

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE



AUSTRALIA

QUICK FACTS¹

1,204.6 billion US\$ GDP (2016)

24.1 million Population (2016)

2.8% GDP growth (2016)

49,928 US\$ GDP per capita (2016)

FINANCIAL MARKETS

- **1,969** Domestic listed companies (2016)²
- **1,268.5 billion US\$** Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2016)²
- The value of stocks traded represented **0.6%** of GDP in 2015.²
- Sustainability-related indices are **not provided** on the country's stock exchange.³
- National sustainability reporting policies are **in place**.⁴
- **4.1 billion US\$** Green bonds issuance (as of September 2017)⁶

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- **-1.2% of GDP** Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)⁵
- Climate vulnerability **Low**⁷
- Carbon vulnerability **High**⁷

FINANCIAL INCLUSION²

- **28.7** Bank branches per 100,000 adults (2015)
- **98.9%** Share of adults with a bank account (2014)

WORK WITH THE INQUIRY

- The Inquiry, on behalf of UN Environment, is working with country representatives to the G20 Green Finance Study Group.

MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES



10
members



3
members



128
signatories



Member

POLICIES AND MEASURES⁸

- 2001: Corporations Act
- 2005: Financial Services Reform Act of 2001 amended
- 2007: National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulation
- 2011: ESG Reporting Guide for Australian Companies
- 2011: Regulatory Guide 65
- 2013: FSC Standard No. 20: Superannuation Governance Policy
- 2013: Prudential Practice Guide on Investment Governance
- 2014: ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations updated

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