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## **2017 Climate Change Review fails to deliver a national climate change plan for Australia**

Investors were looking for a plan for the future in the 2017 Climate Change Policy Review to manage climate-related financial risk and unlock new investment. But they didn't get it.

Commenting on the Review, Investor Group on Climate Change Chief Executive Officer Emma Herd stated: "The 2017 Climate Change Policy Review doesn't deliver the long term market signal that investors are looking for. Business is looking for a plan on how Australia is going to tackle climate change. Instead they got last year's greatest hits album for summer.

"Australia's greenhouse gas emissions are rising in all sectors of the economy. This is creating financial risks for investors. The 2017 Climate Change Policy Review, while noting progress in some areas, fails to deliver a comprehensive national decarbonisation plan for the Australian economy."

"The question remains - what is the plan for tackling Australia's rising greenhouse gas emissions?"

"The Finkel Review delivered some positive outcomes for energy and climate policy planning. The National Energy Guarantee is a work in progress with the detail yet to be revealed".

"IGCC welcomes the proposed measures for international units as an important piece of the puzzle, but notes that the necessary mechanisms do not yet exist to support their use by Australian business."

"Mooted changes to the Safeguard Mechanism risk further undermining the need for emission reductions in carbon intensive sections of the economy."

"At a time when APRA is calling for responsible climate change management, investors need a climate change policy framework which addresses financial risks to the Australian economy and positions Australia for a low carbon future. There is clearly more work to be done in 2018", said Herd.

The Government has flagged the need to bring forward a planned domestic policy 'review and refine' process to 2025 (from 2035) to support Australia's commitments under the Paris Agreement 'review and ratchet' mechanism. IGCC is calling on the Government to commence this process as early as possible to deliver investors the policy signal they need to invest.

On December 12, 226 global investors representing US\$26 trillion in assets under management launched the [Climate Action 100+](#) a five year program to engage the 100 largest emitting companies to step up on climate change. Investors are acting responsibly, it's time for government policy to follow suit.

IGCC's submission to the 2017 Climate Change Review is available at [www.igcc.org.au](http://www.igcc.org.au)

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