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Investor Group on Climate Change Commences 2019 Climate Change Finance and Investment Summit

Today, the Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) kicks off the 2019 Climate Change Finance and Investment Summit, with around 300 finance and investment representatives from around Australia and the region gathering to discuss how they are managing climate change as a core financial risk.

The theme of the IGCC 2019 Summit is: Catalysing Action on Climate Change.

“The Paris Agreement sent a huge signal to global markets, cementing understanding that climate change has a cost and that decarbonising the global economy represents a major new investment opportunity”, said Stephen Dunne, Chair, IGCC. “The finance and investment industry has a huge role to play. Which is why the Investor Group on Climate Change is so pleased to convene this important event”, said Dunne.

The IGCC 2019 Climate Change Investment and Finance Summit will take place on 14-15 October 2019, in Sydney, Australia. Around 300 attendees will hear from 64 speakers on the policy, investment and risk management impacts of climate change.

Discussions will address:

- Investment opportunities in climate resilient and net-zero emissions energy and infrastructure
- The new policy landscape and implications for investors
- Leadership and market practice in net zero emissions investment product and practice development
- Reporting on climate risks: Scenarios, big data, science and investor reporting
- Tools, frameworks and solutions for building resilience and investing in climate change adaptation
- Opportunities and insights from investors across Asia
- Company engagement: Hear the latest from investors and companies participating in Climate Action 100+

“Investors and financial regulators have identified climate change is a systemic risk to the economy, the financial system and the long-term returns for superannuation holders,” said Emma Herd, IGCC Chief Executive Officer. “Around the world, investors are actively managing climate risks and momentum is growing. However, much more needs to be done.”

“The 2019 IGCC Summit is an opportunity to take stock of where leading investor practice on climate change is today, and where it is going tomorrow. It is a chance to unpick local politics and global policy, and to gauge how fast technology shift is disrupting markets and portfolios”, said Herd.

IGCC will also be announcing the winners of the inaugural [IGCC 2019 Climate Awards](#), which look to recognise asset owners, asset managers and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding industry leadership in addressing climate change.

On Tuesday, October 15th, the Summit will hear from Dr Michael E. Mann, Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University

Dr Mann will present a global update on the latest science on climate change. He is co-founder of the award-winning science website RealClimate.org, author of more than 200 peer-reviewed and edited publications, numerous op-eds and commentaries, and four books including Dire Predictions, The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars, The Madhouse Effect and The Tantrum that Saved the World.

Other speakers include:

- The Hon. Matt Kean MP, Minister for Energy and Environment, NSW Government.
- Stephen Dunne, Board Director, Chair of Investment Committee, Cbus & Chair of the Investor Group on Climate Change
- Didier Van Not, General Manager, Corporate & Institutional Banking, Westpac Institutional Bank
- Georg Kell, Chairman, Arabesque and founder of the UN Global Compact
- Sarah Barker, Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison & Trustee of ESSSuper
- Dr Rosemary Kelly, Trustee Director, First State Super Trustee Corporation
- Michael Traill AM, Business & Social Purpose Chair & Director
- Richard Brandweiner, Chief Executive Officer, Pandal Group
- Damien Frawley, Chief Executive Officer, QIC
- Sophia Cheng, Chief Investment Officer, Cathay Financial Holdings (Taiwan) & Chair, Asia Investor Group on Climate Change
- Michael Hanna, Head of Infrastructure, Australia, IFM Investors
- Samuel Mary, Vice President, ESG Research Analyst, PIMCO
- Geoff Summerhayes, Executive Board Member, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- Ian Learmonth, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- Tony Maher, President, Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union
- Sarah McNamara, Chief Executive, Australian Energy Council
- Innes Willox, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group
- Courtney Lowrance, Principal Environment Specialist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- A range of local and international leading industry specialists.

More information on the IGCC 2019 Summit, including the program and full line up of speakers is available at www.igcc.org.au/summit

Media registration is available [here](#).

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