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IGCC SUMMIT 2025

CLIMATE INVESTMENT
INSIGHTS FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC
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DECODING THE TRANSITION

Post Summit Report

20 YEARS OF
CLIMATE ACTION

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Event Overview.

The IGCC Annual Climate Finance & Investment Summit 2025: Decoding the Transition brought together nearly 400 institutional investors, policymakers and climate finance experts to examine how the transition is reshaping portfolios, governance and capital allocation.

Watch our Summit video [here](#).

Held in IGCC's 20th anniversary year and during a pivotal moment for Australia's climate policy and investment landscape, the Summit's theme sparked critical conversations on how investors are navigating new policy signals, escalating physical risks and emerging opportunities in clean energy, critical minerals and industrial decarbonisation. The discussions highlighted not only the scale of the challenge, but also Australia's potential to lead as a climate finance hub in the Asia Pacific.



Total Registrations

388 registrations



Climate Leaders' Dinner & Awards

Sold Out



Strong and Diverse Speaker Lineup

50% female representation



Extensive Media Coverage

Featured in The AFR, The Australian, AAP, Capital Brief, FS Sustainability, The Energy & KangaNews.

Speaker Spotlights



Al Gore, Founding Partner and Chairman, Generation Investment Management



The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC
Minister for Climate Change, Energy, and the Environment



Dr Joëlle Gergis, Award-winning climate scientist and writer, University of Melbourne



Saul Griffith
Inventor, Author, Founder and Scientist

Key Moments.



Dr Joëlle Gergis unpacked the latest climate science, reminding delegates that rising physical risks demand decisive, science-based action from investors now.



Former US Vice President Al Gore urged investors to act with urgency and agency, reminding us the climate-finance link is undeniable.



Inventor Saul Griffith showed how electrification can cut costs and emissions, calling Australia's clean-industry opportunity both inevitable and economically irresistible.



NSW Climate, Energy and Environment Minister the Hon. Penny Sharpe reaffirmed government commitment to net zero, highlighting state leadership in accelerating clean energy, jobs and investment.



Nicholas Moore AO, Australia's Special Envoy for Southeast Asia, highlighted regional partnerships as key to reducing global emissions and accelerating climate investment.

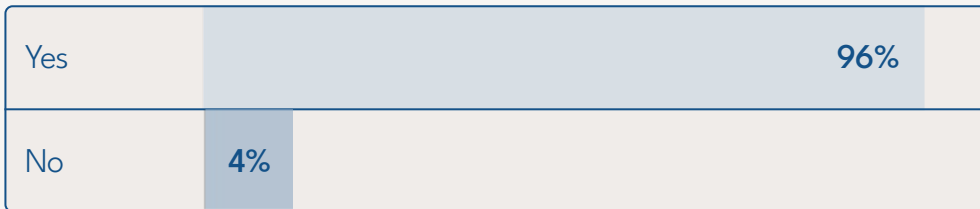


IGCC celebrates its 20th anniversary with CEOs, past and present, and our Chair. L-R: Jo Saleeba, Nathan Fabian, Rebecca Mikula-Wright, Stephen Dunne, Emma Herd.

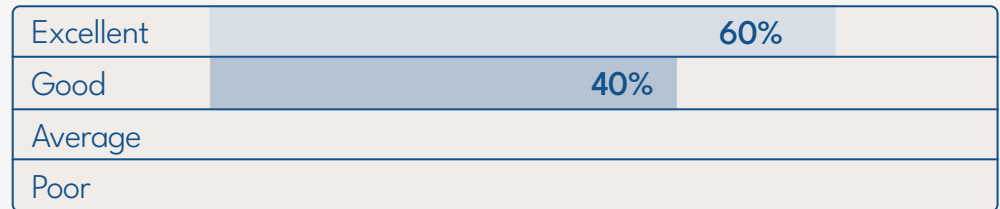
Attendee Statistics & Feedback.

