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Shifting Our Thinking

Building capabilities for systemic resilience investment

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Australia's First National Climate Risk Assessment

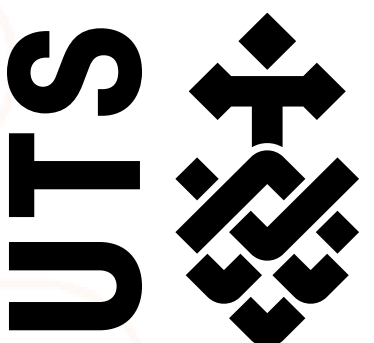
Climate risks will cascade across systems, disrupting health, infrastructure, supply chains, and the economy – making systemic, coordinated adaptation essential



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Australia's National
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The Australian Climate Service is a partnership of:



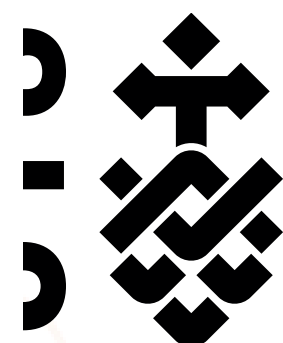
Systemic Resilience and Adaptation

- **Led the Adaptation Finance Project** to address the systemic barriers to investment in resilience
- **Convened the Resilient Futures Investment Roundtable**, co-developing the ABCD framework for systemic resilience investment
- **Partnered with CSIRO** on the Cobargo Disaster Recovery and Energy Transition project
- **Co-developing a suite of projects** for systemic approach to investment in nature, energy and community resilience



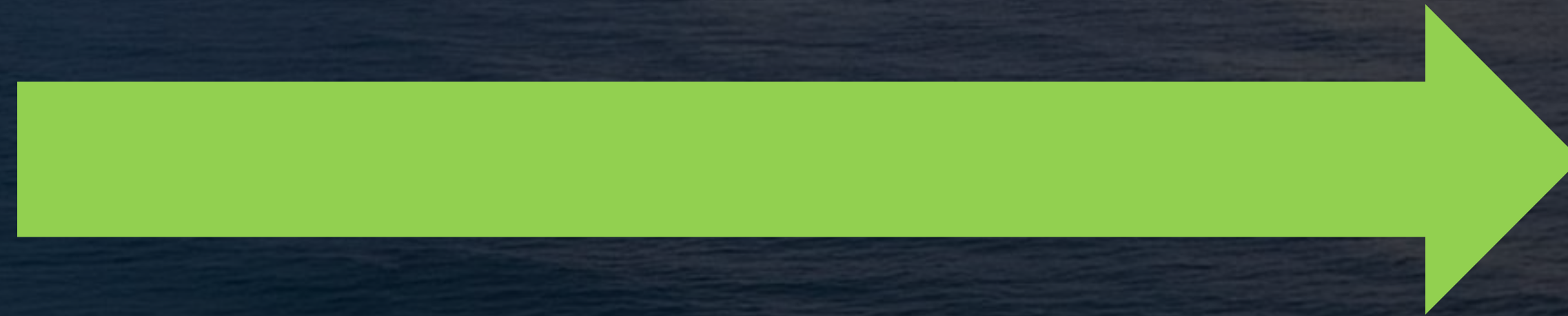
What it takes to create an enabling environment for resilience investment:
A town like Cobargo

Deborah O'Connell¹, Seona Meharg¹, Dianne Flett¹, Zena Armstrong¹, Frank Muller¹, John Mitchell¹, Genevieve Mortimer², Russell Gorddard³, John Marinopoulos², Russell Wise¹, Peter Heinmiller², Dylan Pleiter², Nic Mesic².



