

The Corporate Reporting squeeze

Lyonsbennett and Foresight Group highlighted how automation improves accuracy, strengthens coordination, saves time and reduces risk in corporate reporting.

Why Reporting Pressure Is Rising

Corporate reporting has become longer, more complex and more regulated. Teams face increasing expectations from investors and growing sustainability and governance disclosures.

2010

80–100 pages

Strategic report

Basic governance disclosures

Business model overview

Risk section

Now

150–200 pages

Gender diversity reporting

Expanded risk reporting

Viability statement

Non-financial reporting

Enhanced audit & remuneration disclosures

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Pressures Facing Reporting Teams

Reporting teams face rising pressure as reports grow longer, regulations expand and investors expect deeper transparency. Tight timelines, heavy audits and shifting market conditions make it increasingly difficult to maintain accuracy, consistency and control.

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Expanding Regulatory Burden

Regulations and disclosure requirements continue to grow year after year.

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Investor Demand for Transparency

Investors expect deeper insight, more data and clearer reporting.

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Time-Intensive Audit Cycles

Auditors require detailed scrutiny, adding pressure late in the process.

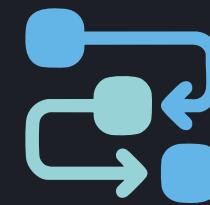
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Narrative & Consistency Challenges

Maintaining a coherent story across long, multi-contributor reports is harder than ever.

Where Time Gets Lost

Small edits create large amounts of unnecessary admin, taking focus away from storytelling and value-added content.



Manual Data Updating



Fragmented Version Management



Late Stakeholder Feedback



Design & Repagination Delays

“So much time isn’t spent writing — it’s spent making sure all the information is correct and aligned everywhere.”

MATHEUS FIERRO

INVESTOR RELATIONS LEAD,
FORESIGHT SOLAR (FSFL)

The Struggle to Maintain a Clear Narrative

As reports become longer and more complex, teams struggle to balance data, messaging and market developments while ensuring the story remains coherent and investor-focused.



Audit & Verification Bottlenecks

Audit cycles require deep scrutiny and detailed verification, often adding pressure late in the reporting process. Managing comments, sources and evidence manually can slow progress and create uncertainty.

Detailed checks

Verification requires detailed checks across multiple sections.

Late-stage audit comments

Audit comments often arrive late, creating last-minute rework.

Manual source tracking

Manual source tracking slows teams and increases risk.

“Verification takes a huge amount of work. Tracking sources manually across a long report is where things often slow down.”

KATIE DUNCANSON
CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LYONSBENNETT

Building a More Efficient Reporting Process

Reporting teams need a better way to manage growing reporting demands. Automation supports this by helping teams work more confidently and reduce risk across the entire reporting cycle.

WHAT REPORTING TEAMS NEED

Single source of truth

Centralised content keeps everyone aligned with the latest version.

Linked data

Numbers update everywhere automatically—reducing manual edits.

Permissions & controls

Defined access prevents version chaos and supports controlled collaboration.

Workflow visibility

Teams can see what's complete, what's pending and what needs review.

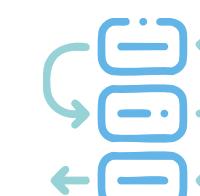
HOW AUTOMATION HELPS



Automated updates



Error reduction



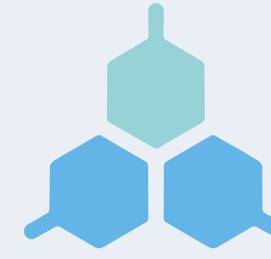
Workflow automation



Real-time collaboration

A Smarter Way to Manage Corporate Reporting

ScribeStar uses intelligent automation to improve the quality and integrity of corporate reporting. By automating data, verification and disclosures, it reduces risk and frees teams to focus on insight, strategy and narrative.