Attendee feedback from our post-summit survey.

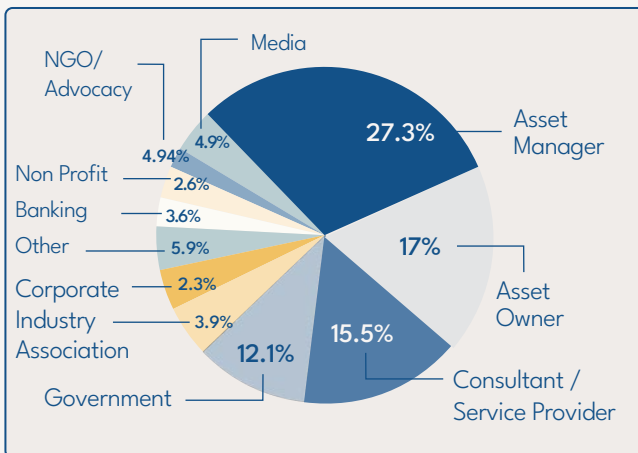
Would you attend the IGCC Summit again in 2025?



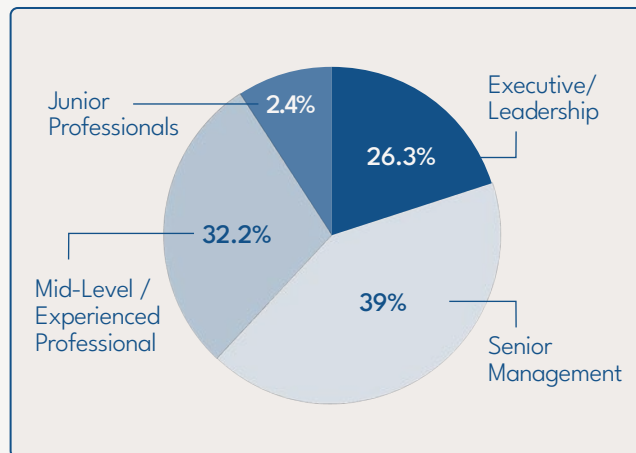
How would you rate the quality of presentations & speakers?



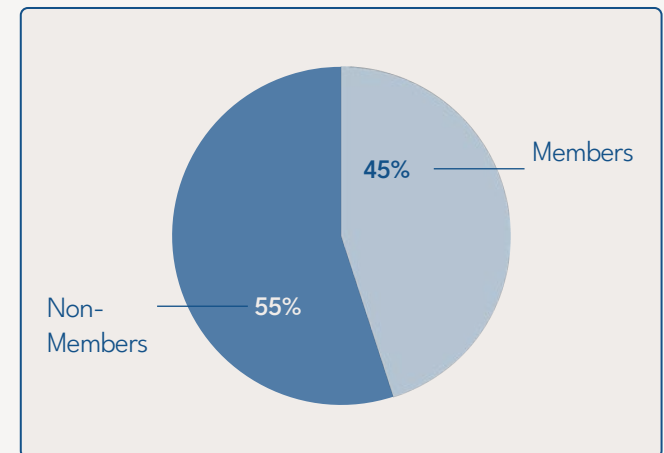
Summit Attendees by Industry Sector



Registrations by Seniority



Members v Non Members



Attendee Statistics & Feedback.

"With the increasingly noisy global backdrop, this year's Investor Group on Climate Change summit delivered some much needed clarity, a fair dose of sobering realities, and a renewed sense of direction for the climate transition."



Last week's Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) Summit in Sydney was outstanding, not just in its organisation, but in the energy and purpose it brought to the room. It was inspiring to hear of the efforts of the investment community in tackling climate change.



"Why do you go to conferences? For me I go in hope of being inspired to make a difference. to learn new things in the industry, to celebrate the great work, to hear engaging key note speakers, to be challenged to change for the better, to hang with "my people" and meet others.

