
- Access to best practice - members learn about the most successful policies and approaches for managing the impacts associated with climate change issues, including:
 - Access to approaches and tools to manage climate change risk. This will assist members to incorporate the risks and opportunities associated with climate change into investment decisions; and
 - Improved assurance that risk management approaches adequately take climate change risks into consideration.
- Enhanced profile and increased recognition of members' efforts to manage climate change risks, including:
 - Promotional opportunities through the IGCC website, activities and events including publications and presentations;
 - Improved image with investors, employees and the community. This will provide members with greater legitimacy in the marketing and promotion of sustainability credentials, as well as any sustainability-focused products or services;
 - The opportunity for members to promote their own initiatives related to climate change; and
 - The ability to report on IGCC activities to their individual investors, to enhance brand and profile.
- Professional development - regular meetings and events bring together leading individuals to discuss emerging climate change issues, including:
 - Access to and networking with leading thinkers on climate change;
 - The opportunity for individual organisations to take a leadership role on IGCC activities and initiatives through participation on a project committee; and
 - The opportunity to contribute to creating positive behavioural change for the benefit of the organisation's individual investors, as well as the broader community.
- Networking - the IGCC provides members with a wealth of knowledge, expertise and contacts to draw on, and is a forum for engagement with government, corporations, and the community, including:
 - The opportunity for ongoing networking and information sharing with investors on climate change and sustainability issues. This can assist in highlighting and addressing common issues in a consistent and coordinated manner, ensuring greater efficiency and effectiveness for members in dealing with climate change; and
 - Access to government and policy makers, improved relations with government and improved ability for members to influence public policy.

There are additional benefits for organisations that are signatories to the **Principles for Responsible Investment**.