



Candidate Statement for Bank Australia Limited Director Election

Simon O'Connor

Employment & Experience

Current

- Independent consultant & director

Previous

- CEO, Responsible Investment Association Australasia (2013-2023)
- Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative
- Economic Adviser, Australian Conservation Foundation
- Senior Investment Analyst, MSCI ESG Research

Experience / skills

- Executive leadership in fast moving, for purpose organisations, including effective strategy development and execution
- Financial services industry experience including investment and risk analysis, and valuations.
- Specialist in ethical and impact finance having developed global standards and certifications that ensure credibility and prevent greenwashing, including in responsible banking and impact investment
- Financial services policy and regulatory expertise and advocacy
- Architect of numerous collaborative initiatives, including having established, merged and divested multiple entities and businesses
- Corporate governance with many years leading the investment community to progress strong environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) performance within corporate Australia, whilst operating an organisation to the highest standards of governance

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts (Monash University)
- Graduate Diploma Environmental Science (Monash)
- AICD Company Directors Course

Directorships

Current

- Council Member, Australian Government Nature Finance Council

Previous

- CEO/Managing Director of Responsible Investment Association Australasia

Memberships, affiliations, honours & awards

- Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Member, Responsible Investment Association Australasia
- Included in 2023 Green Power 100 List, The Australian newspaper