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## Maria Atkinson AM



Maria Atkinson AM is Chairperson of the Board of the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction since 2021, and has been a member of the Board since 2013. The LafargeHolcim Foundation was created in 2003 to raise awareness of the important role that architecture, engineering, urban planning and the building industry have in achieving a more sustainable future and conducts the world's most significant competition for sustainable design – the LafargeHolcim Awards.

Maria Atkinson AM is a Co-Founder and Founding CEO of the Green Building Council of Australia. She is a sustainability business advisor and an impact investor with the intention to generate measurable social or environmental impact alongside revenue growth and profitability. She was awarded the Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for “service to the construction and real estate sector, particularly as a leader and contributor to environmentally sustainable building development in Australia” in 2012.

Maria Atkinson AM was Global Head of Sustainability at Lendlease, a real estate and investment business, and more recently was the “Eastern City District Commissioner” helping co-create and implement strategic plans for Sydney to be more productive, sustainable and liveable. She joined the Advisory Board of the Australian Circular Economy Hub (ACE Hub) in 2021 that supports the transition to a circular economy in Australia.

She was the Chair of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Sustainable Buildings & Climate Initiative until July 2011, and a member of the Singapore Building & Construction Authority's International Panel of Experts for Sustainability in the Built Environment (2007-09). She chaired the discussion on the Future of Sustainable Construction at the World Economic Forum Inaugural Summit on the Global Agenda in Dubai (2008).

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