

The IFA Australia Branch is pleased to invite you to the following virtual event:

Update briefing: *Energy and Environmental Taxation – emerging global responses to a global concern?*

In 2015, Australia, amongst 196 other countries under the Paris Agreement, committed to the long-term goal of restricting the average global temperature increase to “well below” 2°C above pre-industrial levels. In support of this commitment, Australia communicated its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement, which includes a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28% below 2005 levels by 2030.

This update briefing:

- provides an overview and update of Australia’s climate policy and emissions reduction actions and proposed next steps
- considers various energy and environmental taxation policies emerging in Europe including:
 - an overview of the EU’s *fit for 55* package
 - the extension of the EU’s Emissions Trading Scheme
 - the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) as a complementary instrument to address the risk of carbon leakage
- reflects on how such responses may impact Australian policy development for climate change and emissions reduction in the future.

Date and time:	Tuesday, 5 October 2021, 4.30pm to 6pm (AEDT) / 1:30 to 3pm (AWST)
Registrations:	Please RSVP to Jenny Huynh by email jhuynh@abl.com.au. Details for joining the webinar will be sent to you by email prior to the session.
	Speaker: Jacqueline (Jackie) Peel is a Professor of Law with the Melbourne Law School and Director of the University of Melbourne’s multidisciplinary climate initiative, Melbourne Climate Futures. She is a world respected authority in the field of climate law and policy, having worked with Australian and international policymaking bodies for over 2 decades on climate issues. Jackie is currently a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the world’s premier science organisation, contributing to Working Group III (mitigation) for the organisation’s Sixth Assessment Report.
	Speaker: Alice Pirlot is a Research Fellow in Law at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation. Her research focuses on environmental taxation and the interaction between tax and international trade law. Prior to joining the Centre, Alice was a research fellow of the National Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS) at the University of Louvain. Alice has been awarded various prizes and scholarships, including the InBev-Baillet Latour scholarship and FNRS doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships. In 2017, she received an Honourable Mention of the International Fiscal Association for her doctoral thesis on environmental border tax adjustment measures.



Speaker: Marta Villar Ezcurra is a Professor of Financial and Tax law at the CEU San Pablo University, Madrid, Spain and leads the research group on digital taxation and climate change and a project on transport taxation in the Horizon2020 framework (Marie Curie-MCS action). She has published and lectured extensively on a broad range of topics, participated in national and international forums, (COP25, GCET, TAXCOOP) and has collaborated with different institutions issuing reports and opinions (EC, TAXUD, CAM) on environmental and energy taxation. Marta is currently vice-president of the Supervisory Board of IFA, president of WIN-IFA Spain, cofounder of the Spanish association of energy law (AEDEN) and member of the EC of the Spanish IFA Branch.



Chair: Sarah Blakelock is an independent consultant on corporate and international taxation, including transfer pricing and the resolution of tax disputes for large businesses and multinational groups. Sarah also consults to supra-governmental organisations (UNDP & others) on tax policy, tax administration, dispute resolution frameworks and the resolution of tax disputes by arbitration. Sarah is a Harvard trained negotiator, a CEDR accredited mediator, named under the US/Canadian Tax Treaty MOU as an Arbitration Board Chair and certified as an international tax expert by the Tribute Foundation for International Tax Dispute Resolution (NL). Sarah holds a Masters of Science in tax law and policy from the University of Oxford.