

2025 **COMMUNITIES** OF BEST PRACTICE (CoBP)

Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG)

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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USING COMMUNITIES OF BEST PRACTICE TO SUPPORT POSITIVE CHANGE

CEDA believes that curiosity has the power to create positive change and move the nation forward.

Progress 2050 is our vision for a better Australia, and we are committed to supporting our Members in taking practical and meaningful action now to create the change that is required for the future we want.

By bringing members together in ESG and AI Communities of Best Practice to share their experience, knowledge, expertise, learnings and ambitions, we can accelerate that change.

We believe that lifting performance and improving outcomes across ESG and AI adoption will contribute to a better future for all Australians.

WHY SHOULD MY ORGANISATION JOIN CEDA'S COMMUNITIES OF BEST PRACTICE?



Lift capability and confidence with access to forums and workshops with expert speakers and practical case studies



Best practice sharing
Contribute online and in-person and learn from professionals to enhance your ESG and AI initiatives



ESG and AI brains trust to help you address your burning questions with domain experts



Build professional networks
Connect with industry leaders, AI practitioners, and thought leaders from various sectors



Be part of a collective voice that shapes the future of ESG and AI and contribute to discussions and initiatives that influence ESG and AI practices



Access to research and insights: Stay ahead of the curve with the latest advancements, trends and regulatory updates in ESG and AI

2025 CoBP SUBSCRIPTION OPTIONS

Subscription includes access for **all employees** to:

- Online and face-to-face forums, panels, workshops and immersions
- Session recordings and snapshot reports
- Online private LinkedIn discussion community
- Additional resources and content

Lead

Both of CEDA's Communities of Best Practice are included in Lead membership

Elevate

12-month subscription

ESG CoBP \$1,950

AI CoBP \$1,950

Subscribe to both and receive a 10% discount = \$3,510

Discover

12-month subscription

ESG CoBP \$1,950

AI CoBP \$1,950

THE FINE PRINT:

Subscriptions are billed annually and are non-refundable.

CoBP participation is only available to employees of organisations who hold an active CEDA membership

All amounts exclude GST

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ESG COMMUNITY OF BEST PRACTICE

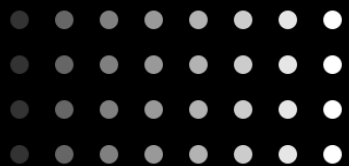
Community Partners



ESG is not a journey for the solo traveller. We need collaboration, creativity, and honest sharing between industries and organisations to drive the many aspects of sustainability, which is what CEDA's ESG Community of Best Practice enables and why I am a member.

Brian Kraft

Principal Consultant, Human Rights, Anthesis Group



ESG COMMUNITY OF BEST PRACTICE

The goal:

- CEDA's ESG Community of Best Practice seeks to advance best practice across evolving environmental, social and governance issues by curating timely, actionable information and building a network of leaders to progress ESG performance in Australia.

Measures of success:

- Demonstrable lift in capability and confidence to address ESG challenges as measured by periodic surveys.

Benefits for community member organisations:

- Increase awareness and integration of ESG across your whole organisation
- Live, online and in-person panels, workshops and immersions with subject matter experts
- On-demand access to information, resources and recordings and snapshot reports
- Access to a network of ESG professionals
- Exclusive access to CEDA ESG Community of Best Practice LinkedIn group

ESG PROGRAM

The 2025 program has been designed through a combination of feedback across community surveys and guided by the ESG steering committee and covers legislative and regulatory changes, global best practice and emerging trends.

The 2025 program will include 4 – 6 online discussion forums in addition to smaller face-to-face discussion groups, briefings and roundtables across the country.

The first discussion forum for 2025 was held in February.

