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The AASB's Approach to Education and Capacity Building for AASB S2

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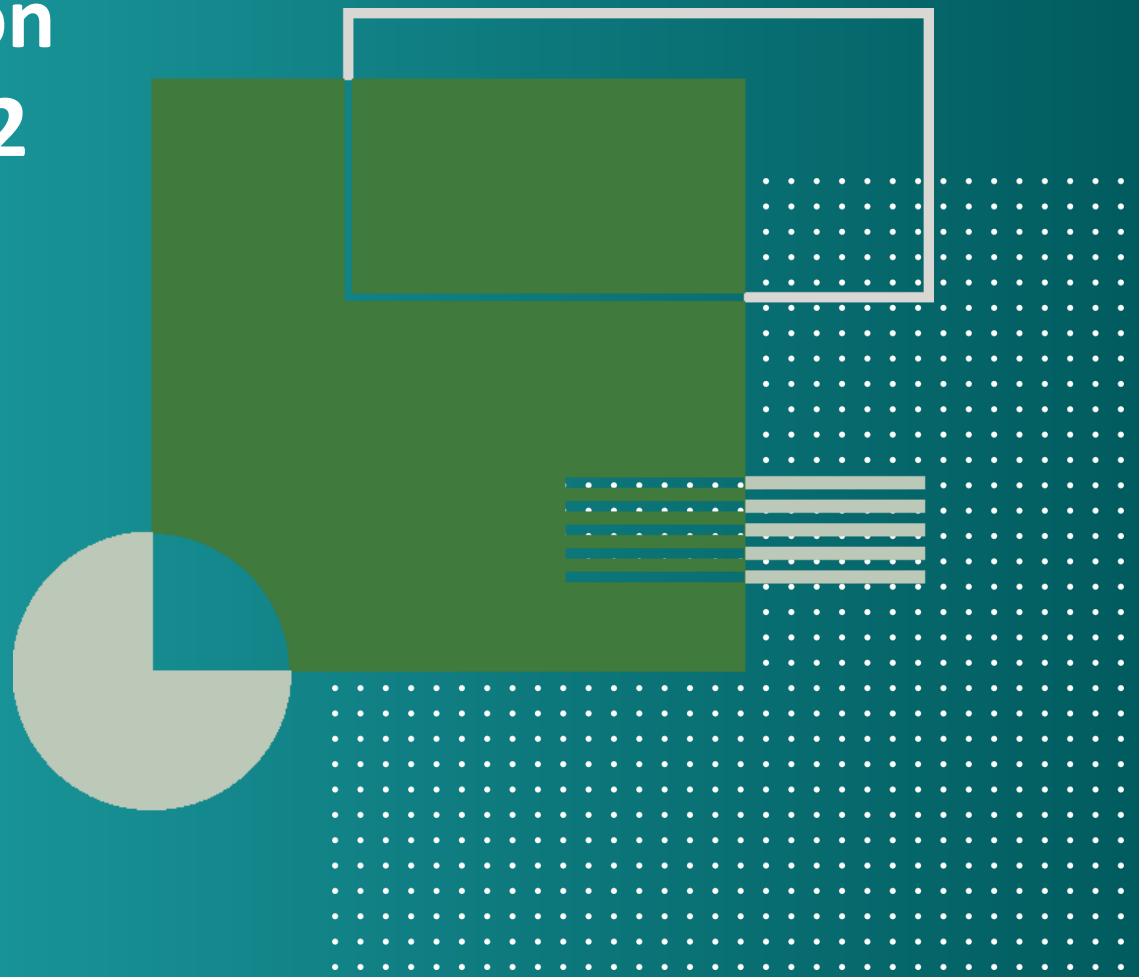

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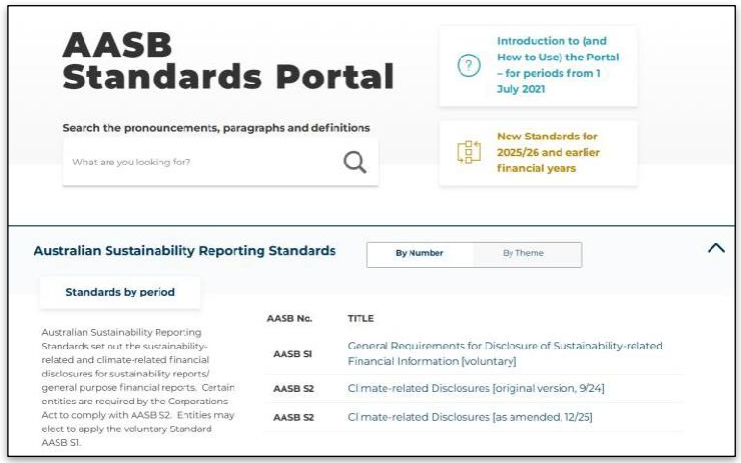
International Alignment as the Foundation