Contrasting incremental vs systemic resilience investment

Incremental

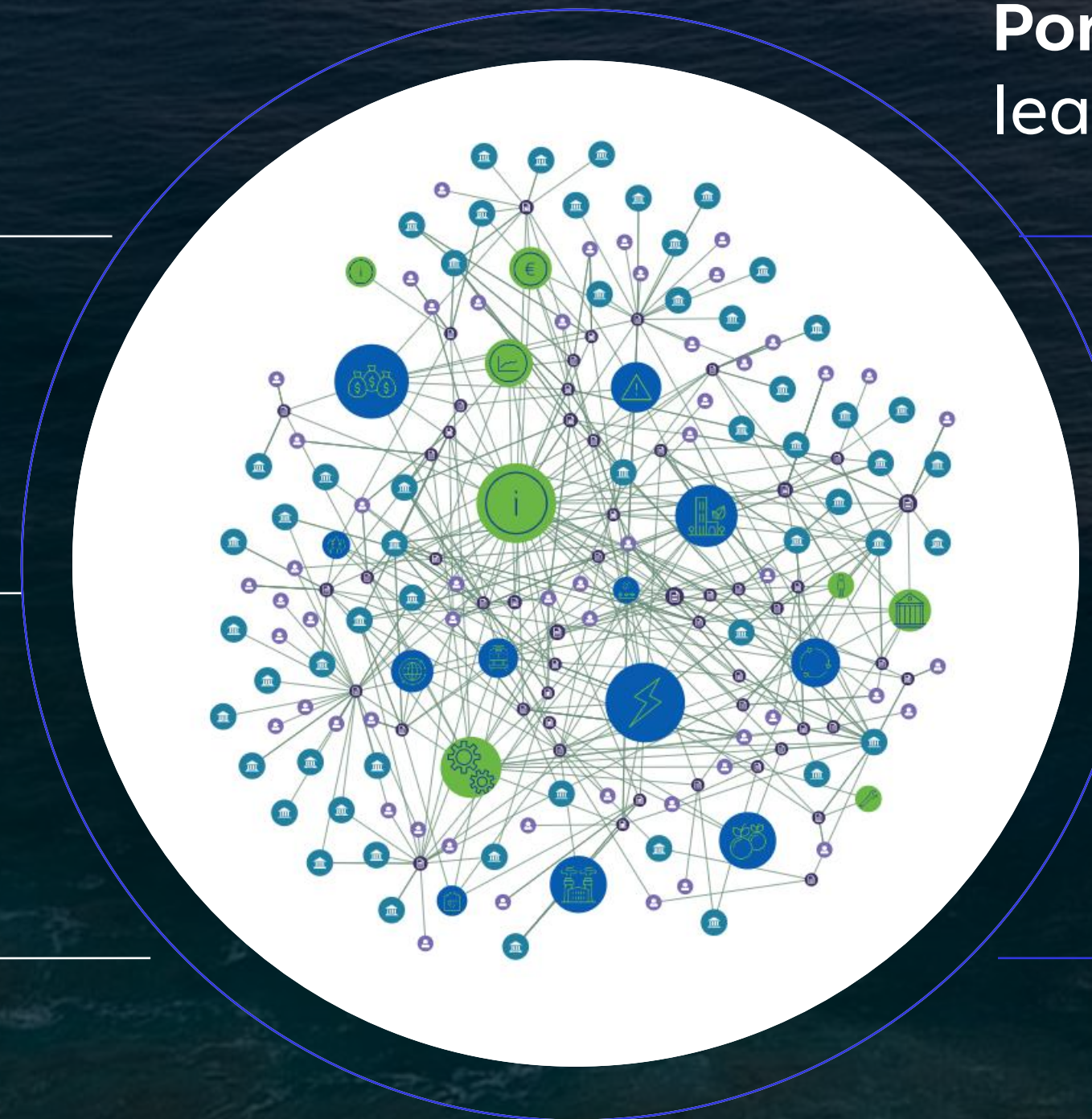


Systemic

Single asset logic with siloed and fragmented activities

Commercialisation of individual technologies and projects

Short-term thinking with a focus on risk management



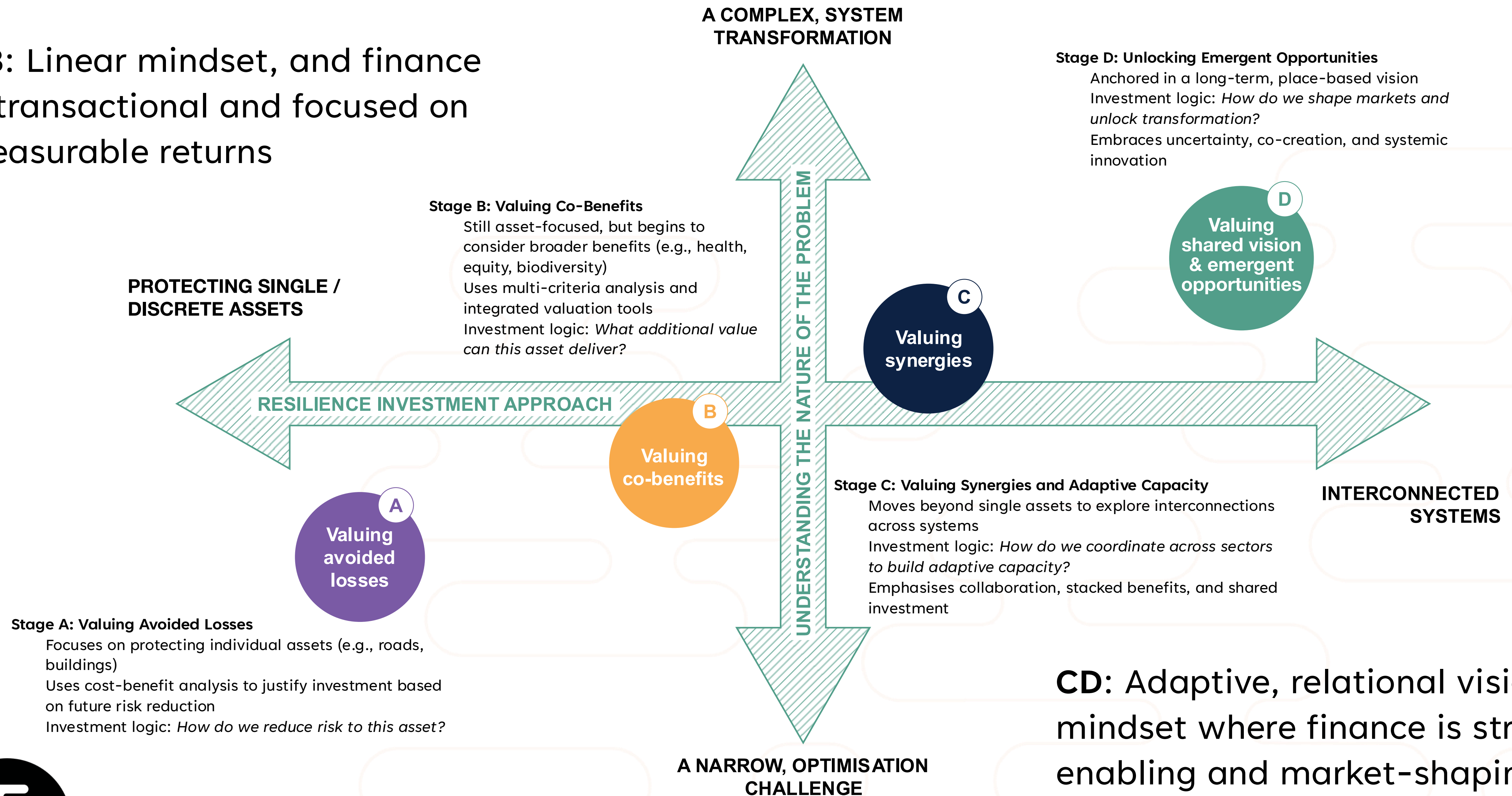
Portfolio of connected innovation projects that learn and enhance the value of each other

Create enabling environments by investing in people and service that enhance capacity building, trust, growth and knowledge

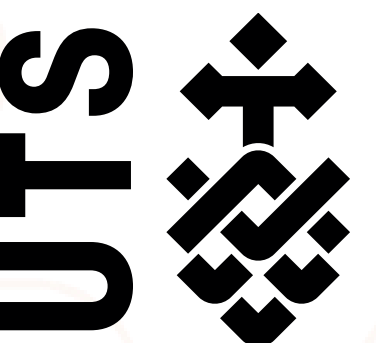
Investment is guided by a **long-term** transformational societal vision

The ABCD Framework for contrasting investment logics

AB: Linear mindset, and finance is transactional and focused on measurable returns



This framework was developed from the outcomes of the [Cobargo Disaster Recovery and Energy Transition project](#) led by CSIRO and VAP with Climate-KIC



