Launch of the Global Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation

In April 2024, the British Institute of International & Comparative Law (BIICL) launched the *Global Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation*. The Toolbox is part of a world-leading research project on climate litigation launched during COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh in November 2022. The Australian Pro Bono Centre discussed the launch of the research project and the development of the Toolbox in the June 2023 edition of *Pro Bono Voco*.

The Toolkit's development was supported by an International Expert Group (IEG) from practice, academia, judiciary and science, ensuring that all angles and disciplines were covered. Among the experts participating in the Australian IEG were the Australian Pro Bono Centre's CEO, Gabriela Christian-Hare, and previous Senior Policy Officer, Sue Mahony, who offered their insights into how pro bono legal assistance can support individuals and organisations to combat climate change. Information and resources developed by the Centre on this topic are available on the ***Australian Pro Bono Centre's Climate Hub***.

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- identifies suitable avenues and best practices for climate litigation,
- catalogues substantive and procedural provisions relevant to cases to draw lessons,
- engages in strategic thinking to tackle climate change,
- underpins novel approaches by considering alternative areas of law, and
- raises public awareness to encourage corporate behaviour change towards global carbon usage.

The Toolbox provides resources to assist the legal profession in assessing, analysing and identifying pathways to use the law to combat climate change and address corporate environmental exploitation. It is hoped that individuals pursuing climate litigation use the Toolbox to help transform global corporations and societies into pivotal lynchpins for meaningful and positive change, propelling us towards a net-zero future. To access the Toolkit, please visit: *Global Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation.* ■

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