IFRS S1 and S2

International baseline

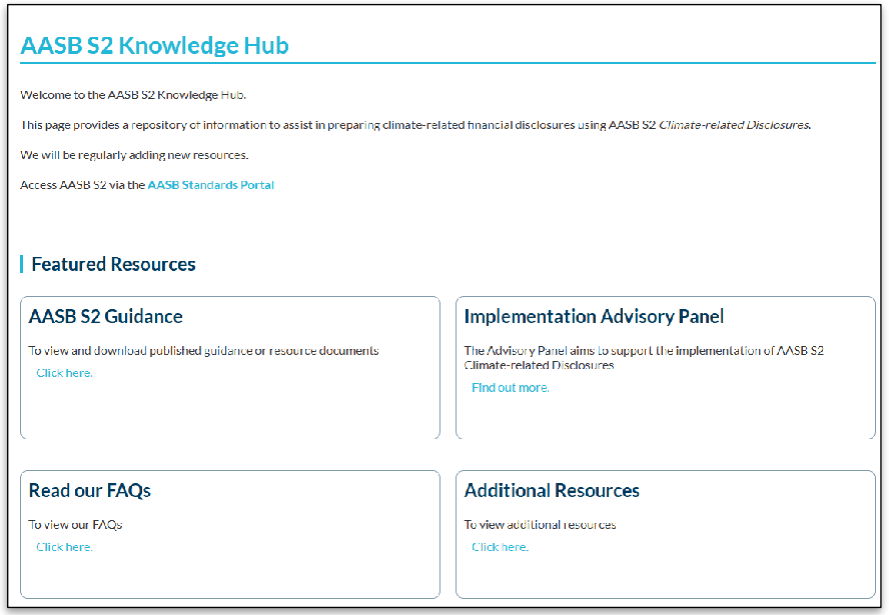
AASB S1 and S2

ISSB-aligned, Australian standards



AASB S2 Education & Capacity Building

IFRS Foundation materials, supplemented with tailored domestic content



International alignment informs our approach to education and capacity building

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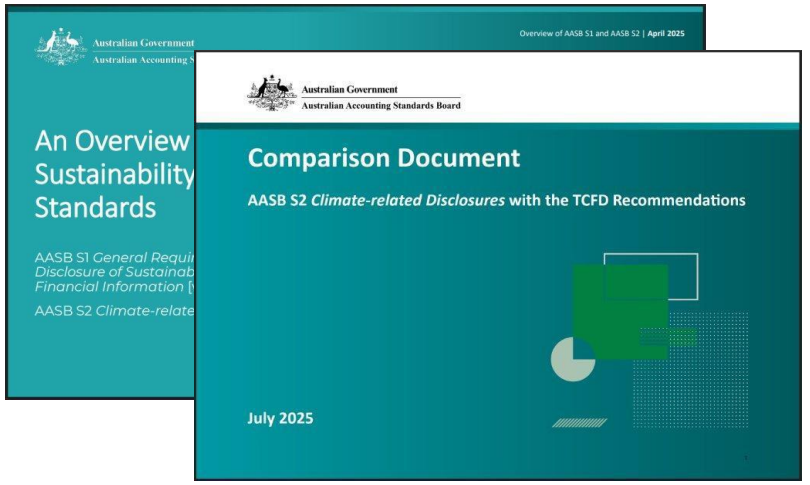
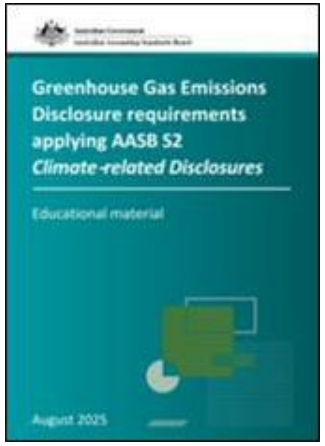
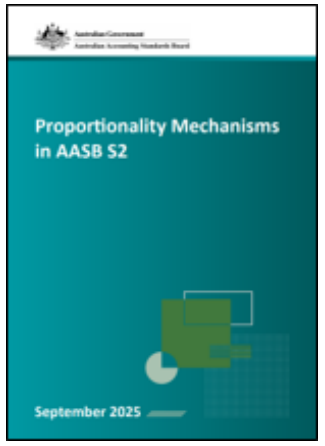
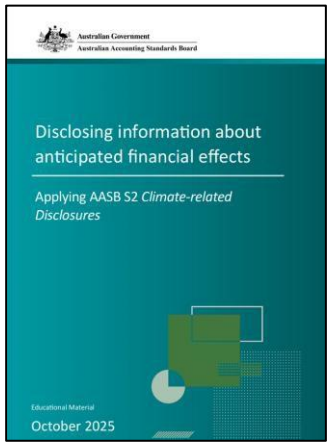
International Alignment as the Foundation