2025 Program Snapshot:

- Human Rights: regulation, reporting and relationships(March)
- Mandatory climate related disclosures (April, Sept, Nov)
- Post-election ESG update (June)
- Supercharging 'S' in ESG (July)
- Circular economy immersion (August)
- ESG and uninsurable Australia (Sept)
- Integrating nature positive beyond compliance (November)

ESG CoBP PROGRAM

Month	Topic	Format	Learning Outcomes
February	Outlook for 2025 and Beyond	Online Speakers Discussion forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 regulation and legislative updates and social license Explore the shifting global geopolitical environment and global ESG developments Understand the federal election implications on ESG Discuss mandatory reporting developments
15 April (TBC) 12pm-1:30pm (AEST)	The Business of Human Rights: Regulation, Reporting and Relationships	Online Speakers + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert guidance on responding to ESRS-S1 and ESRS-S2 compliance requirements Understanding of the intersection with the broader ESG regulatory landscape Insights into defining targets, KPIs, and tracking progress International perspective, exploring Human Rights reporting developments and what it could mean for an Australian Human Rights Act
29 April 10am – 12:00pm (AEST)	Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures Location: Gilbert + Tobin Melbourne. Level 25, 101 Collins Street Melbourne	Melbourne In-person workshop + Case study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the regulatory landscape Engaging and activating teams across the organization How to build compliant reporting Case study
May	Productivity Commission Circular Economy Interim Report Briefing TBC	Online Speaker + Q and A	
19 June 12pm – 1:00pm (AEST)	Post-election ESG Update	Online Speakers +Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trends and regulatory update
31 July 12pm-1:30pm (AEST)	Supercharging the 'S' in ESG for Business Innovation	Online Speakers, case study, Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The business case for social sustainability and social impact Understanding best practice metrics for measuring social sustainability and social impact into business strategy Unlocking value through social sustainability and social impact commitments Case study
21 August (AEST)	Circular Economy Immersion.	Sydney In-person site tour, presentation and panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site tour and deep dive into host's strategy and operations Understand the opportunities to improve environmental and economic outcomes through greater adoption of circular economy activities. Explore circular opportunities that provide the greatest scope to improve environmental and economic outcomes Update on the Productivity Commission report into the Circular Economy, the opportunity for Australian businesses
16 September 10am – 12:00pm	Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures	Sydney In-person workshop + case study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the regulatory landscape Engaging and activating teams across the organization How to build compliant reporting Case study
18 September (AEST)	ESG and Uninsurable Australia	Online Panel + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the ESG insurance landscape in Australia Exploring ESG integration in the insurance business model The materiality of ESG risks to various lines of business and economic sectors
October	National AI Summit	TBC	
6 November 10am – 12:00pm (AEDT)	Cutting Through the Complexity of Mandatory Climate Disclosures	Brisbane In-person workshop + case study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the regulatory landscape Engaging and activating teams across the organization How to build compliant reporting Case study
13 November 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT)	Getting Back to Nature: Integrating nature positive beyond compliance	Online Panel Case Study + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of nature-based solutions and co-benefits Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, the evolution of recommendations How to engage traditional owners and first nation partners Incorporating nature capital in decision-making

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CURRENT ESG COMMUNITY MEMBERS

100+ Members
500+ LinkedIn
community

- Actuaries Institute
- AEMO
- AGIG Group Pty Ltd.
- AGL
- Allens
- Allianz Australia
- Amazon Web Services
- Anthesis (Australia)
- APA Group
- Arcadis Australia Pacific
- Arup
- Aurecon Australasia
- Australia Post
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Unity
- BDO
- BGIS
- BHP
- BP Australia
- Bupa
- Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
- Clayton Utz
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Commonwealth Treasury
- CoreLogic
- CPB Contractors
- CS Energy
- Deloitte
- DXC Technology Australia
- EY
- Federal Department of Education
- Federal Department of Health and Aged Care
- Federal Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Fragomen
- GHD
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Google
- Governance Institute of Australia
- HanRoy
- HBF Health
- HealthPathways
- HESTA
- IAG
- Indigenous Business Australia
- IPART
- Jacobs
- Jemena
- KPMG
- McConnell Dowell
- Microsoft
- Moonee Valley City Council
- National Australia Bank
- Nous Group
- People's Choice Limited
- PEXA
- Plenary Group
- Powerlink Queensland
- Purple
- PwC Australia
- Queensland Department of Energy and Climate
- Queensland Treasury
- RAA of SA
- Reserve Bank of Australia
- Rio Tinto
- RSM
- SEC Newgate Australia
- Seqwater
- Serco
- SkillsIQ
- SLR Consulting
- Social Traders
- Stantec
- Stanwell Corporation
- STREAT
- Synergy
- Tasmania Department of Premier & Cabinet
- TBH
- TechnologyOne
- Telstra
- The Smith Family
- UN Global Compact Network Australia
- UniSuper
- University of Technology Sydney
- UNSW Sydney
- Urbis
- Victoria University
- WA Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
- WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Water Corporation
- WaterNSW
- WeMoney
- Wesfarmers
- Westpac
- WolfPeak
- Woodside Energy
- Woolworths Group
- Worley Services
- WSP

