

KangaNews Sustainable Debt Summit 2024

19 March The Hilton Sydney

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9.05am **WELCOME AND WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

9.15am **KEYNOTE**
Dr Vanessa Pirota
Wildlife scientist

THE BIG PICTURE: MACRO VIEW, HIGH-GRADE LEADERS AND ENERGY TRANSITION

9.45am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
The economics of climate action/sustainability: why it matters for business

- Climate and nature risk as financial risk.
- Opportunities from meeting climate and social challenges.
- Impact of COP28 pledges on economy.

Panellists

Joseph Capurso
Head of International and Sustainable Economics
Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Elliot Clarke
Executive Director, Economics
Westpac Institutional Bank

Richard Yetsenga
Chief Economist and Head of Research
ANZ

Moderator

Susan Buckley
Managing Director, Funding and Markets
Queensland Treasury Corporation

10.30am **BREAK**

11.00am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
High-grade sector leads the way

- New sustainability frameworks from AOFM and SAFA
- Agreement to transition from fossil fuels in energy systems at COP28: what does this mean for sovereigns/SSAs?
- The government's sustainable finance strategy and how it will affect issuance plans.

Panellists

Anthony Coates
Chief Executive
South Australian Government Financing Authority

Kaylene Gulich
Chief Executive
Western Australian Treasury Corporation

Anna Hughes
Chief Executive
Australian Office of Financial Management

Aldo Romani
Head of Sustainability Funding
European Investment Bank

Moderator

Lauren Holtsbaum
Head of ESG Origination
Commonwealth Bank of Australia

11.45am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Funding the energy transition

- Australia's opportunity in renewable energy: how to transform Australia's electricity industry to meet the country's net zero targets and shorter-term ambitions?
- CEFC estimates it will take A\$120bn of capital to finance enough renewables to decarbonise the National Energy Market in time to meet Australia's renewable energy target of 82% by 2030. Is this feasible?
- Will the Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge signed by 130 governments at COP28 accelerate the energy transition?

Participants to be confirmed

12.30pm **LUNCH**

TAXONOMIES, TRANSITION AND REPORTING

1.30pm **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Global developments in sustainable finance

Interviewee

J.F. Bureau
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial and Risk Officer
PSP Capital

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Interviewer

Sarah Thompson

Global Head of Sustainable Finance

RBC Capital Markets

2.00pm Q&A

Update on Australian taxonomy

- Key methodological design features of Australia's sustainable finance taxonomy: defining "green" and "transition", and minimum social safeguards – do no significant harm.
- How the taxonomy ties in with the government's sustainable finance strategy.
- Investor view: can the taxonomy help channel more capital for Australia's climate transition?

Interviewees

Jeff Brunton

Head of Portfolio Management

HESTA

Nicole Yazbek-Martin

Taxonomy Project Lead

Australian Sustainable Finance Institute

Interviewer

Louise McCoach

Head of Debt Capital Markets

Gilbert + Tobin

2.20pm Q&A

Under the hood of Australia's mandatory climate reporting regime

- What the draft legislation on mandatory climate reporting means in practice.
- Link with AASB draft standards 1&2 and update on AASB consultation
- Key differences from ISSB standards 1&2.

Interviewee

Karen McWilliams

Sustainability and Business Reform Leader

Chartered Accountants

Australia and New Zealand

Interviewer

Emma Newnham

Senior Associate

King & Wood Mallesons

2.35pm PANEL DISCUSSION

What is credible in transition finance and labelled instruments?

- Product discussion: SLBs, SLLs, innovation.
- Avoiding greenwashing/greenhushing concerns: how to increase supply.
- Mandatory climate reporting comes to Australia: how are issuers preparing?

Panellists

Belinda Bradberry

Head of Sustainability and ESG

Plenary Group

Brian Cahill

Global Head of ESG Integration

Moody's Investors Service

Delia Sparkes

Group Treasurer

Metcash

More to be confirmed

Moderator

Eliza Mathews

Head of Sustainable Finance

Westpac Institutional Bank

3.20pm BREAK

THE NEW FRONTIER: NATURE-POSITIVE OUTCOMES

4.00pm KEYNOTE

When the Bee Stings: The Cost of Ignoring

Nature Risk: Presentation of case studies prepared by BNEF in collaboration with the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, examining 10 instances where corporations suffered material financial impacts as a result of nature loss.

Kobad Bhavnagri

Global Head of Strategy

Bloomberg New Energy Finance

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4.25pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Nature: risks, impacts, opportunities

- Nature loss as a systemic and financially material risk.
- TNFD is here: what are companies doing about it?
- Can Australia be a global leader in creating a nature-positive advantage?
- How to catalyse investment and action.

Panellists

Cherie Gray

Global Lead, Sustainability
and Market Development

Swiss Re

Sally Townsend

Head of Sustainability

Blackmores

Marayka Ward

Director, Fixed Income Strategy,
Liquid Markets Group

QIC

Guy Williams

Executive Director

Pollination Group

Moderator

Katharine Tapley

Head of Sustainable Finance

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5.10pm **CLOSE**

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