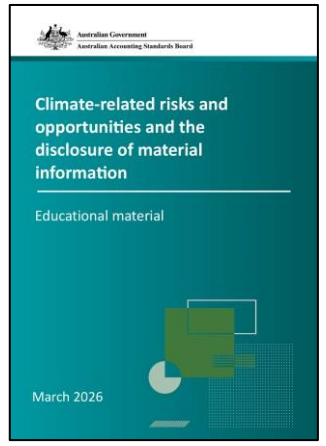
- **Overview of Requirements** *(April 2025)*
- **AASB S2 to TCFD** *(July 2025)*
- **GHG Emissions Disclosures** *(August 2025)*
- **Proportionality** *(September 2025)*
- **Anticipated financial effects** *(October 2025)*
- **CRROs and the disclosure of material information** *(March 2026)*











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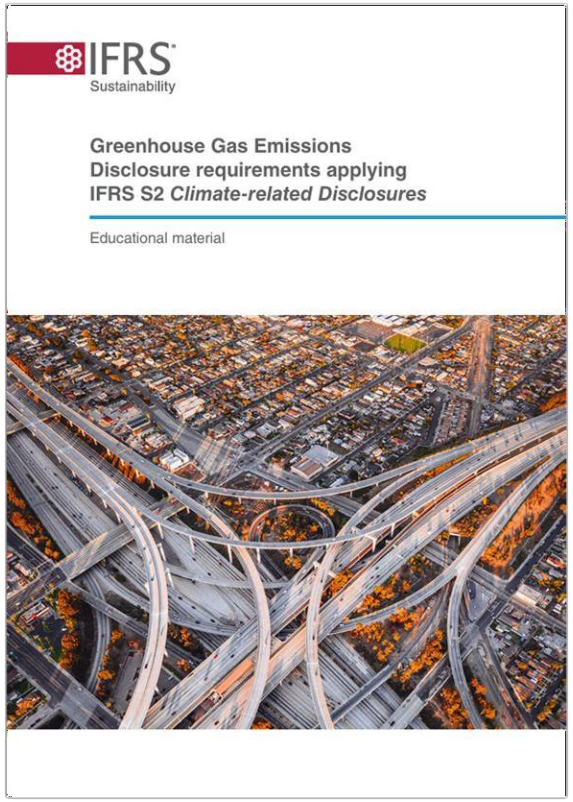
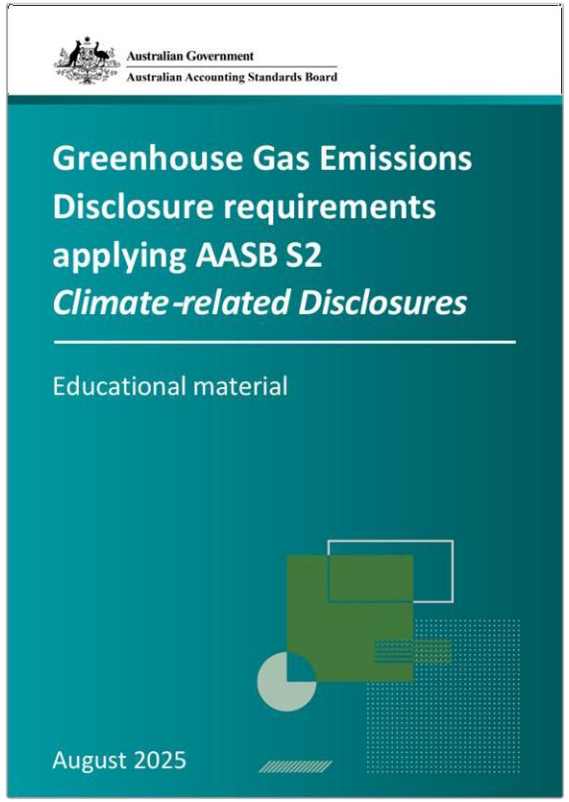
Illustrative Example: GHG Emissions

- **IFRS Foundation guidance materials serve as a primary reference point**, forming the basis for adapted Australian educational materials.

