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From Risk to Opportunity: How Businesses Are Investing in Natural Capital to Unlock Growth and Resilience

In a world of escalating climate and biodiversity challenges, business investment in natural capital has emerged as both an ethical imperative and an economic opportunity. This keynote explores how the private sector is reshaping financial flows to protect and restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and generate sustainable returns. Drawing on insights from the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia's policy work and frameworks such as the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, I'll highlight innovative collaboration models, measurable outcomes, and opportunities for scaling. Attendees will learn actionable strategies for measuring and valuing nature, forging cross-sector alliances, and engaging with Indigenous and community stakeholders—all to drive nature-positive outcomes.