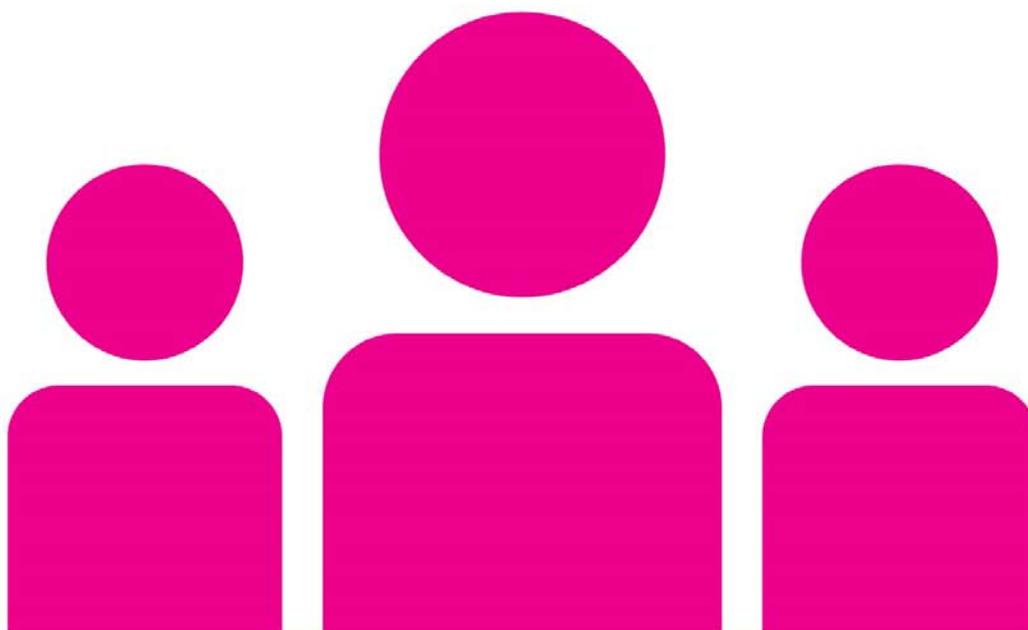


Responsible Investment: Climate Change Position Statement

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As global long term investors and signatory to the UNPRI, First State Super acknowledges that climate change may affect the performance of investment portfolios to varying degrees across companies, sectors, regions, asset classes and through time as a consequence of regulatory change and the physical and social impacts of climate change.

The majority of scientific opinion supports the view that the climate is warming, that the warming is being caused by significant increases in the levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, and that the increased levels of CO₂ causing the warming are a result of human activity.

Global warming is expected to have a wide range of consequences, many of which may impact on First State Super's investment portfolio. The severity and type of consequences will ultimately depend on the level of warming that occurs, but examples of these consequences include:

- Changes to policy settings and regulation as Governments around the world move to limit the amount of CO₂ being released into the atmosphere.
- More frequent extreme weather events (for example, storms and floods).
- Changes to rainfall patterns and increases in drought.
- Increases in sea-level.

From an investment perspective, global warming will lead to both risks and opportunities. First State Super addresses the risks and opportunities associated with climate change by working with our external fund managers and with the listed companies in which we invest to encourage them in their incorporation of climate change risk and opportunity in their investment processes.

Climate change is but one component of the Fund's environmental, social and governance considerations, however, climate change is one of the largest economic challenges facing investors today and as such First State Super is committed to improving its understanding of its exposure to material climate change risks.

Where practicable and over time First State Super (or its agents on its behalf) aim to:

- Incorporate climate change into the consideration of its investments across asset classes, whether managed internally or externally.
- Request disclosure of policies and demonstration of its fund managers' approaches to incorporate climate change considerations.
- Review its fund managers to understand their approach to incorporating climate change considerations and encourage improvements in identifying and assessing the potential impact of climate change.
- Encourage improvement in the level of disclosure by companies of material climate change impacts through initiatives such as the Carbon Disclosure Project and other relevant activities.
- Share knowledge and increase awareness of climate change as it applies to investment decision making through participation in relevant industry forums and collaborative initiatives.
- Support reasonable shareholder proposals to disclose a company's approach to climate change and/or greenhouse gas emissions.