- ***Example:*** Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosure requirements applying **IFRS S2** *Climate-related Disclosures*

  → Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosure requirements applying **AASB S2** *Climate-related Disclosures*





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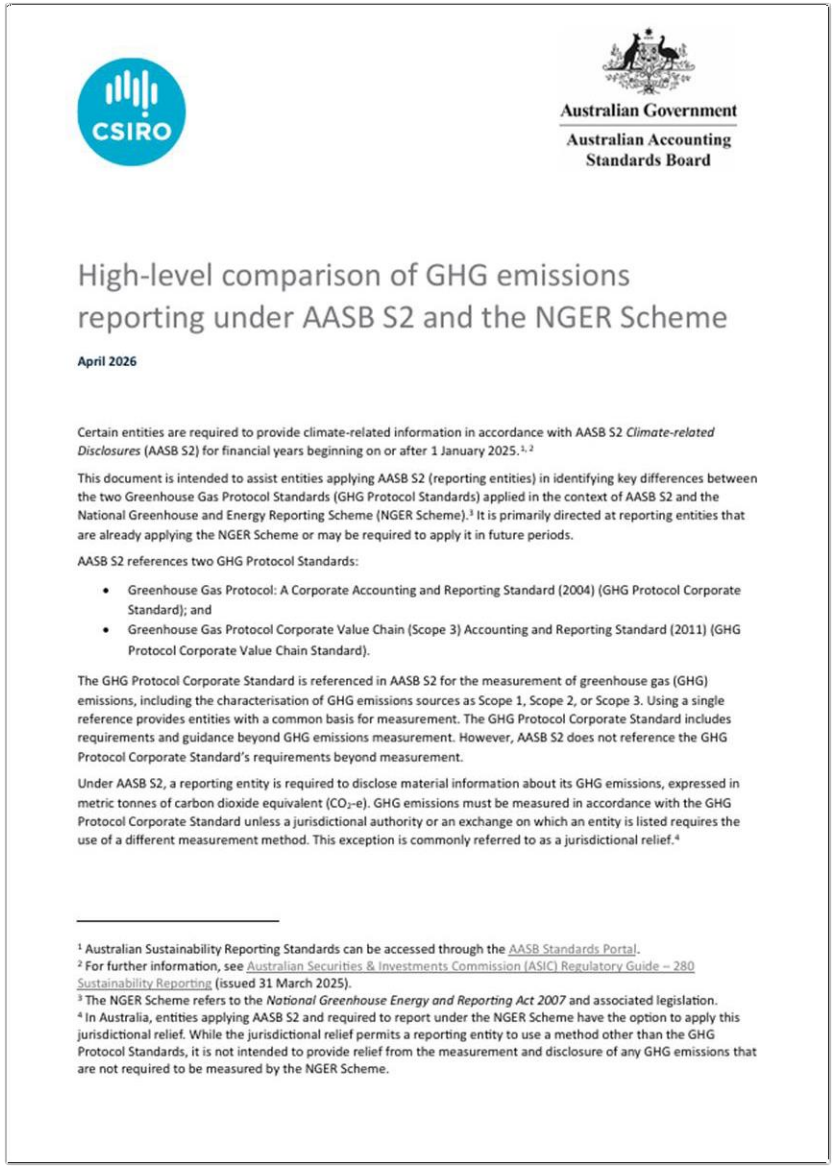
Illustrative Example: GHG Emissions

- **Assess** – in **collaboration with the ISSB** – whether further jurisdictional-specific education is needed

- ***Example:*** AASB has **partnered with CSIRO Australia** to produce a **high-level comparison of GHG Protocol requirements** as applied under:
  - AASB S2 *Climate-related Disclosures*
  - the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) Scheme



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High-level comparison of GHG emissions reporting under AASB S2 and the NGER Scheme

April 2026

Certain entities are required to provide climate-related information in accordance with AASB S2 *Climate-related Disclosures* (AASB S2) for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2025.[1,2]

This document is intended to assist entities applying AASB S2 (reporting entities) in identifying key differences between the two Greenhouse Gas Protocol Standards (GHG Protocol Standards) applied in the context of AASB S2 and the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme (NGER Scheme).[3] It is primarily directed at reporting entities that are already applying the NGER Scheme or may be required to apply it in future periods.

