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## Equity Trustees expands asset management team with Responsible Investing appointment

Australia's leading trustee company, Equity Trustees (ASX:EQT), has continued the expansion of its asset management team with the appointment of a responsible investing lead – a newly created role reflecting its continuing commitment to investment in this area and the evolving expectations of clients.

Dilan Ashton will be based in the Sydney office as General Manager, Responsible Investing for Equity Trustees' Asset Management business.

Ms Ashton joins Equity Trustees from Warakirri Asset Management, where she was a senior business development associate. Prior to that, she was a senior analyst at JBWere for more than 10 years.

In her new role, she will be responsible for developing expertise and thought leadership in responsible investing, working closely with portfolio managers to help shape how the latest developments in the area are reflected in Equity Trustees Asset Management's investment strategies.

"The new role in the team reflects our continuing focus on responsible investing – it's what our clients want and is the way of the future," said Darren Thompson, Head of Asset Management at Equity Trustees. "Dilan's appointment will support our service to our clients - including private clients, charitable and not for profit organisations while we remain focussed on continuing to achieve excellent results for them."

"Safeguarding the wealth of Australian individuals, communities, families and charities is a part of our DNA as key part of Australia's leading specialist trustee company.

"We are delighted to welcome Dilan to Equity Trustees. Her capability and experience will be essential as we continue to meet high demand for responsible investing," Mr Thompson added.

Equity Trustees Asset Management is an active investment manager in Australian and Global Equities, Credit and Fixed Income and is directly responsible for the management of \$4 billion of funds; \$2.5bn of which is on behalf of over 650 for-purpose organisations, including philanthropic trusts and charitable foundations.

More about the Equity Trustees Asset Management service is available on our website.

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