

Climate Adaptation and Resilience

Why is climate change adaptation important to your business?

Climate change presents major risks and adaptation challenges. The climate debate to-date has largely been around mitigation policy and carbon management. However, it is becoming clear that the impacts of climate change have been underestimated, and could be more near-term and severe than initially projected.

Climate change impacts are also combining with other shocks such as peak oil and economic contraction. This presents compound risks, which increase the complexity and uncertainty for decision-makers.

Adaptation and resilience — the benefits to your business

There are long-term benefits to organisations that implement adaptation measures to reduce climate risk. A resilient organisation will be less vulnerable to shocks, and an adaptive organisation is able to take advantage of opportunities. Building adaptive capacity includes key capabilities around learning and innovation, and these will also give an organisation competitive advantage.

What can Net Balance offer you?

Net Balance supports organisations to develop business models that are adaptive and resilient. We can guide you step-by-step through a process to assess your climate risks and implement an adaptation strategy.



The Net Balance program includes modules that can be taken individually or in combinations.

The program includes:

- Climate adaptation 'Primer' and strategic scoping — to introduce adaptation, scope the potential risks and key capabilities, and map out an adaptation strategy
- Development of a climate communication strategy and scenario building
- Assessment of climate change vulnerability and risk to your business model and operations
- Assessment of adaptive capacity and building adaptive capability
- Development of evaluation and reporting processes for resilience to support robust adaptive decision-making

The program offers other client-focussed advisory services as required, including modules for specific sectors, including local government, health and utilities.

The adaptation program complements Net Balance's work on mitigation and carbon management. These can be integrated into a broader climate change strategy, to provide a robust and holistic approach to adaptation, low-carbon development and reducing climate risk.

Developing a strategy for resilience

Resilience is emerging as a key principle in business strategy, and it underpins the strategy for climate adaptation. As a whole, the Net Balance adaptation program guides organisations in embedding resilience into core strategy and business models, based on a thorough grounding in resilience theory, systems thinking and sustainability principles.

Our experience

Net Balance has considerable expertise in climate strategy and carbon management, combined with practical experience in developing and managing climate programs. Members of our team have developed adaptation policy in government, managed adaptation programs on the ground, and also undertaken academic adaptation research.

The adaptation program draws on Net Balance's expertise in climate strategy, carbon management and reporting, risk management, sustainability strategy and stakeholder engagement.

We also take a strong partnership approach, which helps support knowledge-sharing and improve capabilities.

Why Net Balance?

Net Balance is one of Australia's leading dedicated providers of sustainability advisory, assurance, and research services. Our team of highly experienced and dedicated professionals will work with you to successfully integrate sustainability into your organisation. We have experience helping organisations in both the private and public sectors with services that reflect real value and incorporate environmental and social costs and benefits.

Net Balance has a unique business model which allows us to share our resources with the Net Balance Foundation. This enables us to help small to medium sized enterprises, communities and the NGO sector have access to our advisory, assurance, and research services on a not-for-profit basis. This reflects our commitment to being part of every organisation's sustainability journey.

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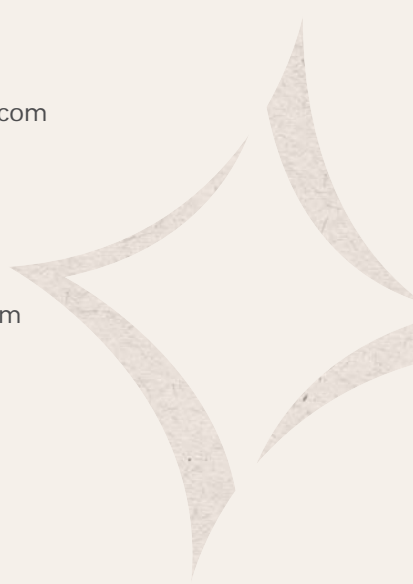
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