



# 7th Carbon Farming Industry Forum Program

*Scaling Integrity, Investment & the Industry*

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22 - 23 May | Cairns, Yidinji and Yirrganydji Country

*In partnership with*





# Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct



## ABOUT US WHO WE ARE

The Code is a voluntary Code that aims to promote market integrity, consumer protection and appropriate interaction with project stakeholders in Australia's carbon reduction and sequestration industry.

## THE CODE PRINCIPLES

- ✓ transparency and accountability
- ✓ environmental and social integrity
- ✓ legislative and regulatory compliance
- ✓ community trust

## FOR CONSUMERS CODE OBJECTIVE

The Code aims to protect and support carbon industry supply and demand side consumers (clients), including Native Title Holders, representative bodies, land managers, land owners and project owners.

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### CODE SIGNATORIES

are supporting best practice integrity, transparency and accountability in Australia's carbon industry.

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### GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

supporting the Code as a third party assurance system.

58% 

### CARBON OFFSET PROJECTS

across Australia under the CFI Act 2011 are run by Code Signatories.

*look for these Code landmarks whenever you procure carbon services.*



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## Day 1: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Morning Session

### 8:30 – 8:45 **OPENING PLENARY: Carbon Farming Industry Stocktake & Outlook**

This opening to the 7th Carbon Farming Industry Forum will provide an overview of the current state of play in Australia's national carbon market, including the various carbon farming reforms and policy developments.

**Welcome to Country:** Gimuy Walubara Yidinji

**Welcome:**

- John Connor, *CEO, Carbon Market Institute*
- Bob Manning OAM, *Mayor, Cairns Regional Council*

**Spotlight on Queensland:**

- Dr Mark Jacobs, *Deputy Director General - Science, Queensland Department of Environment & Science*

8:45 – 9:00

### **Policy Perspectives**

A high-level Ministerial address on the Australian policy landscape, ambition and the reform agenda.

**Ministerial address:** Hon Chris Bowen MP, *Minister, Climate Change, Energy, Environment & Water*

9:00 – 10:00

### **PLENARY ONE: High-Integrity – Accountability, Transparency, Trust**

Join a critical plenary discussion around building a foundation of integrity, transparency and accountability to underwrite the evolution and expansion of Australia's carbon farming industry, including building trust in the quality of the abatement delivered by industry, demonstrating best practice by carbon market participants and building social license. The panel will consider Chubb Review recommendations as well as other relevant recommendations emerging in Australia and internationally.

**MODERATOR:** John Connor, *CEO, Carbon Market Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- David Parker AM, *Chair & CEO, Clean Energy Regulator*
- Brad Archer, *Chief Executive Officer, Climate Change Authority*
- Kelly O'Shanassy, *Chief Executive Officer, Australian Conservation Foundation*
- Megan Surawski, *Manager – ACCU Implementation, DCCEEW*

10:00 – 10:10

### **Carbon Farming Scorecard Overview**

**Presenter:** Barry Sterland, *Partner, KPMG*

10:10 – 10:45

**Short Refreshment Break**

10:45 – 11:30

**Concurrent Sessions: Building Integrity & Capacity**

#### **SESSION 1.1: Trinity Room 1**

##### **Integrity in Australia's Carbon Farming Industry**

This workshop will take a deep dive into the implementation of the Chubb Review recommendations and key integrity issues including transparency, rigour, and accountability within credit development & supply in a continual improvement process.

#### **SESSION 1.2: Trinity Room 2**

##### **Corporate Approaches – Negative Emissions & Nature-Positive**

With increasing scrutiny on the corporate net-zero transition, and particularly the use of offsets and investment in nature as part of these strategies, join this conversation to understand important considerations for corporate carbon strategies and engagement.

**FACILITATOR:** Elisa de Wit, *Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Ilona Millar, *Partner, Gilbert +Tobin*
- Evan Stamatiou, *Director, Carbon Risk Management*
- Pip Steneke, *Administrator – Code of Conduct, Carbon Market Institute*
- Kate McBean, *Carbon Projects Manager, Tasman Environmental Markets*
- Jo Nathan, *ACCU Implementation, DCCEEW*

**FACILITATOR:** Kurt Winter, *Director – Corporate Transition, Carbon Market Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Radha Kuppali, *Managing Director – Impact and Advocacy, New Forests*
- Katherine Lake, *Special Counsel, Hive Legal*
- Bianca Sylvester, *Head - Carbon Solutions, Origin Energy*

**TOWN HALL: Indigenous Carbon – Opportunities & ‘Right Way, Wrong Way Engagement’**

An important session addressing the opportunities of Indigenous ownership, operation of and/or involvement in carbon projects. Discussion on core benefits and carbon opportunities as well as measures to overcome participation barriers, the importance of ‘right way’ engagement, Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) & building community trust, capability and consistency across the carbon farming supply chain.

