

# ESG BULLETIN



## Domestic News

### Macquarie Raises \$405M for Vertelo to Boost India EV Transition

- Sydney-based Macquarie Asset Management said on Friday it has raised \$405 million for its India-focused fleet electrification platform Vertelo, marking its largest investment in Asia's electric vehicle sector and a step toward accelerating the country's shift to clean transport.

### RBI to Integrate Climate Resilience into India's Financial System

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been advised to strengthen its climate risk framework by balancing global best practices with domestic realities, according to a new report by the India Initiative on Climate Risk and Sustainable Finance (IICRSF). Produced in collaboration with the Climate Bonds Initiative, ODI Global, and auctusESG, the report lays out a blueprint for embedding climate resilience across India's financial system.

## International News

### Akaysha Energy Secures \$196M Debt Facility to Expand Battery Storage Portfolio

- A\$300 million multi-currency facility backed by BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank, ING, SMBC, and Westpac.
- First borrowing base loan structure for renewables in Australia, adaptable to portfolio growth.
- Financing will advance large-scale BESS projects across Australia, US, Japan, and Germany.

### Australia Sets 62–70% Emissions Cut Target by 2035, Launches \$7 Billion in Climate Funding

- Australia commits to a 62–70% cut in emissions by 2035, up from its 43% by 2030 target.
- Government unveils \$7 billion in new climate finance, including a Net Zero Fund and CEFC capital.
- The pledge comes amid political division at home and rising global scrutiny ahead of the UN General Assembly.

## Upcoming Events

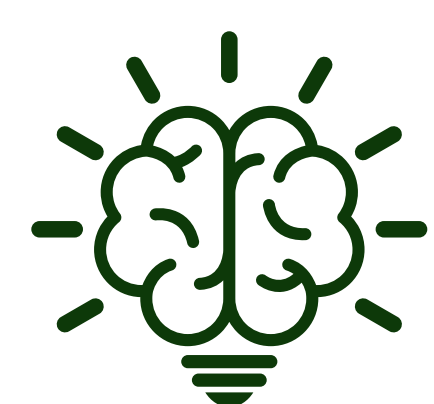
### 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Sustainability Summit & Awards 2025

-  Date : 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025
-  Location : Mumbai

## Did You Know?

**Climate Resilience:** Climate resilience refers to the ability of communities, ecosystems, and economies to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of climate change. It emphasizes reducing vulnerability to risks such as extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and resource scarcity while building adaptive capacity to thrive in a changing climate.

From a risk management perspective, climate resilience means integrating climate scenarios, stress testing, and forward-looking metrics into investment and lending decisions. For financial institutions, building resilience involves diversifying exposures, reallocating capital toward low-carbon and adaptive sectors, and embedding sustainability into credit, underwriting, and portfolio strategies.



## Quiz

**Which of the following best describes the role of asset managers in the EV transition?**

- a) Setting vehicle emission standards
- b) Providing capital for fleet electrification and clean transport projects
- c) Regulating automobile manufacturing
- d) Developing battery technology in-house

**National emission reduction targets are typically expressed as?**

- a) Reduction in foreign debt
- b) Percentage decrease in greenhouse gas emissions compared to a baseline year
- c) Increase in renewable energy profits
- d) Growth in GDP adjusted for carbon intensity

**Which of the following is an example of climate finance by governments?**

- a) Subsidizing fossil fuel exploration
- b) Establishing Net Zero Funds and clean energy financing facilities
- c) Increasing defense spending to counter climate migration
- d) Raising interest rates to manage inflation

**Test your ESG knowledge!**

Answer the quiz questions above and send your responses by replying to this email. Let's see how many of you get it right!