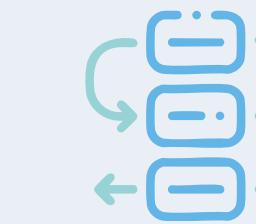


INTELLIGENT DATA SYNCHRONISATION

Data updates flow automatically across the entire report, keeping numbers, tables and references consistent.

IMPROVES ACCURACY & CONSISTENCY

DELIVERS FEWER ERRORS, FASTER UPDATES



STRUCTURED DISCLOSURE MANAGEMENT

Disclosures are managed within a controlled framework, not scattered across documents.

IMPROVES COMPLETENESS & COMPLIANCE

DELIVERS LOWER REGULATORY RISK

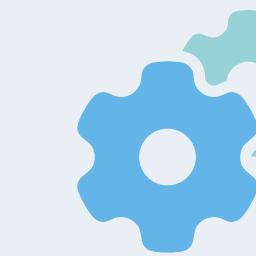


BUILT-IN VERIFICATION & AUDIT CONFIDENCE

Verification is embedded into the process, not handled manually at the end.

IMPROVES CONTENT INTEGRITY

DELIVERS REDUCED AUDIT RISK AND REWORK



REDUCED MANUAL EFFORT

Intelligent rules replace repetitive manual checks and admin tasks.

IMPROVES PROCESS RELIABILITY

DELIVERS TIME FREED FOR STRATEGY AND STORYTELLING

Case Insight: Foresight Solar

With a small IR team managing a large and evolving annual report, Foresight needed more certainty and fewer manual processes. Scribestar gave them a smoother workflow, clearer visibility and a more controlled path from drafting to publication.

Higher Confidence in Data Origins

They gained clarity on where every figure came from and how it was used across the report.

More Predictable Reporting Timeline

The team experienced fewer unexpected delays, allowing them to plan more effectively.

Reduced Cognitive Load

Automation removed much of the mental burden of tracking versions, data changes and responsibilities.

Better Cross-Team Alignment

Board members, advisers and auditors engaged with cleaner, more organised sections – improving responsiveness.

Faster Stabilisation of the Draft

The report stabilised earlier in the process, giving more time for refinement and design.

A More Sustainable Way of Working

The process became manageable without adding headcount or increasing pressure on the IR team.

“Automation didn’t just reduce risk – it made the entire process feel more controlled.”

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The Future of Corporate Reporting

Corporate reporting is shifting toward more structured, digital, and machine-readable formats. With rising expectations from regulators, investors and auditors, the future will demand greater consistency, better data connectivity and smarter tools.

Digital-First Output

Reports designed for online consumption, not just print PDFs.

Structured, Machine-Readable Formats

XHTML and tagged disclosures becoming the norm.

AI-Ready Content

Reports built to be interpreted by automated readers and analysis tools.

More Connected Data

Financial, ESG and narrative sections linked for consistency.

