

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF IGCC?

Who is IGCC?

The Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) represents Australian 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 practices 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.

Membership of the IGCC is open to investors operating in Australia and New Zealand, including superannuation funds, insurance companies, fund managers and other financial services providers. A list of IGCC's members can be found at: www.igcc.org.au/who_are_we

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**.

Relationship with the Principles for Responsible Investment

The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and IGCC are complementary initiatives. The PRI sets the framework or the 'Principles' for responsible investment generally and the IGCC assists in demonstrating action under the Principles (albeit specific to one area of ESG i.e. climate change).

For example, through membership of IGCC organisations can demonstrate the following actions as suggested by the PRI including:

- Encourage academic and other research on ESG.
- Participate in the development of policy, regulation, and standard setting.
- Engage with companies on ESG issues.
- Ask for standardised reporting on ESG issues.
- Support regulatory or policy developments that enable implementation of the Principles.
- Participate in collaborative engagement initiatives.
- Support/participate in networks and information platforms to share tools, pool resources, and make use of investor reporting as a source of learning.
- Collectively address relevant emerging issues.
- Develop or support appropriate collaborative initiatives.

IGCC is recognised through the PRI Engagement Clearinghouse, which is a repository of activities and opportunities for signatory collaboration.