Collaborations to activate resilience investment

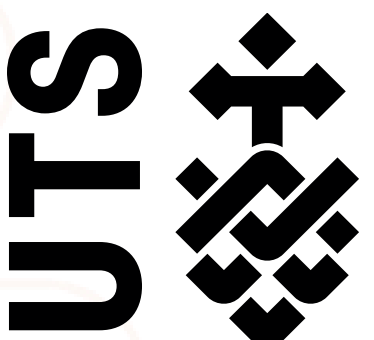
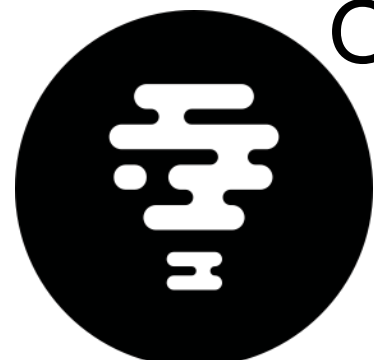
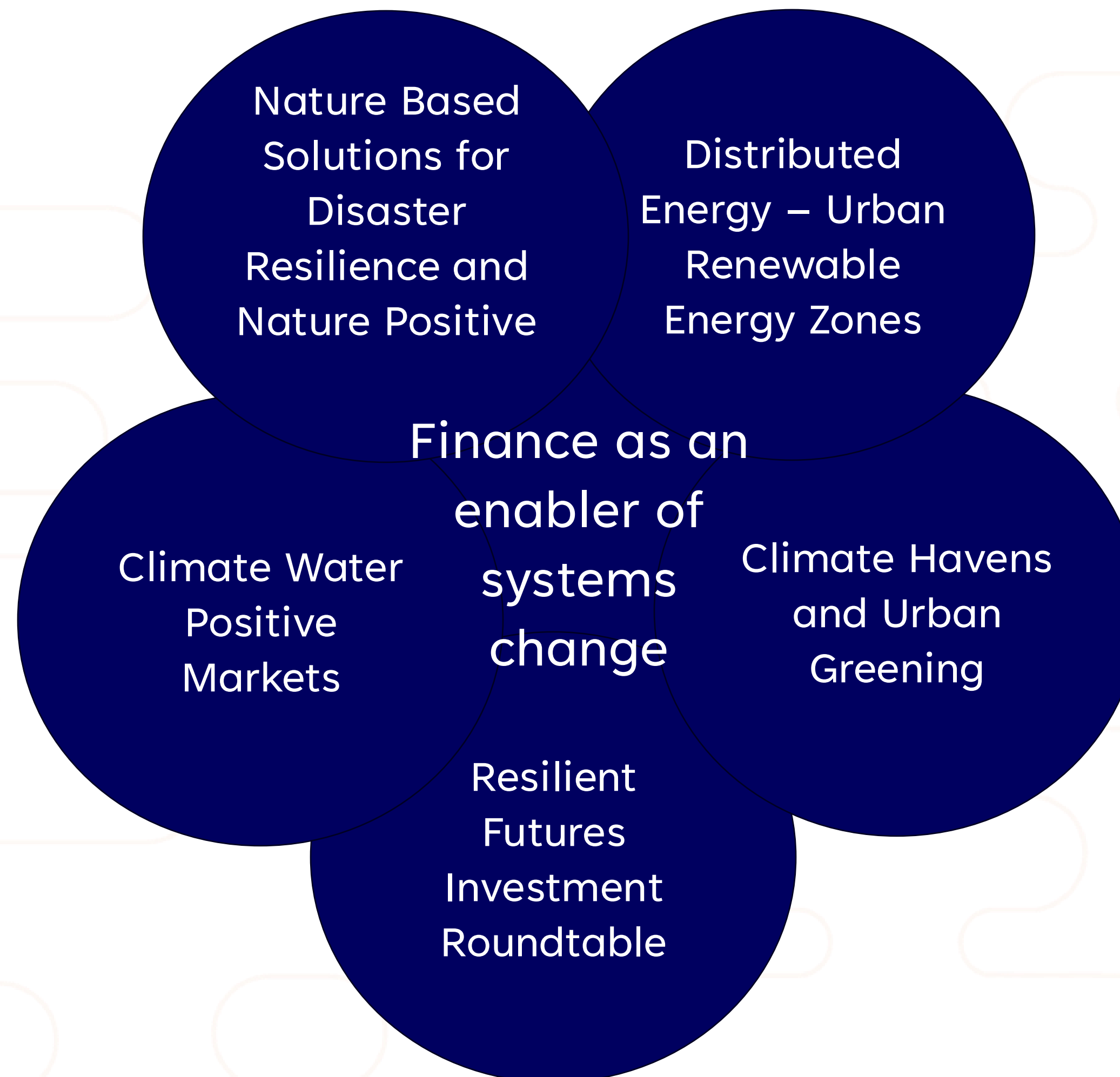
A portfolio forming in the C and D space

Australia Collaborations:

- CSIRO
- Value Advisory Partners
- NRM Regions Australia
- RACE for 2030
- Resilient Futures Investment Roundtable Partners

Global collaborations:

- Climate-KIC Europe
- Dark Matter Capital
- Transformational Capital Initiative





For more information on Climate-KIC's work on investing for systems change, head to our website:

<https://climate-kic.org.au/work/lab/investing-for-systems-change/>

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