



To successfully locate a GRI Focal Point in Australia, it is important to create a strategic stakeholder advising body around the Focal Point in the shape of an advisory group. The GRI will convene this advisory group in consultation with St James Ethics Centre, which will discuss the strategic objectives for the region, avenues for financial support in Australia and the preferred role and activities for the Focal Point.

Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group:

- The advisory group will comprise of individuals from leading organizations in business, government, civil society, labour, professional institutions and academia directly associated with the GRI and/or experts in key sustainability areas. Composition of members will be chosen in a consultative process between SJEC and the GRI, based on best strategic fit, with representation of 5 to 10 people including a Chair person. All Australian GRI Stakeholder Council members are invited to take part in the advisory group. Other GRI Stakeholder Council members of the Asia-Pacific region will receive a regular update on the progress and activities of the Australian Focal Point.
- All members of the advisory group, including the GRI Stakeholder Council members, will be informed by their experience with the GRI but will not be representing the interests of their organizations; rather, they will bring a shared vision to serve the interests of the establishment of a vibrant GRI Focal Point and network in Australia on their individual title.
- This advisory group to the Focal Point is an ad-hoc group to support the Focal Point in the experimental phase. Different from the GRI Stakeholder Council the advisory group has no formal role in the GRI's governance or management. Consequently the advisory group will not act as an advisor to the GRI Board and Secretariat and Stakeholder Council members that are part of the advisory group will not formally represent the view of the GRI Stakeholder Council on the advisory group or vice-versa.

Membership of the Advisory Group endures for a two (2) year period. Current members as at 20 February 2009:

- Judy Henderson (Chair, Former Chair GRI Board)
- Stella Whittaker (GRI Stakeholder Council Member; GHD)
- Wayne Wescott (GRI Stakeholder Council Member; ICLEI)
- Renee Hancock (GRI Stakeholder Council Member; ANZ)
- John Purcell (CPA Australia - MoU with the GRI and supporter of the Australian Focal Point)

The Terms of Reference describe 5-10 members for the Advisory Group. The Group will grow gradually and look to incorporate a government representative and suitable expertise in key issues such as social justice/inclusion or carbon reporting/ETS schemes, to offer an important strategic role, enabling the Focal Point to provide relevant and timely advice on sustainability reporting.