14 - 15 September 2023
International Convention Centre Sydney

**Wednesday 13th September**

**Pre-Summit Day**

12:00pm – 4:30pm
**MASTERCLASS**

*Tickets sold separately.*

5:30pm – 7:30pm
**PRE-SUMMIT DRINKS**

*Invitation-only networking event for event sponsors & special guests.*

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**Thursday 14th September**

**Summit Day One**

from 7:00am
**REGISTRATION**

7:00am – 8:30am
**WOMEN IN CLIMATE BREAKFAST**

8:45am – 5:30pm
**SUMMIT PROGRAM**

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**SUNDOWNER**

6:30pm – 10:30pm
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<td>The critical decade for climate action is already underway, and with increasing climate impacts it is clear the world must urgently increase its climate ambition. We look back at 10 years of the AER Summit and the journey ahead of us. Join our opening Summit plenary and get updated on the state of global climate action and the pathways forward, presented by leading climate champions from science, policy, first nations leadership and markets.</td>
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<td>Join corporate leaders to discuss key issues in corporate transitions to net-zero emissions. This panel discussion will provide insights into achievements, challenges, and opportunities in developing credible business strategies in a world of accelerating expectation, oversight and urgency</td>
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<td>While 2022 marked an important turning point in the “Climate Wars” with substantial climate policy reform at the federal level, Australia’s state governments were already implementing climate action plans of varying degrees of ambition. Now, the challenge is to create cohesion between existing state-level plans, and the Federal Government’s new ambition as reflected in the National Cabinet commitment. This panel will look towards Australia’s next NDC, and the level of collective action required to achieve increasingly ambitious emissions reduction goals.</td>
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1.2 FINANCE  Financial Sector Stewardship – Climate & Nature Risk

Rapid global decarbonisation requires financial markets to exponentially shift away from financing emissions-intensive activities, towards meaningful emissions reductions. Led by the Paris Agreement, global risk frameworks, taxonomies and standards are setting the boundaries for how investors will fund a net-zero economy, and Australian financiers are leading the charge. Join this expert panel to understand the implications of evolving financial markets for Australian business, and the opportunities for governments, investors, banks, private equity, and others to engage in the great economic transformation already underway.

Panel to be announced.

1.3 MARKETS  Building confidence in the Voluntary Carbon Market

International voluntary carbon markets will continue to play a critical role in supporting ambitious voluntary corporate targets and facilitating finance into critical abatement activities internationally, as compliance markets and Article 6 arrangements mature. Against the backdrop of calls to establish greater integrity in the voluntary market, the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM) developed its Core Carbon Principles that aim to benchmark carbon credit quality and integrity while the Voluntary Carbon Market Integrity Initiative’s (VCMI) Claims Code provides a framework to support demand-side claims. This workshop will assess the challenges in operationalising these initiatives and the extent to which they can strengthen investment confidence.

MODERATOR: Elisa de Wit, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright

PANELLISTS

- Alexandra Carranza Bendezu, Legal Counsel, Verra
- Stephanie Russo, Chief Strategy Officer, Carbon Growth Partners
- Takashi Hongo, Senior Fellow, Mitsui & CO. Global Strategies Institute
- Tara Oakley, Head of Commercial, Oceania, South Pole

1.4 SECTORS  Industry in Focus

Industry is the second highest-emitting sector after electricity generation, and with large-scale renewable energy sources rapidly coming online, decarbonising industrial processes is a key priority. Under the reformed Safeguard Mechanism, heavy emitting industrial sites will now be required to meet declining baselines, including through investment in on-site decarbonisation. We discuss some of the material financial and technological challenges facing these investment decisions as well as looking at practical domestic and international examples of implementation.

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PLENARY THREE CORPORATE TRANSITION RISK & OPPORTUNITY

The integrity of corporate approaches to net zero and nature positive outcomes will influence the speed with which we can collectively meet the global ambition to limit warming to 1.5°C. This panel will discuss how evolving market guidance and concerted regulatory monitoring and enforcement against ‘greenwashing’ will support corporate best practice in managing climate and nature risk and opportunities.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jacques Morris, Team Leader, UK Transition Plan Taskforce

PANELLISTS

- David Parker, Chair, Clean Energy Regulator
- Karen McWilliams, Sustainability and Business Reform Leader, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
- Sarah Barker, Partner, Minter Ellison
SECOND CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

2.1 POLICY Opportunities for cooperation in the Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific carbon markets are evolving quickly, as investors and policy makers move to build coalitions of knowledge sharing, commercial interaction and capacity building across the region. Join our panel of regional experts to get an understanding of the current political, economic and carbon market environment, and opportunities for Australia to share its own expertise and establish a stronger leadership role in the Asia-Pacific – including agreements such as the Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement, and the Indo-Pacific Offset Scheme.