**KEYNOTE:** Teddy Bernard, *Councillor, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council* and, *Indigenous Carbon Industry Network – Takeaways from National Indigenous Carbon Forum*

**11:30 – 12:15**

**FACILITATOR:** Suzanne Thompson, *CEO, Yumbanguku Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development Corporation*

**PANELLISTS**

- Joe Morrison, *Group CEO, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation*
- Debbie Symonds, *CEO, Olkola Aboriginal Corporation*
- Barry Hunter, *Chair, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation*
- Clark Donovan, *Associate Director - Indigenous Carbon, CBA*
- Anthony ‘TJ’ Jacobs, *Director, Boonthamurra Native Title Aboriginal Corporation*

**12:15 – 13:00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

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**Day 1: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Afternoon Session**

**13:00 – 13:10**

**Ministerial Address:** Hon. Jackie Jarvis, *Minister for Agriculture and Food, Forestry, and Small Business, WA Government*

**PLENARY TWO: Reforming with Purpose: Driving Supply & Demand Dynamics**

A panel of national experts joins us for an in-depth discussion of the current state of the market outlook and how recent reform initiatives will impact supply and demand drivers. The session will explore how the carbon farming industry can be scaled up through optimising policy and market design, including new governance and market reform measures, methods, finance, technology and partnerships.

**13:10 – 14:10**

**MODERATOR:** John Connor, *CEO, Carbon Market Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Virginia Malley, *Chair, Independent Code Review Panel, Code of Conduct*
- Nerida Bradley, *Chief Operating Officer, Greencollar*
- Raphael Wood, *Principal Carbon Markets, MAG, an Aurecon company*
- Jo Sheppard, *CEO, Queensland Farmers Federation*

14:15 – 15:00	Concurrent Sessions: Driving Supply & Demand Dynamics	
<p><b>SESSION 2.1: Marlin Room</b></p> <p><b>Unlocking Finance &amp; Investment</b></p> <p>Businesses often see access to finance as a barrier to scaling up projects whilst banks and investors struggle to develop a pipeline of investible projects. This session will explore these key barriers and opportunities for improving the business case.</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Peter Castellas, <i>CEO, Climate Zeitgeist</i></p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frances Carter, <i>Director of Asia Pacific, Conservation Capital</i></li> <li>Lucy Friend, <i>Environment Manager, Northern Queensland Airports</i></li> <li>Sarah Costello, <i>Head - Origination, Viridios</i></li> <li>Anna Turvoll, <i>Associate Director, CEFC</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>SESSION 2.2: Trinity Room 1</b></p> <p><b>Coordinating National &amp; Regional Approaches</b></p> <p>This session will explore emerging State &amp; national schemes to support landholder engagement and capacity-building and the need for greater coordination and prioritisation of regional reinvestment, as highlighted in the Chubb Review.</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Cameron Reid, <i>Director – Climate Change &amp; Sustainability Services, KPMG</i></p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Cathy Waters, <i>Principal Research Scientist and Leader – Climate Research, NSW Department of Primary Industries</i></li> <li>Kerrie House, <i>Manager – Low Carbon Futures, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development</i></li> <li>Tom Webster, <i>Engagement Officer – Natural Capital, QLD Department of Environment and Science</i></li> <li>Megan Surawski, <i>Manager – ACCU Implementation, DCCEEW</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>SESSION 2.3: Trinity Room 2</b></p> <p><b>Agri-Sector Approaches</b></p> <p>This workshop will explore the agricultural sector’s role in reducing at-point and supply chain emissions as well as opportunities in carbon farming and increasing producer participation to maximise benefits.</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Elizabeth Rose, <i>Partner – Climate Change and Sustainability Services, EY</i></p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke Hooke, <i>Manager – Sustainability Regulation &amp; Standards, Nutrien Ag Solutions</i></li> <li>Gary Wyatt, <i>Managing Director, Corporate Carbon</i></li> <li>Larissa Taylor, <i>Director - ESG, Sustainability, Food &amp; Agribusiness Savoir Consulting</i></li> <li>Salvo Vitelli, <i>Manager, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i></li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30 SHORT REFRESHMENT BREAK		
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Market Reforms: Trinity Room 1</b></p> <p>A workshop dedicated to method development reforms under the Chubb Review and the evolution of current methods. Focussing on proponent-led method development, this session will examine the process and discuss the reform of old methods alongside development of new.</p> <p><b>Method Development</b></p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Megan Surawski, <i>Manager – ACCU Implementation, DCCEEW</i></p> <p><b>PROVOCATEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer Barwick, <i>National Climate and Nature Coordinator, The Pew Charitable Trusts</i></li> <li>Lyndon Schneiders, <i>Executive Director, Australian Climate &amp; Biodiversity Foundation</i></li> <li>Shanti Mors, <i>Senior Business Development and Sourcing Manager – Climate Projects, South Pole</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Barrier Busting: Trinity Room 2</b></p> <p>This workshop session will address banking, valuation and contractual barriers to scaling the carbon farming industry. Centring on CMI’s Market Readiness program, this session will examine capacity-building needs, standardised contract tools and valuation guidelines.</p> <p><b>Market Readiness</b></p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Janet Hallows, <i>Director – Climate Programs &amp; NbS, Carbon Market Institute</i></p> <p><b>PROVOCATEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greg Noonan, <i>CEO, RegenCo</i></li> <li>Lachlan Dunsdon, <i>National Director – Rural &amp; Agribusiness, Aumentis</i></li> <li>Elisa de Wit, <i>Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright</i></li> <li>Lindsay Gamble, <i>Policy Director, Australian Financial Markets Association</i></li> </ul>

