

Rebecca Mikula-Wright

CEO, Investor Group on Climate Change



After 5 years in the role of Executive Director of AIGCC, Rebecca was appointed Chief Executive Officer of IGCC in 2021. Rebecca has worked in climate change, sustainability and investment banking for over 20 years in Hong Kong, Europe and Australia.

Rebecca started her career in investment banking working in equity research, credit analysis, commodities and derivatives for groups such as Nomura Securities, BlackRock, Exxon Mobil and JPMorgan. Involvement in early corporate sustainability programs in many of her roles was the catalyst to move into the nascent sustainable finance and investment field in Asia where she led ASrIA (Assoc. for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Asia) in Hong Kong. Back in Australia, Rebecca was the Project Director for the Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC), Australia /New Zealand.

Rebecca is a member of the global Steering Committee for the Climate Action 100+ and the Investor Agenda. She is also a board member of The Orangutan Project that works on direct orangutan and habitat conservation in Indonesia. Rebecca has a BA (Asian Studies/Commerce), Dip. Business Administration and speaks conversational Japanese, French and Czech.



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Sheela Veerappan

**Head of Australia & New Zealand,
Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**



Sheela is the Head of Australia and New Zealand at the United Nations, Principles for Responsible Investment. Sheela is a manager research consultant, with technical expertise in ESG risks, climate change and sustainable investment, working to elevate sustainability and ESG risks in investors' investment processes and decision making. She works to shift their efforts and mindsets to invest in a long-term sustainable manner.

Sheela has over 15 years of experience in both Asia and Australia and she has consulted leading Asian and Australian investors on manager selection and monitoring and portfolio construction. She has worked with the largest investment consulting firms and has researched various ESG integrated strategies across different asset classes. She focuses on improving ESG integration in the selection and monitoring of managers, breaking down the silos that exist in traditional research frameworks.

Akaash Sachdeva

Senior Responsible Investment Adviser, HESTA



Akaash has over 10 years experience in the delivery of responsible investment. He joined HESTA in February 2018 as Senior Responsible Investment Adviser to support the implementation of HESTA's leading Responsible Investment strategy, including climate change strategy and active ownership programs.

Prior to HESTA, Akaash was an Environmental, Social and Governance analyst for Regnan, a global leader in long term value, systemic risk analysis and responsible investment advisory. Akaash has also worked with the Monash Sustainability Institute.

Akaash holds a Masters of Corporate Sustainability from Monash University and Bachelors of Commerce and Arts from Latrobe University.

Isabel Huther

**Sustainable Investment Analyst, Westpac New Zealand
Kiwisaver & BT Funds Management New Zealand Ltd**



Isabel is passionate about embedding sustainability and climate change within the financial system to achieve equitable environmental and societal outcomes. Isabel works for Westpac New Zealand Kiwisaver and managed fund arm, BT Funds Management NZ Ltd, embedding environmental, social and governance aspects into investment decision making. She is driving the alignment of investments with a 1.5 degree C temperature target, increasing allocation to climate solution and embedding ecosystem health and water stewardship.

Previously Isabel has lead Southland's Carbon Neutral Advantage project, supporting regions around New Zealand on their climate journey and has amongst others developed an economic report on the opportunities for climate change for Southland.

Isabel is one of the delegates to this year's UN Conference of the Parties on Climate Change COP26 and sits on a variety of boards to inspire young climate change leaders.

Robyn Parkin

**Head of Sustainability & Advocacy,
Ethical Partners Funds Management**



Robyn is the Head of Sustainability and Advocacy at Ethical Partners Funds Management, a boutique ethical investor based in Sydney managing approximately \$2.8 billion in listed Australian Equities for both institutional and wholesale clients.

Robyn's role involves developing and coordinating Ethical Partners ESG strategy and working closely with the investment team to undertake and integrate EPFM's in-house ESG research and analysis into the investment process. Robyn also coordinates Ethical Partners ESG reporting, team education and stewardship activities, including coordinating Ethical Partners extensive sustainability engagements with Australian companies and an active program of wider advocacy and collaboration with civil society, NGO's, legislators, media, academics and researchers. Robyn is also a Manager of the Ethical Partners Tatrai Giving Fund.

Robyn holds qualifications in High Impact Leadership from the Cambridge University Institute of Sustainability, postgraduate qualifications in International Public Health from UNSW and is currently completing her Masters of International Development at RMIT.