Panel to be announced.

2.2 FINANCE Investor Opportunities

With a need for unprecedented levels of capital flow to finance the transition – how do we guide this funding? Institutional investors consider Australia as a market with a secure pathway for climate solutions, and there is increasing confidence supported by greater policy certainty and ratcheting ambition. We consider the asset classes that are ripe for investment to decarbonize our economy, including carbon sequestration as a key element of reaching national and voluntary net-zero targets.

PANELLISTS

- Chris Halliwell, Co-Founder & CEO, CORE Markets
- Francis Hasek, Chief Risk Officer, Viridios Capital
- Anna Turvoll, Associate Director, Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- Rupert Smoker, CEO, Evolution Trustees

2.3 STRATEGY Credible Transition Plans

Australia’s shift towards mandatory sustainability disclosure, underpinned by global baselining, provides an opportunity to facilitate standardised corporate transition planning and disclosure. This workshop will explore the importance of corporate transition planning in corporate climate claims, the pathway towards standardization in Australia as well as best practice approaches to determining the credibility of corporate transition plans.

MODERATOR Kurt Winter, Director, Corporate Transition, Carbon Market Institute

PANELLISTS

- Fiona Hancock, Partner, EY
- Holly Taylor, Head of Strategy and Partnerships, Energy Efficiency Council
- Erwin Jackson, Policy Director, Investor Group on Climate Change

2.4 SECTORS Built Environment in Focus

Australia’s built environment accounts for around one fifth of our emissions. There is no shortage of industry leaders with aspirations to reduce the operational and embodied carbon of our buildings, however we must urgently translate this ambition into action. How can we engage manufacturers to innovate, and governments to support the scaling up of low carbon solutions? Join our panel to hear about the solutions being deployed, and the opportunities to rapidly reduce the sector’s emissions.

PANELLISTS

- Professor Deo Prasad, CEO, NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub, UNSW
- Monica Richter, Senior Manager, Low Carbon Futures, WWF Australia

Remaining speakers to be announced.

PLENARY FOUR SECTORAL TRANSITION PATHWAYS

Sectoral pathways are a critical element in the transition towards a net zero economy. In the context of the Climate Change Authority providing advice to inform Australia’s next national targets and Commonwealth and State governments working towards the development of a national 2050 Net Zero Plan, careful consideration will be needed on how all sectors of the economy can contribute. This plenary will discuss how different sectors should be treated within Australia’s national carbon budget, and how sectoral policies should be tailored to address particular technological and economic barriers to change.

PANELLISTS

- Wei Sue, Head of Strategy, Climateworks Centre
- Brad Archer, CEO, Climate Change Authority
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**PLENARY FIVE CLIMATE CHANGE Q&A**

In the style of Australia’s weekly ABC discussion program, Australia’s climate policy leaders will discuss the climate crisis, and the long-term national policy framework we need to scale up mitigation efforts to meet Australia’s fair share of global climate action.

Hosted by Fran Kelly, Australian journalist and radio presenter.

**PANELLISTS**

- Michele O’Neill, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Ted O’Brien, Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Energy, Member for Fairfax
- Zali Steggall MP, Independent Member for Warringah, House of Representatives
- John Connor, CEO, Carbon Market Institute

**POLICY CONVERSATION**

With the Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change & Energy, Australian Labor Party

Hosted by Fran Kelly, Australian journalist and radio presenter.

**PLENARY SIX SCALING MARKET MECHANISMS & REFORM AGENDA FOR 2035**

Against the backdrop of the Safeguard Mechanism reforms and as Australia looks to ratchet its 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), consideration will be required on how market-based approaches can be scaled and strengthened to facilitate a higher level of ambition. This plenary will consider how the Safeguard Mechanism might evolve over time and the role of market mechanisms for other sectors, notably transport, aviation, agriculture, and energy.

**CHAIR:** Jillian Button, Partner, Allens

**PANELLISTS**

- Alison Reeve, Deputy Program Director, Energy + Climate Program, Grattan Institute
- Sharona Coutts, Head of Legal and Policy, Viridios Capital

**2023 Summit Gala Dinner**

FEATURING

The Great Debate
THIRD CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3.1 STRATEGY Communicating the Story of Climate Action

With consumers increasingly demanding greater transparency on products’ embodied carbon footprint, alongside growing governmental regulations on greenwashing through corporate claims of carbon neutrality, we take a look at how to transparently deliver carbon products and services. We look at stories of developing, certifying, and taking a carbon neutral product to market; as well as challenges and opportunities; and next steps required to drive consumer education, and demand for climate positive product.