AASB S2 references two GHG Protocol Standards:

- Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (2004) (GHG Protocol Corporate Standard); and
- Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (2011) (GHG Protocol Corporate Value Chain Standard).

The GHG Protocol Corporate Standard is referenced in AASB S2 for the measurement of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including the characterisation of GHG emissions sources as Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3. Using a single reference provides entities with a common basis for measurement. The GHG Protocol Corporate Standard includes requirements and guidance beyond GHG emissions measurement. However, AASB S2 does not reference the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard's requirements beyond measurement.

Under AASB S2, a reporting entity is required to disclose material information about its GHG emissions, expressed in metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_2-e). GHG emissions must be measured in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard unless a jurisdictional authority or an exchange on which an entity is listed requires the use of a different measurement method. This exception is commonly referred to as a jurisdictional relief.[4]

[1] Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards can be accessed through the AASB Standards Portal.
[2] For further information, see Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) Regulatory Guide – 280 Sustainability Reporting (issued 31 March 2025).
[3] The NGER Scheme refers to the *National Greenhouse Energy and Reporting Act 2007* and associated legislation.
[4] In Australia, entities applying AASB S2 and required to report under the NGER Scheme have the option to apply this jurisdictional relief. While the jurisdictional relief permits a reporting entity to use a method other than the GHG Protocol Standards, it is not intended to provide relief from the measurement and disclosure of any GHG emissions that are not required to be measured by the NGER Scheme.

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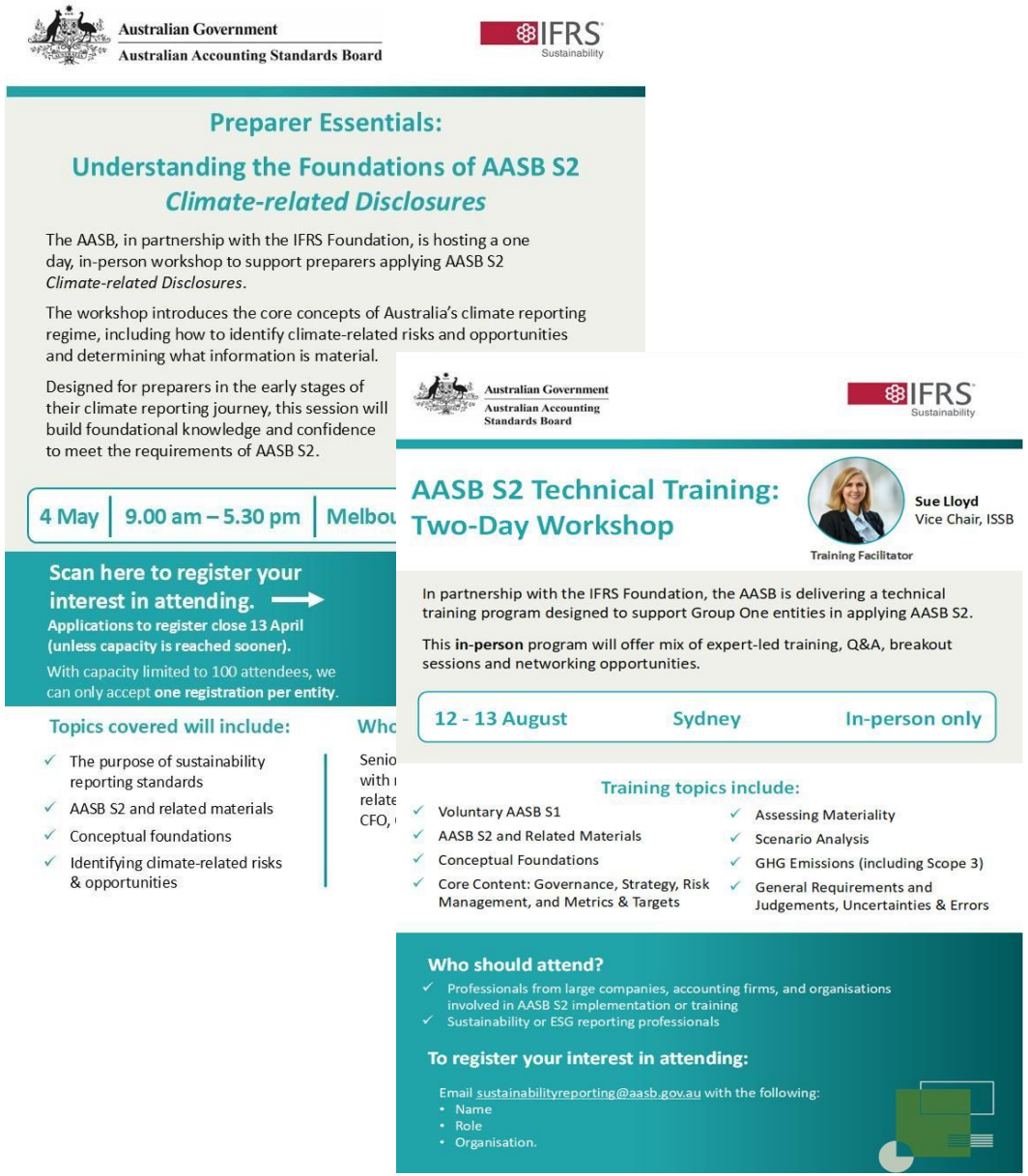
Delivery of In-Person Training