- Skye Glenday, *CEO, Climate Friendly*
- Prof. Peter Macreadie, *Founder & Head, Blue Carbon Lab, Deakin University*
- Verena Pichler, *Director, DCCEEW*

### Carbon Conversation: In Conversation with Australian Farmers

A fascinating conversation to close out the first day with farmers who are at the cutting edge of Australia's emerging agricultural carbon industry. The conversation will explore issues of sectoral & farmer carbon neutrality objectives, insetting and offsetting priorities, increasing market access requirements, productivity and climate resilience gains.

16:30 – 17:30

**FACILITATOR:** Richard Heath, *Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Ronald Thompson, *Director - Operations, Upscale Carbon*
- Tony Thompson, *Owner, Afterhours Ag*
- Jo Sheppard, *CEO, Queensland Farmers Federation*
- Emma Thomas, *Owner, Thomas Ag*

17:30 – 19:30

**RECEPTION DRINKS**

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## Day 2: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Morning session

8:15 – 8:30

### Welcome to Country on behalf of the Yirrganydji

Gavin Singleton, *Project Manager, Darwul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation*

8:30 – 9:30

### PLENARY THREE: Policies & Frameworks for Nature-based Climate Solutions, in Australia and Regionally

Government, business and investor action on nature and climate are increasingly being integrated in policy and regulation options as well as strategies, risk exposure frameworks and reporting and disclosure models. This session will delve into additional policy levers and frameworks that support nature and climate outcomes.

**Keynote Address: Indo-Pacific Carbon Outcomes**

An overview on how leaders in the Pacific are approaching carbon markets and the pitfalls and opportunities presented therein, including the development of high-integrity, community-led projects.

**KEYNOTE:** Hon. Simon Kilepa, *MP, Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, Papua New Guinea Government*

**MODERATOR:** Will Acworth, *Executive Director, Pollination*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Jeanette Mani, *Advisor, Fijian Government*
- Anjali Nelson, *General Manager - Operations, Greencollar*
- Cheryl Bowler, *Head of Carbon Origination & Sales – APAC, Vertree*
- Gillian Mayne, *Director – Land Restoration Fund, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government*

9:30 – 10:45

### PLENARY FOUR: Social and Community Benefit Sharing

A Plenary exploring issues of social & community license and how carbon farming can ensure delivery of appropriate benefit sharing and regional opportunities. A panel of stakeholders will also discuss how regions and communities can contribute to carbon farming policy and best practice, including integration of natural resource, pest and fire management responsibilities, conservation strategies and regional development.

