The why

• Non-financial risks (i.e. risks from non-financial sources) are interconnected and have financial ramifications

• Investors demanding greater action on climate change to inform capital markets

• Regulators and standard setters acknowledging demand and developing rules and standards for climate-related disclosures

• Businesses adopting sustainable business practices and reporting deliver greater customer value and higher profits

• Collective change is required
Global Risks Landscape 2021

Top Global Risks by Likelihood
1st: Economic shocks
2nd: Climate action failures
3rd: Human and technological change
4th: Invasive diseases
5th: Cybersecurity

6th: Digital power concentration
7th: Digital inequality
8th: Internet infrastructure
9th: Geopolitical tensions
10th: Limited fiscal space

Top Global Risks by Impact
1st: Invasive diseases
2nd: Climate action failures
3rd: Weaponisation
4th: Economic shocks
5th: Natural resource crises

6th: Health shock
7th: Legacy debt
8th: Extreme weather
9th: Food crises
10th: Social justice

Legend: Economic, Environmental, Geopolitical, Social, Technological

The role of the profession

• Professional accountants have a responsibility to act in the public interest

• Reporting and assurance requirements set by standard setters, build on existing financial reporting and assurance standards (and the accounting-related skillset)

• Accountants have a pivotal role to play in translating risks and opportunities into potential operating and financial impacts – positive and negative – for decision-making
Our advocacy

• In 2020, CA ANZ signed a call to action in response to climate change

• In October 2021, we signed a Net Zero Commitment along with global accounting bodies.

• We advocate for globally consistent sustainability reporting standards for more meaningful disclosures for robust decision-making.
“COP26 is the last chance saloon. It is surely time to set aside our differences and grasp this unique opportunity to launch a substantial green recovery by putting the global economy on a confident, sustainable trajectory and thus save our planet.”

HRH Prince Charles, long-time advocate for the contribution Accountants can make
Our curriculum - Sustainability for Accountants

With an ever-growing focus on climate action, and the regulatory environment constantly evolving and growing, the accountant of the future needs to be equipped to make a difference in developing, supporting and maintaining sustainable organisations.

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“We are equipping members with the skills and data they need to make informed decisions within organisations. As a profession, we need to stand ready for future challenges. We are well known for charting the best course of action, for making a difference, so shaping a sustainable future is a task fit for us as Chartered Accountants.”

2021 President