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Who leads the TCFD and how is it structured?

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures is chaired by Michael Bloomberg and comprises 32 global expert members from the private sector. This industry-led composition reflects representation from financial institutions, asset managers, insurers and corporates across multiple sectors and geographies, enabling the Task Force to develop disclosure recommendations that address material climate-related risks and opportunities across different business contexts.

How do TCFD recommendations relate to Australian sustainability reporting requirements?

While TCFD recommendations are voluntary international guidance, they inform mandatory Australian sustainability reporting under the Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards (ASRS). ASIC links sustainability reporting to Chapter 2M financial-reporting obligations, with applicable size, emissions or assets tests determining which entities must prepare reports. Organizations subject to ASRS should align their climate-related financial disclosures with both the mandatory framework and TCFD's recommended approach to demonstrate consistency and decision-usefulness to investors and

stakeholders.

What are the four pillars of TCFD recommendations?

TCFD recommendations are organized around four core pillars: governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets. Governance addresses how organizations oversee climate-related risks and opportunities. Strategy examines actual and potential impacts on business, strategy and financial planning. Risk management covers how organizations identify, assess and manage climate-related risks. Metrics and targets establish quantifiable indicators and goals for tracking progress on climate-related performance and emissions reduction commitments.

Why is TCFD relevant to energy efficiency and carbon management decisions?

TCFD recommendations require organizations to disclose how climate-related risks and opportunities affect financial performance, which directly connects to energy efficiency investments and carbon management strategies. Energy optimization, renewable energy procurement and decarbonization pathways represent material operational and financial decisions that should be reflected in climate-related financial disclosures. Our carbon advisory services, including transition planning, opportunity assessment and reporting support, help organizations document and quantify the financial implications of decarbonization so these impacts can be reflected accurately in TCFD-aligned disclosures.

How should an organization prepare climate-related financial disclosures aligned with TCFD?

Organizations should start by establishing their entity boundary, reporting period and applicable frameworks, including ASRS if subject to mandatory Australian sustainability reporting. We describe support services spanning emissions inventories, transition pathways, climate-risk and scenario analysis, and assessment of financial implications of decarbonization. A suggested first step is preparing an applicability and readiness assessment identifying data owners, evidence gaps and governance responsibilities before commissioning detailed inventory and transition planning work to support TCFD-aligned disclosures.

What is the relationship between TCFD disclosures and investment decision-making?

TCFD recommendations exist because investors, lenders and insurers require consistent, decision-useful information about material climate-related financial risks and opportunities. Organizations making energy efficiency investments or pursuing decarbonization should develop investment cases that clearly establish costs, energy savings, emissions reductions and financial benefits, allowing these outcomes to be reflected in TCFD-aligned climate-related financial disclosures. This transparency helps capital providers assess climate-related financial performance and the credibility of an organization's transition strategy.

How do measurement and verification support TCFD climate-related financial disclosures?

Measurement and verification establishes credible evidence of energy savings and emissions reductions achieved through efficiency projects or renewable energy investments. This verified data is essential for TCFD disclosures because it demonstrates that claimed financial benefits from climate-related investments have actually been realized. We offer measurement and verification services including baseline modelling, savings calculation and reporting, creating the auditable evidence required to support both internal financial tracking and external climate-related financial disclosures to investors and stakeholders.

What should organizations consider regarding Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions in TCFD disclosures?

TCFD recommendations expect organizations to disclose material climate-related risks and opportunities, which typically involves quantifying greenhouse gas emissions across Scope 1, 2 and 3. Scope classifications follow GHG Protocol standards: Scope 1 covers direct emissions, Scope 2

addresses purchased electricity and acquired energy, and Scope 3 encompasses value-chain emissions. Organizations should document their accounting boundaries, data sources and exclusions explicitly. We provide inventory support, emissions accounting guidance and Scope 3 advisory services to help organizations establish credible, comprehensive baselines for TCFD-aligned climate-related financial disclosures.