Big thank you to the IGCC for their #IGCCSummit2025 that delivered on all these reasons in spades!"

"An absolutely stand out event for me this year. Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) summit. An amazing venue at the new ILUMINA venue on Elizabeth St in Sydney and it was incredible to share the stage with amazing people such as Saul Griffith, Dr Joelle Gergis, and Al Gore. I have found my people. Amazing minds, actually doing things for the planet rather than just talking about it."



Sponsor Engagement & Exposure.

Our sponsors enjoyed extensive brand exposure to a targeted audience of climate finance and investment leaders at every stage of the Summit.

Pre-event, sponsors were featured in our weekly Summit email communications, monthly member briefings, LinkedIn posts, and media interviews, generating strong awareness.

During the Summit, they gained visibility through digital brand placement on screen and throughout the venue, in the printed program and Summit app, through speaking opportunities, and via exhibitor spaces.

Post-event, media coverage continued to spotlight sponsors, extending their reach and reinforcing their leadership in the industry. Sponsors were also displayed in post-summit communications to attendees.



Media Coverage.

The IGCC Summit attracted extensive media attention, with coverage from top outlets including the AFR, The Australian, and Capital Brief. Coverage by the Australian Associated Press was picked up by the likes of Yahoo News Australia, The Queenslander, and the North West Telegraph.

Our media partners, FS Sustainability, The Energy, and KangaNews, provided dedicated, in-depth coverage throughout the event.

AFR: [‘Climate chief says Queensland coal power extension is ‘for the birds’](#)

The Australian: [‘Climate Change Authority chair hits out at delays getting wind farms approved’](#)

AAP: [‘For the birds’: doubt ageing coal plants can go longer’](#)

AAP: [‘No ‘new normal’: Al Gore warning on climate complacency’](#)

The Energy: [‘Make or break for transition investment’](#)

[Dedicated IGCC Summit newsletter](#) by **FS Sustainability:**

[‘Boards face limitations in managing climate risks’](#)

[‘Private investment is the key to the green economic transition’](#)

[‘A new leader emerges in global energy transition’](#)

[‘Matt Kean calls for greater private investment in transition’](#)

[‘Carbon tax a ‘missed opportunity’: Debelle’](#)

[‘How Australia can benefit from the common ground taxonomy’](#)

[‘IGCC 2025 Climate Leaders named’](#)



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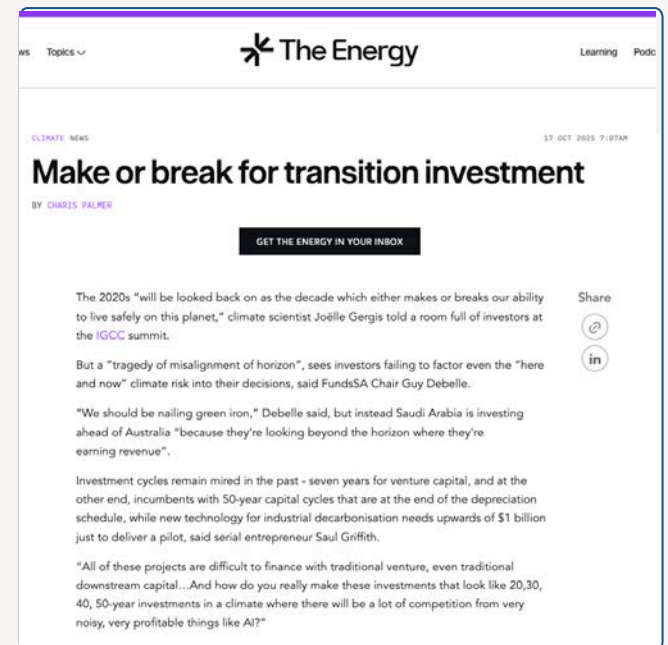
Politics Energy transition Print article

Climate chief says Queensland coal power extension is ‘for the birds’

The Albanese government's top climate change adviser has ridiculed Queensland's plans to wind back its renewable energy targets and extend coal-fired power, deepening a federal-state rift over emissions reductions.

