

KangaNews Sustainable Debt Summit 2025

3 April The Hilton Sydney

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9.05am WELCOME TO COUNTRY

9.10am PANEL DISCUSSION

Why should we continue to care about ESG?

- How to keep focus on sustainable finance amid political headwinds and ESG backlash.
- Net-zero momentum and policy at loggerheads: can both exist at once?
- Have we come too far to slow ESG momentum?

Panellists

Nathan Fabian

Chief Sustainable Systems Officer

UN Principles for Responsible Investment

Kristy Graham

Chief Executive

Australian Sustainable Finance Institute

Mushtaq Kapasi

MD and Chief Representative, Asia Pacific

International Capital Market Association

Moderator

Cassandra Williams

Sustainable Finance Lead

Climateworks Centre

9.50am PANEL DISCUSSION

Financing adaptation and resilience

- The role of markets in protecting people, nature and prosperity.
- Adaptation and resilience investment in action.
- Directing capital to anticipate and cope with natural disasters.

Panellists

Anne Flori

Senior Funding Officer

Council of Europe Development Bank

Rashmi John

Associate Director, APAC Head,

Sustainable Fixed Income

Sustainalytics

Richard McKenzie

Head of ESG and Investor Relations

Western Australian Treasury Corporation

Kate Simmonds

Senior Advisor, Physical Risk and Resilience

Investor Group on Climate Change

Moderator

Charlotte Plaisant Millecamps

Head of Sustainable Finance

Westpac Institutional Bank

10.30am BREAK

11.10am FIRESIDE CHAT

Sustainable oceans and the blue economy

- Why the blue economy is not so separate from the real economy.
- The importance of ocean health beyond morning swims and colourful coral.
- Geopolitical implications of the ocean.

Interviewees

Lucy Buxton

Co-Founder, Director and Company Secretary

Ocean Decade Australia

Jas Chambers

Chair and Co-Founder

Ocean Decade Australia

Interviewer

Cameron Mitchell

Head of Geopolitical Risk

ANZ

11.35am FIRESIDE CHAT

Update on Australian taxonomy

- Update on the Australian sustainable finance taxonomy ahead of its mid-year release.
- Overview of the taxonomy's intended use and application.
- How the taxonomy will shape the sustainable finance market.

Participants

Nicole Yazbek-Martin

Head of Taxonomy and Natural Capital

Australian Sustainable Finance Institute

Thomas Leonard

Head of Section, Sustainability Services

Supply Chain and Product Assurance

DNV

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12.00pm Q&A

Europe's simplified taxonomy and its application

- Simplifying taxonomy to reduce administrative and reporting burdens: should Australia follow suit?
- Green-bond application and EU support for uptake of the Green Bond Standard.

Interviewee

Aldo Romani

Head of Sustainable Finance

European Investment Bank

Interviewer

Stefano Vitali

European Head of Sustainable Finance

RBC Capital Markets

12.15pm LUNCH

1.15pm KEYNOTE

Where to next on climate change in Australia?

- Insights and priorities for emissions reduction.
- How Australia can seize its potential as a green-export powerhouse.

Matt Kean

Chair

Climate Change Authority

1.40pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Shifting dynamics in the search for sustainable liquidity

- Key drivers of labelled bonds for issuers and investors beyond pricing benefits.
- Value of overall ESG credentials.
- Enhancing liquidity through sustainability signalling.

Panellists

Brad Parry

Head of Sustainable Finance

Australian Office of Financial Management

Jean-Luc Petit

Executive Director, Funding and Markets

Queensland Treasury Corporation

Fiona Trigona

Executive General Manager and Group Treasurer

NBN Co

Marayka Ward

Director, Fixed Income Strategy

QIC

Moderator

Stefano Vitali

European Head of Sustainable Finance

RBC Capital Markets

2.20pm Q&A

Catastrophe bonds and their role in pricing physical climate risk

- How catastrophe bonds work.
- The opportunity in investments that target natural event risk.
- Catastrophe bonds in Australia's growing superannuation pool.

Interviewees

Tim Peters

Senior Investor

University of Sydney

Michael Vine

Director, Insurance Ratings

S&P Global Ratings

Interviewer

Louise Baker

Senior Coverage, Domestic Banks and Insurance

Westpac Institutional Bank

2.50pm BREAK

3.15pm FIRESIDE CHAT

Navigating mandatory climate disclosures

- Update from the AASB on the latest accounting standards.
- Advantages of integrating finance and sustainability strategy.
- Challenges with climate-related financial reporting

Interviewees

Sarah Barker

Managing Director

Pollination Law

Angus Thomson

Technical Principal

Australian Accounting Standards Board

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Interviewer

Louise McCoach
Partner
Dentons

Marayka Ward

Director, Fixed Income Strategy
QIC

3.40pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Nature and supply chains

- Impacts and dependencies on nature.
- Risks and opportunities in the corporate supply chain.

Moderator

Philip Harvey
Partner
King & Wood Mallesons

5.00pm CLOSE

Panellists

Cassandra Austen
Director
Pollination

Matt Cohen

Associate Director, Debt Investments
IFM Investors

Annabel Davies

Chief Sustainability and Risk Officer
Pāmu

Moderator

Katharine Tapley
Head of Sustainable Finance
ANZ

4.20pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Investor reactions to shifting tone in sustainable finance

- Response to negative noise on ESG.
- Are recent policy moves and events enough to alter portfolio construction?
- Will investors hold onto long-term views and will ESG momentum be maintained?

Panellists

Murray Ackman
Senior ESG and Impact Analyst
Pental

Pauline Chrystal

Portfolio and ESG Manager
Kapstream Capital

David Gallagher

Head of Australian Fixed Income
Artesian Capital Management

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