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Landcare Australia Strategy Forum

A range of Australia's leading environmental, scientific, agricultural and business minds will come together as part of a new forum that will provide cutting edge thinking to assist the Board of Landcare Australia as it continues to help build the capacity of the Landcare community to better manage Australia's crucial land and water assets.

The Chairman of the Landcare Australia Strategy Forum, Campbell Anderson, is the current Chair of Landcare Australia and a former President of the Business Council of Australia. "The Strategy Forum has been established to give Landcare Australia access to thought leaders in setting its future directions in delivering on what it does best – leverage resources and capacity to assist landcare communities protect and manage Australia's precious landscapes."

"The Forum's members bring to the table an incredibly diverse range of skills and knowledge in areas such as engagement, education, fundraising and science," Mr Anderson said.

Landcare Australia CEO, Tessa Jakszewicz, said the 14-person Landcare Australia Strategy Forum will meet for the first time on Wednesday 9th December to identify and address landcare challenges, priorities and opportunities.

"The Forum will assist Landcare Australia in its mission to build capacity for landcare communities to better manage Australia's crucial land and water assets, and increase our ability to achieve our vision for all Australians to actively care for the land and water that sustain us."

"In the face of an ever-changing climate, record biodiversity losses and increased demands on agriculture, the role of Landcare Australia and Landcare volunteers everywhere has never been more important", she said.

The Strategy Forum has a standing invitation for the Commonwealth of Australia Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment to nominate one of their senior staff members to attend all meetings of the Strategy Forum.

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About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation, leading the promotion of and providing financial support to the Landcare national resource management programme in Australia; aligning the practice of environmental management with land productivity, and devolving governance and management to local communities.

Landcare Australia works collaboratively with federal, state and local governments, corporate partners and sponsors, and individuals, to deliver hundreds of projects annually through the volunteer efforts of local community groups, indigenous groups, and the more than 5,300 Landcare and Coastcare groups across Australia.

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