



Investors still support strong policy action on climate change

The Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC), representing investors of over \$600bn congratulates Julia Gillard on becoming the Prime Minister of Australia. We also welcome the Prime Minister's commitment to prosecute a mechanism for pricing greenhouse gas emissions in Australia's economy.

Institutional investors restate their support for strong policy to address greenhouse gas emissions. We consider that climate change presents real risks to the Australian economy, which must be addressed. Investors undertake to continue to work actively to support the consensus for strong climate change policy action to which the Prime Minister referred during her first media conference.

Commenting on the state of climate change policy at a federal level, IGCC CEO Nathan Fabian said:

"Neither major party currently has an adequate set of policy arrangements to address risks to the Australian economy from global climate change."

"We see indications of significant policy progress in China, Europe and in many US states and do not accept that stalled international progress is sufficient reason for further policy delay in Australia."

"Climate change doesn't wait for elections - the community needs to reset the conversation about climate policy now."

"It will take years for the carbon market to mature. So meeting an ambitious 2020 target means getting started soon."

Investors will work with any parliamentary party that sets a clear direction on climate change policy and can meet the following principles:

- Reduce carbon pollution at the lowest economic cost, with economy wide distributive effects;
- put in place long-term incentives for investment in clean energy and low-emission technology;
- contribute to and integrate with global arrangements to address climate change;
- early rather than delayed commencement of policy arrangements; and
- relative certainty on regulatory arrangements going forward.

We encourage the Prime Minister to outline her road map and priorities for consensus building on climate change policy as soon as possible.

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About the IGCC

The Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC) is a collaboration of Australian and New Zealand investors with over \$600 billion in funds under management, who recognise that the financial return of an investment will be impacted by climate change. As such, the IGCC aims to ensure that the risks and opportunities associated with climate change are incorporated into investment decisions for the ultimate benefit of individual investors. For further information on IGCC please see www.igcc.org.au or email secretariat@igcc.org.au.