PANELLISTS
- Allan Cooney, CEO, The North Australian Pastoral Company
- Dan Sheedy, Director, Strategy and Engagement, Climate Active
- Tom Penny, Head of Environment, Telstra

3.2 SECTORS Energy in Focus

As Australia’s largest contributor to national carbon emissions and a critical enabler for the decarbonisation of other sectors including through electrification and green hydrogen, energy production sits at the heart of Australia’s net zero transition. How feasible is it to electrify everything? What role will green hydrogen play in Australia’s future energy mix? This workshop will consider whether Federal and State policies are enough to support and accelerate the transition.

MODERATOR Kurt Winter, Director, Corporate Transition, Carbon Market Institute

PANELLISTS
- Geoff Millar, Strategic Infrastructure Development Manager, BP
- Ric Brazzale, Group Chairman, Green Energy Trading
- Tim Nelson, EGM, Energy Markets, Iberdrola Australia

3.3 SECTORS Agriculture in Focus

Australia can create a competitive advantage in the Asia Pacific region by boosting sustainable agriculture, leading to expanded production and carbon neutral exports. How do we lead a regenerative landscape revolution? How do we build a resilient agricultural production capability? What role did ecosystem service payments play? Join this unique discussion on the pathways to position Australian agriculture as a zero-carbon export industry of the future; understand the critical role that landowners play, and the scientific, financial, commercial and information technology advances that we’ll need to make this vision a reality.

PANELLISTS
- Michelle Crosbie, General Manager, Clean Energy Regulator
- Bill Pardy, Sustainable Markets Manager, Nutrien Ag Solutions
- Richard Heath, CEO, Australian Farm Institute

12:10pm – 1:10pm LUNCH

1:10pm – 2:00pm PLENARY SEVEN BOARDROOM MASTERCLASS

It’s often hard to navigate the twists and turns of boardroom strategy, particularly in the process of building consensus on climate–related strategy, risk and opportunity. Gather around our ‘mock boardroom’ table to see how our experienced board-level panel face and respond to a range of real climate scenarios, covering commercial risk, liability, litigation, and activism – and how to drive change within an organisation at the highest levels.

Panel to be announced.

2:00pm – 2:10pm KEYNOTE

2:10pm – 3:00pm PLENARY EIGHT NATURE POSITIVE

There has been global consensus by the G7 leaders that we must reach a nature positive state by 2030 – a state in which species and ecosystems are being repaired and regenerated. With climate change as a key driver of biodiversity loss, what methods are being employed now to drive impactful nature repair at scale? How will biodiversity markets unlock finance, and what sectors are well positioned to make transformational change for the better?
Panel to be announced.

3:00pm – 3:30pm  
AFTERNOON TEA

3:30pm – 4:15pm  
FOURTH CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

**4.1 POLICY** Article 6

With the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement at COP28 expected to reveal even greater urgency, Article 6 and its associated carbon trading mechanisms will be vital for scaling action. 2023 marks 10 years since the commencement of the second period of the Kyoto Protocol, and with the transfer of Clean Development Mechanism activities to Article 6.4 still to be negotiated, we are at a critical turning point. Join us as we look at how Article 6 can deliver critical carbon abatement through international collaboration.

Panel to be announced.

**4.2 SECTORS** Transport in Focus

Australia’s transport sector makes up almost one fifth of its emissions, with over half of those emissions coming from passenger cars. This workshop will delve into innovative approaches and technologies that can be employed to reduce this sector’s emissions. While EVs provide a pathway for significant reductions, the panel will consider the policy and investment opportunities for a holistic decarbonisation of the sector, including aviation and shipping.

Panel to be announced.

**4.3 STRATEGY** Smart Technologies & Data for Climate Action

Rapidly evolving technology and data tools provide greater visibility into the supply chain of carbon credits. How are such tools providing greater security for both the supply and demand sides of the market? What impact does greater data visibility have on potential investment in decarbonisation? Our panel provides some examples of real data and technology solutions, and the impact they are having on transactions in the market.

Panel to be announced.

4:20pm – 5:05pm  
CLOSING PLENARY: COP28, STOCKTAKE & 2035 NDC VISIONS

As we draw the Summit to a close, it’s time to look at what’s next – the upcoming challenges and opportunities that we will face in the coming weeks and months. We’ll share insights into the global stocktake of COP28, and a vision for 2030 built out of our 2023 Summit program; look to the critical milestones ahead for decarbonisation and negative emissions solutions; and explore the emerging roles that industry, community, government, technology, and service providers can play in this urgent decade to 2030 and beyond.

**PANELISTS**

- Rebecca Russell, *Partner, Boston Consulting Group*
- Dr. Sally Box, *Australia’s head of Delegation to UNFCCC, DCCEEW*

*Remaining speakers to be announced.*

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