**KEYNOTE & MODERATOR:** Dr Jody Gunn, *CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Rachel Clarke, *Knowledge Broker – Carbon & ERF, NRM Regions Australia*
- Marnie Lassen, *CEO, Natural Carbon*
- Melissa Sinclair, *General Manager, APN Cape York*
- Pip Band, *Director, Band Consulting*

**10:45 – 11:05** **SHORT REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**11:05 – 11:50** **Concurrent Sessions: Nature Markets & Co-benefits**

**SESSION 3.1**

**Nature & Climate Repair Markets: Trinity Room 1**

Nature and biodiversity loss are increasingly gaining importance for businesses, investors and the finance sector. Discuss the recent policy initiatives including the Nature Repair Market proposal, 'Carbon+' schemes and EPBC Act reforms and TNFD.

**FACILITATOR:**

Janet Hallows, *Director – Climate Programs & NbS, Carbon Market Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Ryan Wilson, *A/g General Manager – Biodiversity Markets, Economics & Environmental Science, DCCEEW*
- Laura Waterford, *Director, Pollination*
- Lyndon Schneiders, *Executive Director, Australian Climate & Biodiversity Foundation*
- Dr Liz O'Brien, *CEO, Queensland Trust for Nature*
- Jay Hender, *Executive Manager, Climate Friendly*

**SESSION 3.2**

**Best Practice for Free, Prior & Informed Consent: Trinity Room 2**

This workshop focusses on best practice for establishing the legal right to carry out a project and obtaining consent from indigenous Eligible Interest Holders. It looks at practical steps for engaging with indigenous stakeholders with integrity and the role of the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct to ensure carbon developers engage properly.

**FACILITATOR:**

Pip Stenekes, *Administrator – Code of Conduct, Carbon Market Institute*

**PANELLISTS:**

- Anna Boustead, *CEO, Indigenous Carbon Industry Network*
- Tai White-Toney, *Carbon Programs Manager, CO<sub>2</sub> Australia (Online)*
- Daniel Oades, *Manager - Land and Sea Unit, Kimberley Land Council*
- Jeremy Dore, *Executive Manager - Legal & Governance, Climate Friendly*
- Madeleine Harris, *COO, RegenCo*

**11:50 – 12:30**

**Solution Room: National Data & Data Transparency**

The Chubb Review recommended a national platform for information and data sharing to enable market stakeholders to better assess, understand and manage potential project impacts and opportunities more effectively, thus increasing transparency. This session will explore overcoming the issues inherent in data sharing and how and where to house integrated agriculture, carbon and nature information.

**MODERATOR:** Skye Glenday, *CEO, Climate Friendly*

**PROVOCATEURS:**

- Rayne van den Berg, *Chief Financial Officer, Forico*
- Richard Heath, *Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute*
- Robert Waterworth, *CEO, FLINTpro*
- Kate Andrews, *CEO, NRM Regions*

12:30- 13:15 LUNCH BREAK

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Day 2: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Afternoon session

The Afternoon session provides opportunities for site visits of carbon farming projects in a variety of locations showcasing different methodologies, outcomes, and stakeholders. Site visits provide a vital learning experience and peer-sharing opportunities. The program offers one 'live' site visit and a portfolio of virtual site visits.

OPTION 1: EAST TRINITY SITE VISIT (13:00 – 15:00)

***This is a separate ticketed event – sold out.***

Site visit of an in situ “blue carbon” project area, visit of East Trinity Inlet and explanation from the Yidinji people and a Blue Carbon expert. This expedition will be led by Mandingal Bay Ancient Indigenous Tours.

With a blue carbon overview by Prof. Peter Macreadie, *Founder & Head, Blue Carbon Lab, Deakin University*

OPTION 2: VIRTUAL PROJECT ROADTRIP (14:00 - 15:00)

Presentation of a range of different carbon farming projects in the form of virtual ‘site visits’, providing delegates an overview of successful project initiatives and an opportunity to discuss successes and pitfalls.

**Little Wattlebird Project, Plantation Forestry**  
Rayne van den Berg, *CEO, Forico*

**Indus Blue Carbon Project**  
Laura Waterford, *Director, Pollination*

15:00- 15:30 AFTERNOON BREAK & NETWORKING

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**Thiaki Rainforest Restoration Project**  
Penny van Oosterzee, *Director, Biome5*

**Tablelands Integrated Agricultural Carbon Project**  
Aaron Soanes, *COO, CO<sub>2</sub> Australia*

17:00 FORUM CLOSE