Paul Karp
NSW political correspondent
Oct 17, 2025 - 9:23pm

Climate Change Authority chairman Matt Kean told an Investor Group on Climate Change summit that the idea of extending Queensland's Callide coal-fired power station for up to 19 years was "for the birds" – meaning worthless or foolish – and urged investors to see through "the noise" and



The Energy

Climate News 31 OCT 2025 7:07AM

Make or break for transition investment

BY CHARIS PALMER

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The 2020s "will be looked back on as the decade which either makes or breaks our ability to live safely on this planet," climate scientist Joëlle Gergis told a room full of investors at the IGCC summit.

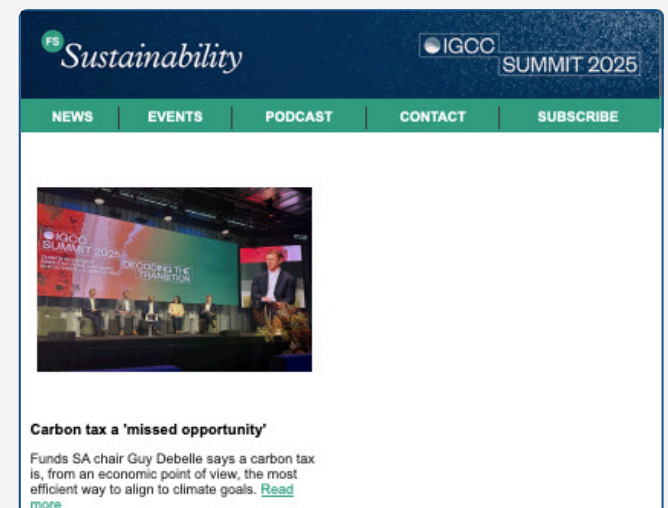
But a "tragedy of misalignment of horizon", sees investors failing to factor even the "here and now" climate risk into their decisions, said FundsSA Chair Guy Debelle.

"We should be nailing green iron," Debelle said, but instead Saudi Arabia is investing ahead of Australia "because they're looking beyond the horizon where they're earning revenue".

Investment cycles remain mired in the past - seven years for venture capital, and at the other end, incumbents with 50-year capital cycles that are at the end of the depreciation schedule, while new technology for industrial decarbonisation needs upwards of \$1 billion just to deliver a pilot, said serial entrepreneur Saul Griffith.

"All of these projects are difficult to finance with traditional venture, even traditional downstream capital... And how do you really make these investments that look like 20,30, 40, 50-year investments in a climate where there will be a lot of competition from very noisy, very profitable things like AI?"

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Carbon tax a ‘missed opportunity’

Funds SA chair Guy Debelle says a carbon tax is, from an economic point of view, the most efficient way to align to climate goals. [Read more.](#)

Media Coverage.

Earned media data from 13-20th October (Summit week).

Media Mentions

191

Period: Oct 13 — Oct 20

Total Potential News Reach

25.7m

Period: Oct 13 — Oct 20

Top Publications by Editorial Reach

Yahoo News Australia (Licensed by Copyright Agency)	6.351M
The New Zealand Herald	3.93M
The Australian Financial Review	3.05M
The Australian	2.45M
The West Australian (Licensed by Copyright Agency)	1.86M
inkl	1.53M
The Canberra Times (Licensed by Copyright Agency)	1.12M
Australia News - The Guardian	834k
Newcastle Herald	620k
Kiama Independent (Licensed by Copyright Agency)	358k

Climate Leaders' Dinner & Awards.

The sold-out Climate Leaders' Dinner and Awards evening was a highlight of the IGCC Summit, bringing together attendees for an evening of celebration, connection, and recognition.

The Climate Leaders' Awards honoured outstanding contributions to climate finance and investment, with awards presented across four categories.