- Deliver **in-person training** to assist preparers, **leveraging IFRS Foundation education materials**

- ***Examples:***
  - Two-day preparer workshop – August 2025
  - One-day preparer workshop – May 2026



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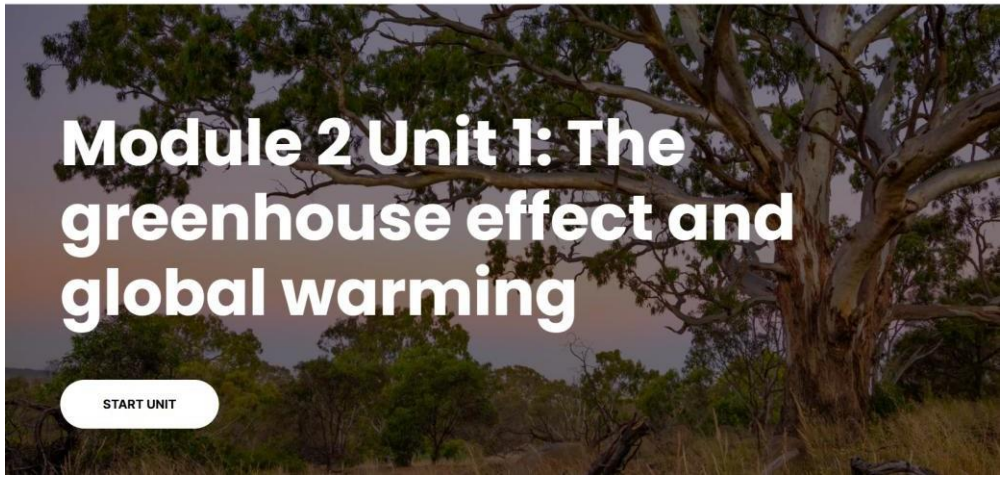
Broader Capacity Building

- Collaborate with **other Government agencies** to build capacity across the economy

- ***Example:*** AASB has **partnered with the domestic regulator ASIC** to develop **educational modules** designed to:
  - support foundational learning of climate-related concepts across the reporting ecosystem in Australia.



Module 2 Introduction to climate change

In Module 2, you will learn about key climate change concepts, global climate policy frameworks and Australia's approach to climate change. These will give you a foundational understanding of the core drivers of climate-related risks and opportunities.

