

**Media Release****Ashurst Joins Climate Bonds Partners Program**

**International law firm & green finance global organisation  
announce new relationship**

**LONDON/SYDNEY 05/09/2018:** High profile global law firm Ashurst is the latest organisation to become a [Climate Bonds Partner](#).

With a worldwide footprint, Ashurst advises clients across Australia on all areas of commercial and financial law, with a team closely monitoring domestic and regional green bond market developments.

**Caroline Smart, Global Markets, Ashurst:**

"Ashurst is proud to join the Climate Bonds Partners Program and to have hosted the first Australia and New Zealand Infrastructure Investment Opportunities Forum at our Sydney office, facilitating discussion on the future of green infrastructure and the state of the green bond market."

"Green and sustainable investment opportunities, with financial products to match, are now a growing and important part of the finance landscape and capital markets. Green and sustainable financing is an exciting area to work within, as it demonstrates how markets can assist with investors and issuers funding social and environmental objectives."

**Serena Vento, Head of Partnerships & Commercial Relationships, Climate Bonds Initiative:**

"Ashurst joining as a Partner is an important step in developing ESG based opportunities in the local market. Their expertise will be invaluable as we work jointly on increasing investor participation and the scaling up of low carbon and green infrastructure investment in Australia and New Zealand."

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**About Ashurst:** Founded in 1882 Ashurst has an international network of 25 offices in 15 countries, providing advice to clients across Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

Chambers, a leading independent agency which benchmarks the legal industry globally, has ranked Ashurst in the greatest number of practice areas of any firm in Australia. Ashurst was named Chambers Asia-Pacific Australian Law Firm of the Year 2016 and most Innovative Law Firm (Internationally Headquartered Law Firms) at the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards Asia Pacific 2018.

**About Climate Bonds Initiative:** The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low-carbon economy. It undertakes advocacy and outreach to inform and stimulate the market, provides policy models and government advice, market data and analysis and administers the Standards & Certification Scheme. For more information, please visit [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net).

**Climate Bonds Partners Program:** Banks, institutional investors, private and non- governmental organizations (NGOs) and governments are eligible to join as Climate Bond Partners to help grow a market of green and climate bonds.

Partners support investor and stakeholder outreach and education projects centred on growing robust and sustainable green bond markets that contribute to climate action and low carbon investment. Partners assist in developing initiatives to grow investment in climate finance solutions, participate in different market development committees & help define policy agendas for sector, country & sub-national green bond development programs.

A list of Partners is available [here](#).

**About the Green Infrastructure Investment Opportunities Australia & New Zealand Report:**

Published by the Climate Bonds Initiative and launched in [Sydney](#) on 28<sup>th</sup> August the GIIO report was sponsored by ANZ, CBA, the CEFC, Macquarie Group, NAB and Westpac.

*GIIO Australia & New Zealand* is the second in a series of reports from Climate Bonds Initiative that commenced with *GIIO Indonesia* in May 2018. More reports investigating green infrastructure investment opportunities in SE Asian nations and other regions are planned for 2019-2020.

**Download:** [Green Infrastructure Investment Opportunities and New Zealand Report](#)

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