Greater Transparency Expectations

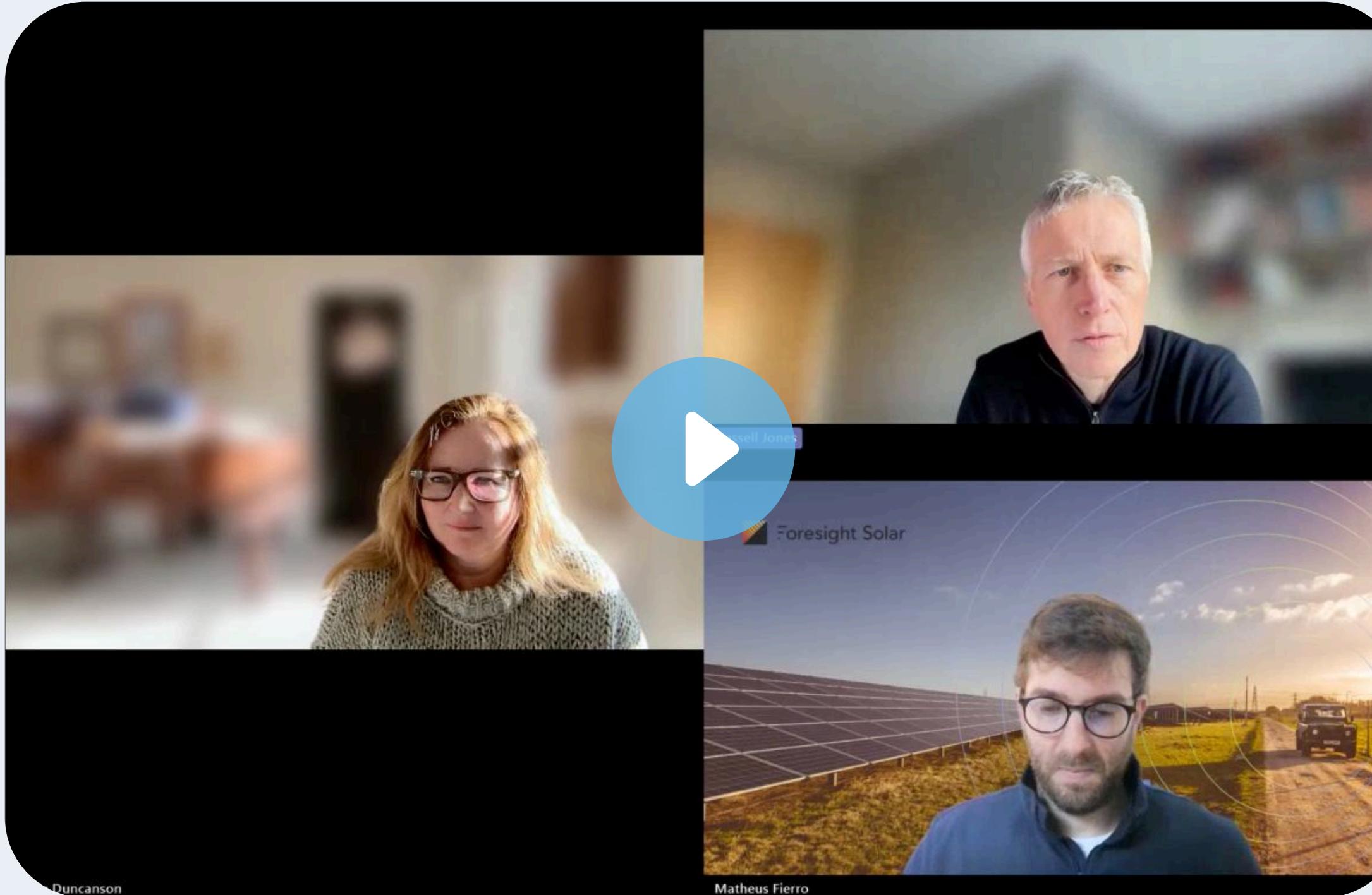
Stakeholders want more forward-looking insights and clarity.

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In Summary

<p>Reporting Is Becoming More Demanding</p> <p>Disclosure requirements and investor expectations continue to expand each year.</p>	<p>Manual Work Slows Teams Down</p> <p>Much of the reporting cycle is lost to repetitive updates and version control.</p>	<p>Narrative Gets Harder to Maintain</p> <p>Longer reports and shifting inputs make it harder to maintain a clear story.</p>	<p>Audit Creates Late-Stage Pressure</p> <p>Detailed checks and manual verification extend timelines and add risk.</p>
<p>Automation Eliminates Repetition</p> <p>Structured tools remove manual tasks and reduce human error.</p>	<p>Data Stays Consistent Across the Report</p> <p>Linked content ensures numbers and messages remain aligned.</p>	<p>Collaboration Becomes More Predictable</p> <p>Clear roles, workflows and permissions keep teams on track.</p>	<p>Automation Brings Control Back to the Team</p> <p>With visibility and consistency built in, the entire reporting cycle runs smoother.</p>



Watch the full webinar

We hope Foresight and Lyonsbennett's journey sparked ideas for your own.

Let's keep the conversation going.

Thank You!