

## SIGNATORY PROSPECTUS

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR MARKET INTEGRITY AND INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICE



# **ABOUT US**

The Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct (the Code) is a world-leading domestic protection code for Australia's carbon industry.

In a growing market, the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct aims to defines industry best practice for project and advisory service providers that operate within Australia's Carbon Industry.



## Mission

To enhance the integrity, transparency and accountability of Australia's carbon industry, using the Code framework to monitor, review and define industry best practice.



### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Code is to protect consumer's rights in the carbon market, including the prevention of unconscionable conduct by Signatories, whether or not there are formal agreements in place.



# BECOME A SIGNATORY

The Code Signatory brandmark shows your support to best practice integrity, transparency and accountability in Australia's carbon industry.



### **Our Signatories**



VIEW OUR CURRENT SIGNATORIES

## 3+

State government schemes eligibility

45+

Code Signatories

## 229%

Growth of Signatories since operations started

## 65%

Coverage of land-based carbon market



# CODE SIGNATORY BENEFITS

#### Market-facing benefits



Competitive marketing advantage



Increase confidence of stakeholders, investors and clients (de-risking investment)



Reduced regulatory burdens for business operations



Ensure businesses meet the requirements of relevant legislation and minimise breaches and complaints



Eligibility to access funding through state government funding schemes and competitive tender processes.

### Signatory Status benefits



Promotion of role as Code Signatory



Use of Industry Signatory brandmarks & support materials



Access to Code education material through an individual Code Signatory portal



Capacity-building stakeholder engagement



Become part of the Code network

APPLY TO BECOME A SIGNATORY



# **SIGNATORY TYPE**



Provide direct services to supply side and demand-side consumers, including engaging with clients as a:

Project owner

Project aggregator

Project agent

CATEGORY GUIDANCE

#### **Advisory Services**

Provide indirect services to supply-side and demand-side consumers across the carbon industry, including:

Consulting services

Auditing services

Legal services

Trade and brokerage services

Financial services

CATEGORY GUIDANCE

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# **SIGNATORY FEES**



Project Services Category 1

### \$14,621 per financial year\*

 At the time of application, your entity is contractually involved with 15 or more projects. Project Services Category 2

### \$5,849 per financial year\*

 At the time of application, your entity is contractually involved with between 5 and 14 projects.

Project Services Category 3

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$2,924 per financial year*
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 At the time of application, your entity is contractually involved with less than 5 projects.



#### **Advisory Services**

### \$2,924 per financial year\*

 Your business activities provide indirect services to supply and demand-side consumers across the carbon industry.

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\*Starting from 1 July 2024, fees are subject to an annual 3% CPI increase.



# SIGNATORY TESTIMONY











"To Australian Integrated Carbon, the Code of Conduct is core business, interwoven into the fabric of our business and everything we do. The Code of Conduct is essential in a market where verification is key: knowing our relationships with key agencies, land managers and carbon buyers are managed in a structured way means there's a high degree of confidence in all of our communications and deliverables."

"...For any industry to flourish it requires a code of conduct rather than simply relying upon government regulation. Best practice is good for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous Carbon Farmers nationally..."

"The Carbon Farming Foundation is committed to integrity, transparency and authenticity in our efforts to see Australia's carbon farming future flourish. We're determined that our farmers get a fair deal and that "credit lands where credit is due....As a recent signatory to the ACI Code of Conduct, our farmers and partners know that we are committed to providing them with industry best practices, tools and services, to assist our initiative of rapidly accelerating carbon farming uptake across Australia."

"The Code has been an invaluable tool to guide our communications to farmers about the risks and benefits of carbon farming projects. The resources provided to farmers and developers through the website are excellent and the fact that there is an independent entity supporting the industry with best practice and providing a dispute resolution procedure is of great value to this growing industry."

"The Code, and its administration arrangements, is an excellent example of an industry proactively ensuring a high level of integrity - particularly in dealings between carbon service providers and other Code signatories with Indigenous bodies, land-holders, local communities and other key stakeholders. Performance against the Code is one factor the Clean Energy Regulator may have regard for in considering any compliance action it may be considering."





# GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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