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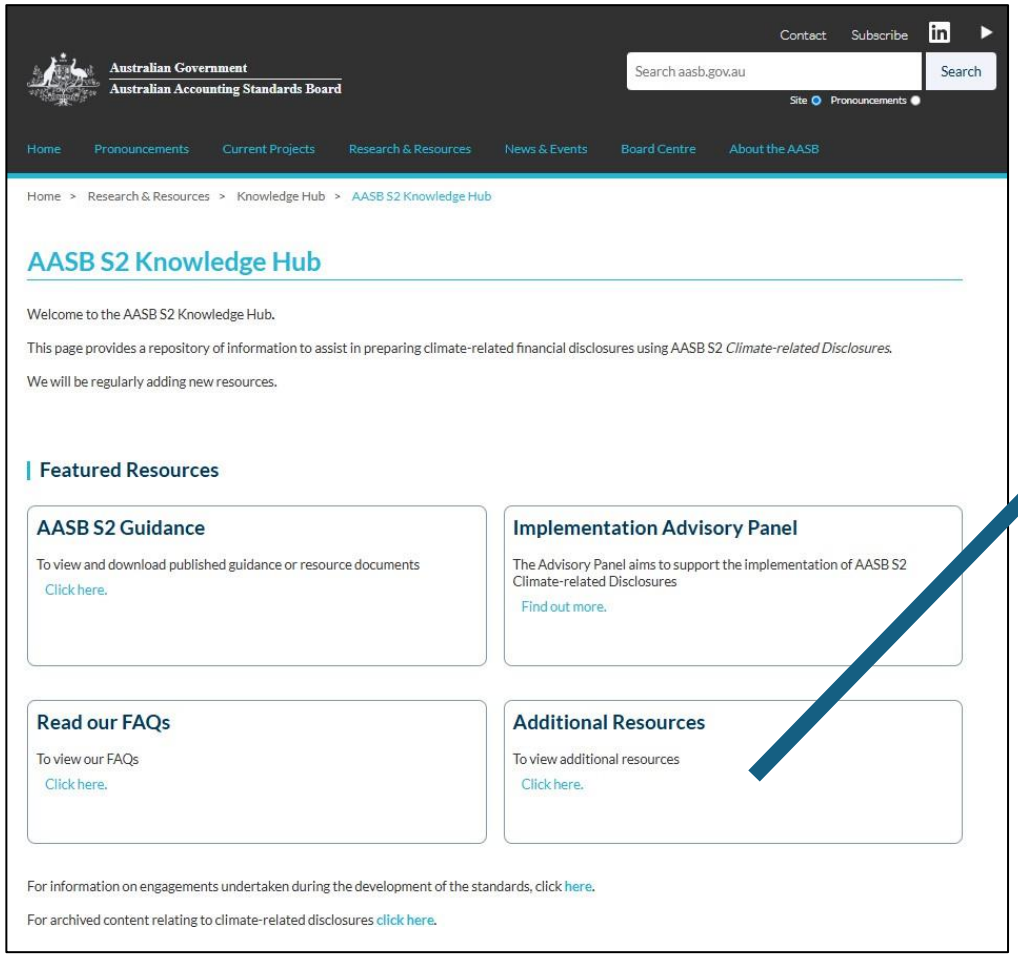