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AI COMMUNITY OF BEST PRACTICE

Foundation Partner



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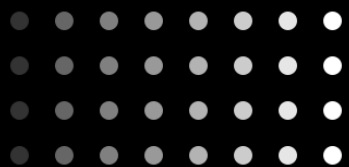
AI has the potential to transform products, services, processes and ways of working in Australia.

Public trust in the development, adoption and use of AI across is critical to enabling Australia to make the most of our future opportunities.

Building capabilities across developers and users of AI as well as an understanding of community and stakeholder expectations are fundamental to creating a sustainable and competitive future industry.

CEDA is uniquely placed to do this.

Melinda Cilento
Chief Executive, CEDA



AI COMMUNITY OF BEST PRACTICE

The goal:

- CEDA's AI Community of Best Practice seeks to build a network of cross-sector professionals to improve understanding, adoption and ethical use of AI and GenAI in a way that builds trust, improves policy and lifts productivity.

Measures of success:

- Demonstrable lift in awareness, confidence, adoption and capability of AI amongst community members as measured by periodic surveys
- Increase trust in AI across business and the community

Benefits for community member organisations:

- Increase awareness, trust and adoption of AI across your whole organisation
- Live case studies, panels, workshops and in-person strategy sessions
- On-demand access to information, resources and recordings
- Access to National AI Centre products and consultations and a network of domain experts to discuss AI related opportunities and challenges
- Exclusive access to CEDA AI Community of Best Practice LinkedIn group

AI CoBP PROGRAM

The program is designed by a steering committee incorporating community feedback, the evolving Australian legislative and regulatory environment, best practices in the deployment of responsible AI and workforce development.

The AI program will include a minimum of 6 live online sessions and case studies as well as in-person AI strategy session workshops. The community will also receive access to the latest resource releases from the National AI Centre.

The inaugural session was held in Feb 2025.

2025 Program Snapshot:

- Responsible AI Advantage (April)
- AI strategy design (April, Sept, Nov)
- AI procurement (June)
- AI futures (July)
- Designing AI we can trust (August)
- Redefining business value in the age of AI (November)

Additional sessions to be added in alignment with the National AI Centre Product launches throughout 2025.