Winners included:

- **Contribution to Investor Practice:** Rick Walters — Senior Manager - Responsible Ownership, Aware Super
- **Best in Corporate Engagement:** Alison Ewings — General Manager – ESG, QIC
- **Driving the Policy Agenda:** Ros McKay — Head of Responsible Investment, Cbus Super
- **IGCC Chair's Award – Individuals Advancing the Cause of Climate Investment:** Professor John Thwaites AM — Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute & Chair, Climateworks Centre



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CLIMATE LEADERS' DINNER



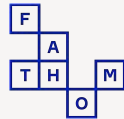
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AMP	Climate Energy Finance	Haskoning Australia	Ninety One	Stafford Capital Partners
Anthesis Australia	Climate Salad	HESTA	Nissay Asset Management	Stakeholder Capital
Antipodes	Climate Zeitgeist	IFM Investors	Corporation	State Super
ANZ	Climateworks Centre	Impactable Investment Group	Northcape Capital	Stewart Investors
ARENA	Colonial First State	Indigenous Energy Australia	Northern Trust Asset Management	Stockland
Ascera Energy	Crescent Capital Partners	Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS	Norton Rose Fulbright	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management
ASFI	Deloitte	Insurance Council Of Australia	NSW DCCEEW	Suncorp Group
ASIC	Department Of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment And Water	Interfinancial Corporate Finance	NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)	Svanterra
Aurecon	Department Of Foreign Affairs And Trade	Investa	NZ Superfund	T. Rowe Price
Ausbil Investment Management	Emmi	Ion Group	Onefortyone	Tcw
Ausgrid	Energy Efficiency Council	ISS Stoxx	Ortec Finance	TelstraSuper
Austrade	Energy Security Corporation	J.P. Morgan Asset Management	Pathzero	Tenacious Ventures
ACSI	Environmental Defense Fund	Jana Investment Advisors	Pendal Group	The Next Economy
Australian Ethical Investment	Environmental Leadership Australia	Lendlease	Perpetual Limited	The Superpower Institute
Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)	Equip Super	Linden Sustainability	Pimco	Transurban
Australian Retirement Trust	ERM	Lowercarbon Capital	Pollination	Treasury Corporation Of Victoria
AustralianSuper	Export Finance Australia	Market Forces	Principles for Responsible Investment	U Ethical
Aware Super	EY	MECLA	Qbe	UniSuper
AXA Climate	Fathom	Mercer	QIC	Univeristy of Melbourne
Baringa	Fidelity International	Metrics Credit Partners	Qualitas	University Of Sydney
Bentley Systems	First Sentier Group	Minter Ellison	Queensland Treasury Corporation	UNSW Sydney
Betashares	Fortescue	MLC Asset Management	Quinbrook	Vanguard
Beyond Zero Emissions	Frontier Advisors	Monash University	Regnan	Vision Super
Bgh Capital	FundsSA	Morningstar Sustainalytics	RepuTex (AU)	Windlab
Canbury	Future Fund	Morrison	Resilient Building Council	Wollemi Capital
Carbon Transition	Future Group	MSCI	Resilient Sydney	Woodside Energy
CareSuper	Generation Investment Management	Munro Partners	Resolution Capital	World Benchmarking Alliance
Cbre		National Australia Bank	RIAA	World Climate Foundation
Cbus		Natural Hazards Research Australia	Rest	WTW

With Thanks from the IGCC Team.

Thank you for being part of IGCC's 20th Anniversary year and the 2025 Summit. Your partnership and sponsorship made this event possible — helping us bring together the people and ideas shaping climate investment across Australia, New Zealand and the region.

A sincere thank you from the IGCC team.

What's happening in 2026?

We are planning to host a 2026 IGCC Summit in November to potentially coincide with COP31 — we'll be in touch soon with further details.

In the meantime, to explore other partnership opportunities with IGCC, contact nicole.obrien@igcc.org.au.

