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Emeritus Professor Mark Howden AC FAA FTSE is a Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and was until recently the Director of the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions and Chair of the ACT Climate Change Council. He contributes to several other major national and international science and policy advisory bodies.

Mark has worked on climate variability, climate change, innovation and adoption issues for almost 40 years in partnership with many industry, community and policy groups via both research and science-policy roles and is a high-profile public communicator. He helped develop the national and international greenhouse gas inventories that are a fundamental part of the Paris Agreement and pioneered sustainable ways to reduce emissions.

He has been a major contributor to the IPCC since 1991, with a record number of roles across all four dimensions of the IPCC: climate science, impacts and adaptation, mitigation and GHG inventories, sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with other IPCC contributors and Al Gore.