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AI CoBP PROGRAM

Month	Topic	Location/Format	Learning Outcomes
February	Headwinds and Tailwinds in AI	Online Discussion forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about key developments in the Australian regulatory environment including the Voluntary AI Safety Standards and the implementation of ethical principles Understand UK and US AI policy, regulatory environment and investment landscape Heat about Deep Seek and what it means for the accessibility opportunity for Australian small business to AI large language models
10 April 12pm-1:30pm (AEST)	The Responsible AI Advantage: Risk, Governance, and the Competitive Edge	Online Case study + panel + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real-world lessons from our detailed case study on Voluntary AI Safety Standard (VAISS) implementation Understanding major risk areas in deploying AI Learn effective strategies for implementing relevant policies and governance frameworks Consider practical approaches to transform Responsible AI from a compliance burden into a genuine competitive advantage
28 April 10am – 12:00pm (AEST)	AI Strategy Design (Workforce) Host: RMIT	Melbourne In-person workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to apply AI strategy frameworks Understand the process of embedding AI Considerations for planning and productivity
19 June 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST)	AI on Your Terms: AI procurement for Australian Businesses	Online Case study + panel + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risks and considerations in AI procurement Understanding the long-term impacts of investment in AI Recommendations for AI procurement
3 July 12pm – 1:30pm (AEST)	AI in Healthcare Implementation Case Study and Panel: New Rules of Engagement	Online Case study + panel + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore a case study in AI implementation from strategy to deployment Understand applied ethical and regulatory evaluation processes Considerations in scaling implementation Lessons learned from design and deployment of AI
24 July 9am – 11:00am (AEST)	AI Futures	Queensland In-person panel and networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business and researchers at the bleeding edge of AI developments in Qld How Qld will change in a future integrated with Gen AI What will quantum mean for AI acceleration? Strategies for AI workforce development
19 Aug 10am – 11:00am (AEST)	How to Design AI We Can Trust	Online Panel + Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the basis of trust in your AI strategy Human in the loop: Transparency and explainability Communicating with your customers
24 Sept 10am – 12:00pm (AEST)	AI Strategy Design: Supercharging your workforce with the deployment of responsible AI.	Qld In-person workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to apply AI strategy frameworks Understand the process of embedding AI Considerations for planning and productivity
October	National AI Summit	TBC	
Nov 4 10am – 12:00pm	AI Strategy Design: Supercharging your workforce with the deployment of responsible AI. Host: UTS	Syd In-person workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to apply AI strategy frameworks Understand the process of embedding AI Considerations for planning and productivity
11 Nov 12pm – 1:30pm (AEDT)	Redefining Business Value in the Age of AI	Online Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify how AI is transforming traditional business value metrics across different industries and functions Explore tools to evaluate and capture new forms of value creation Repositioning brand value and techniques to communicate

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CURRENT AI COMMUNITY MEMBERS

A new CEDA Community of Best Practice in 2025

70+ Members
100+ LinkedIn
community

- Actuaries Institute
- AEMO
- AGL
- Allens
- Amazon Web Services
- Anthesis (Australia)
- APA Group
- Arcadis Australia Pacific
- Arup
- Aurecon Australasia
- Australia Post
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Unity
- BDO
- BGIS
- BHP
- BP Australia
- Bupa
- Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
- Clayton Utz
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Commonwealth Treasury
- CPB Contractors
- Deloitte
- DXC Technology Australia
- EY
- Federal Department of Education
- Federal Department of Health and Aged Care
- Federal Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Fragomen
- GHD
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Google
- HanRoy
- HBF Health
- HealthPathways
- HESTA
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Jacobs
- KPMG
- McConnell Dowell
- Microsoft
- National Australia Bank
- Nous Group
- Plenary Group
- Purple
- PwC Australia
- Queensland Department of Energy and Climate
- Reserve Bank of Australia
- Rio Tinto
- RMIT
- RSM
- SEC Newgate Australia
- Serco
- SkillsIQ
- Synergy
- TechnologyOne
- Telstra
- UniSuper
- University of Melbourne
- University of Technology Sydney
- UNSW Sydney
- Urbis
- WeMoney
- Wesfarmers
- Westpac
- Woodside Energy
- Woolworths Group
- Worley Services
- WSP

ABOUT CEDA

WHO ARE WE?

CEDA (the Committee for Economic Development of Australia) is an independent, non-profit organisation providing thought leadership and policy perspectives on the economic and social issues affecting Australia. Founded in 1960 by Sir Douglas Copland, one of the most influential figures in Australian economics at the time, CEDA has offices in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

WHO ARE WE FOR?

As a membership-based organisation, CEDA works together with members (organisations) and trustees (employees at member organisations) from Australia's government and academic communities to the nation's biggest corporations— building reach and influence across a diverse network.

HOW WE WORK

Conducting independent research, curating content, facilitating nationwide events and offering educational programs, CEDA collaborates, debates, influences and positively impacts long term public policy. Revenue is predominantly generated through memberships and events, and ensures we remain independent.

WHY WE MATTER

CEDA identifies long-term social and economic issues, explores alternative approaches and seeks practical solutions to improve economic, social and environmental policy— so ultimately long-term prosperity is achieved for all Australians.

Find out more:

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