SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE

AUSTRALIA

QUICK FACTS¹

- **US$1,323.4 billion** GDP (2017)
- **24.6 million** Population (2017)
- **2.0%** GDP growth (2017)
- **US$53,800** GDP per capita (2017)

FINANCIAL MARKETS

- **2,013** Domestic listed companies (2017)¹
- **US$1,508.5 billion** Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2017)¹
- The value of stocks traded represented **61.1%** of GDP in 2017.¹
- Sustainability-related indices are **not provided** on the country’s stock exchange.²
- National sustainability reporting policies are in place.³
- **US$7.3 billion** Green bonds issuance (as of end September 2018)⁴

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- **-1.2% of GDP** Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)⁵
- Climate vulnerability **Low**⁶
- Carbon vulnerability **High**⁶

FINANCIAL INCLUSION¹

- **30.1** Bank branches per 100,000 adults (2017)
- **99.5%** Share of adults with a bank account (2017)

WORK WITH THE INQUIRY

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

MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES

POLICIES AND MEASURES

- **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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Green Finance Progress Report](#)
- [Sustainable Insurance: The Emerging Agenda](#)

Notes: Infrastructure investment gap does not include additional investment needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Membership of sustainable finance initiatives as of October 2018.