

# COP26 – How to prosper in a net zero world

by the Australian Climate Change Authority



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As the world progresses towards net zero emissions, governments, investors and consumers will increasingly favour lower emissions products. Decisions in one part of the world will reverberate along global supply chains, presenting challenges and opportunities for a country like Australia.

Today the Climate Change Authority launches its new report, *Trade and investment trends in a decarbonising world*, and presents its insights into how Australia can respond: by viewing reducing emissions not as a cost but as a source of competitive advantage.

Join the Climate Change Authority and key note speakers from the private sector and finance as they discuss what it will take for Australia to continue to prosper in a decarbonising world.

Topics for discussion include:



The growing momentum towards a net zero world, driven by the Paris Agreement and informed by key reports including from the IPCC and IEA



The transition in financial markets as companies and banks take action to reduce risks and emissions, including:

- constrained fossil fuel financing;
- increased disclosure of climate-related financial risks; and
- taxonomies identifying sustainable investments.



The role of trade policies in propelling climate action, including carbon border adjustment mechanisms and emissions certification schemes



The challenges and opportunities an emissions intensive economy faces in adjusting to a net zero world








The importance of rules, information, markets and trusted institutions in guiding the pathway to net zero

# Agenda

<b>Time (Glasgow)</b> <i>(Wednesday morning, 3 November)</i>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Time</b> <b>(Canberra/Sydney/Melb)</b> <i>(Wednesday evening, 3 November)</i>
0900	Opening remarks Grant King, Chair CCA	2000
0910	First presentation: Brad Archer, CEO CCA	2010
0915	Second presentation: Guy Debelle, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia	2015
0920	Third presentation: Jennifer Westacott AO, CEO, Business Council of Australia	2020
0925	Fourth presentation: Stephen Fitzgerald AO, Chairman and Founding Partner of Affirmative Investment Management	2025
0930	Panel moderated by Grant King, Chair CCA	2030
0955	Closing remarks	2055

## Speaker biographies

	<p><b>Grant King, Chair of the Climate Change Authority</b></p> <p>Apart from chairing the Climate Change Authority, Mr King is also the chairman of HSBC Bank Australia. He is a leading voice in the environmental, social and governance (ESG) space. He chairs GreenCollar, one of Australia's largest environmental markets investors, as well as CWP Renewables, a major Australian renewable energy company. Mr King is a former Managing Director of Origin Energy Ltd, and a former Director of BHP Billiton Limited.</p>
	<p><b>Brad Archer, CEO of the Climate Change Authority</b></p> <p>Brad Archer has extensive experience working on climate change, renewable energy and energy market issues. He joined the Climate Change Authority in 2018. He was previously head of International Climate Change and Energy Innovation Division in the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy, where his responsibilities included advising on clean energy innovation, Australia's greenhouse gas inventory, and international climate change policy.</p>
	<p><b>Guy Debelle, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia</b></p> <p>Guy Debelle has been Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank since 2016. He is Deputy Chair of the Reserve Bank Board and Chair of Australia's Council of Financial Regulators' Climate Change Working Group. Dr Debelle has worked at the International Monetary Fund, Bank for International Settlements, Australian Treasury and as a visiting professor in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.</p>
	<p><b>Jennifer Westacott AO, CEO, Business Council of Australia</b></p> <p>Jennifer Westacott has been the CEO of the Business Council of Australia since 2011. She has served as the Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Training; and the Director of Housing in Victoria. As a senior partner at KPMG from 2002 to 2011, she advised major corporations on climate change and sustainability and advised governments across Australia on significant reform priorities. Ms Westacott has been received an Order of Australia award (AO).</p>
	<p><b>Stephen Fitzgerald AO, Chairman and Founding Partner of Affirmative Investment Management</b></p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald is Chairman and Founding Partner of Affirmative Investment Management, the world's first dedicated green and impact bond fund management company. Previously, Stephen was Chairman of Goldman Sachs, Australia and New Zealand. He is a former member of the Board of Guardians of the Future Fund (Australia's sovereign wealth fund), and since its inception in 2010, Mr Fitzgerald has been a member of the Male Champions of Change Coalition. Mr Fitzgerald has been received an Order of Australia award (AO).</p>