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Sarah Barker leads the climate and sustainability risk governance team at MinterEllison and is a director of one of Australia's largest superannuation funds, the Victorian state government's \$30 billion Emergency Services & State Super. She has more than two decades' experience as a corporate lawyer, and is regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on climate change finance and liability risks.

Sarah's leadership in the field of climate change-related risk and liability is internationally recognised, and has been called upon by governments and institutions from the Bank of England to the United Nations PRI.

She teaches as part of the Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainability Leadership (convened by EY), and is an academic visitor at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative, the only lawyer amongst a committee comprising senior executives from the Australian banking, finance and insurance sector.

Sarah was the instructing solicitor on a brief to Mr Noel Hutley SC that is widely cited as the authoritative exposition on directors' duties with regard to climate change risk in Australia (including by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, Australian Securities & Investments Commission and the Reserve Bank of Australia).



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Charlotte Turner is an Associate in the Climate Risk Governance team at MinterEllison. Building on her background as an experienced litigation and administrative disputes lawyer, Charlotte now specialises in climate risk through a finance, corporate governance and liability lens, with a particular focus on the health sector.

Charlotte has significant experience advising both public and private sector health services providers in litigious and advisory matters. She played an integral role in the teams acting in both the Aged Care Royal Commission and the Disability Royal Commission for DHHS.

She is part of the team recently recognised in the Environmental Finance Impact Awards as global Impact Law Firm of the year.