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Local Landcare Group contact details

Date

Name of Member/Candidate

Dear Member/Candidate Name

**Re: LANDCARE COMMUNITIES – AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE**

A policy roadmap for Landcare in Australia

The World Economic Forum’s 2019 Global Risks Report *noted,”Of all risks, it is in relation to the environment that the world is most clearly sleepwalking into catastrophe.* Australia is not immune from these changes, but community Landcare can continue to play the important role it has for the past 30 years under all governments.

We are the (name your group) and have been active in this area for ?? years in helping our waterways, and landscapes become more resilient – bringing them back to pre-1770 conditions. We also focus on improving knowledge about the local environment and soils and ways to farms sustainably*. Make this para relevant for your group and area.*

The National Landcare Network, the peak body for state and territory community Landcare organizations with Landcare Australia have compiled *‘Landcare Communities - Australia’s Future’ -* a Policy Roadmap for Landcare in Australia.

We commend this document to you (even though we recognize you are busy!) and seek your support and the support of your party for a strengthened pledge to community Landcare. We want to further build engagement of volunteers across the country, get funding delivered at the most local level possible supported by paid local coordinators/facilitators.

Specific key elements of the Policy Roadmap are listed below. We are interested to know your responses to them. The response from your party will be summarized along with responses from other parties and provided through the Landcare Organizations to their estimated 6,000 groups and tens of thousands of landcarers across Australia. In particular we are hoping to develop a Federal Parliamentary Friends of Landcare in the next parliament and would like to know if you would be interested in joining or leading such as ‘friends” group’.

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| ***Will you play your part to support any or all of the following Policy Roadmap for Landcare specific elements?*** *(circle your choice)* |
| 1. Increased levels of funding to community Landcare (currently less than 1997-98 levels)
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. A review of National Landcare/ Natural Resource Management model of delivery to the most local level through community Landcare - $1M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. Local on ground action grants through State and Territory Landcare Organisations as local, regional and collaborative grants - $120M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. Local landcare facilitators/coordinators and regional networkers and Hubs $109M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. Support for Traditional Owners working on country $42M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. Support engagement of young Australians in landcare - schools and youth $8M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
| 1. Support National Landcare Organisations - keep one voice strong $4M/year
 | ***Yes*** | ***No*** |
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Feel free to comment further and indicate how you would see these initiatives being delivered in your electorate.

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Would you be interested in joining or leading a Federal Parliamentary Friends of Landcare in the next parliament?

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The Landcare Organisations, including ours, are jointly proposing a new investment model, to support a Landcare movement that is community driven at all scales, successfully weaving local solutions into meeting regional, national and international priorities.

We hope you will respond to express your support for this model, and look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely

Local landcare group Chair or CEO

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