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## **New Investor Toolkit launched for managing climate change impacts in the land sector**

The Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) and the Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) have collaborated to develop a new Investor Toolkit aimed at raising awareness of climate change related risks and opportunities in the land sector and practical guidance for investors on how to respond.

The guide - *Connecting Commodities, Investors, Climate and the Land: a Toolkit for Investors* - sets out the land sector's economic and emissions profile in Australia, New Zealand, and Asia and current policy responses. It provides an overview of the core financial risks and emerging innovative solutions for institutional investors engaging in the land sector. Finally, it summarizes the tools available to investors.

"Global emissions associated with the land sector account for almost a quarter of the world's carbon emissions. In Australia, recent record land clearing rates are only adding to the national carbon accounts. For investors, the sector clearly faces significant climate change related financial risks," said Emma Herd, Chief Executive Officer of the Investor Group on Climate Change.

"At the same time, there are innovative new investment solutions emerging which deliver sustainable returns".

"This toolkit aims to help investors understand the risks and capitalise on new low carbon investment opportunities by providing a summary of the tools, frameworks and resources already out there", said Herd.

The Investor Toolkit was officially launched at the IGCC 2017 Climate Change Finance and Investment Summit, which took place over 9th to the 10th October in Melbourne.

*Connecting Commodities, Investors, Climate and the Land: a Toolkit for Investors* is available at [www.igcc.org.au/publications](http://www.igcc.org.au/publications)

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