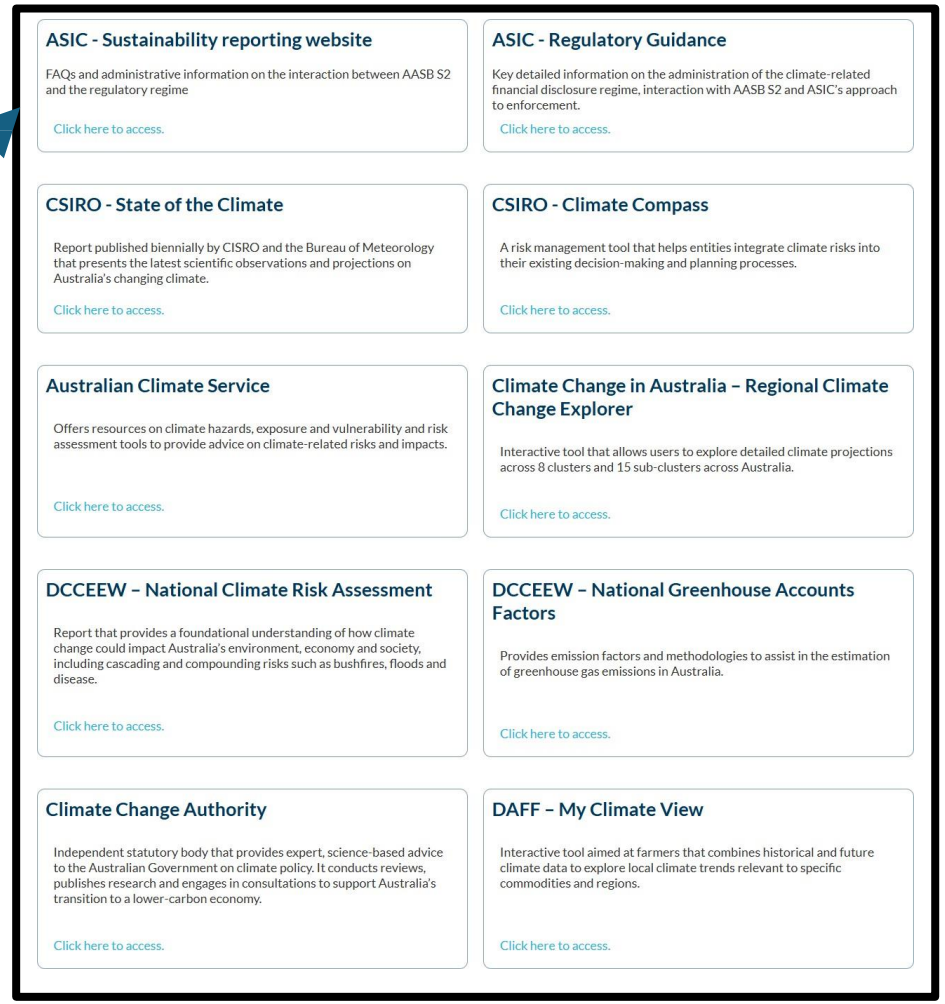

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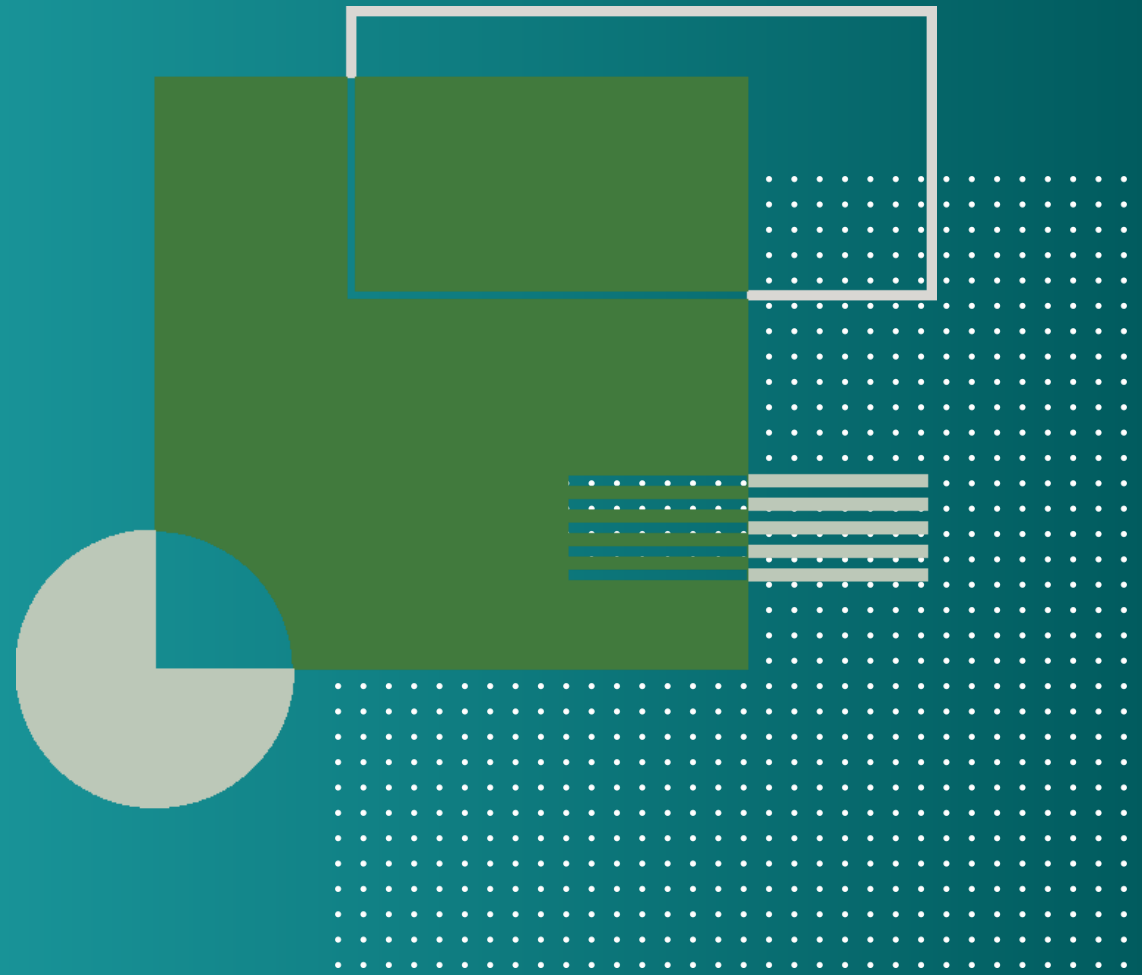

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