Institutional investors are increasingly committed to responsible investments, with almost half of Australia’s total assets under management now being invested through some form of responsible investment strategy.* As a result, demand for ESG-related performance disclosures is on the rise.

Australia and New Zealand continue to outperform the other regions, by demonstrating leadership in social and governance topics such as diversity and inclusion, health and well-being, and tenant engagement.

In addition, the integrated approach to sustainability across the different stakeholder groups supports the region’s efforts to create healthy working environments, efficient buildings, and sustainable supply chain processes.

Capital market demand for transparency will further enhance how ESG-related risks are managed by property companies and fund managers, empowering them to adopt leading sustainability practices. This is backed by the strong regional uptake in GRESB participation this year (17 first-year participants).

At the same time, increased transparency on ESG performance enables investors to make better informed decisions on where to allocate their capital, and to identify material topics for engagement with their managers, with the aim of enhancing and protecting shareholder value.

*Source: RIAA, 2017

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GRESB data and analytical tools are used by 66 institutional and retail investors, including pension funds and insurance companies, collectively representing over USD 17 trillion in institutional capital, to engage with investment managers to enhance and protect shareholder value.

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