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Celebrating 20 years of
Environmental Stewardship

Annual Review



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Chairman's Address

As we mark the 20th anniversary of the Purves Environmental Fund (PEF) in 2024, I find myself reflecting on a journey that began with a simple yet profound commitment: to make a meaningful difference for Australia's environment by investing not just financial resources, but also my time and energy.

In 2004, after realising an investment in the health sector, I made a mid-career decision to tackle the major environmental challenges facing our nation. I invited a close circle of business colleagues to join this endeavour, and I am profoundly grateful that 20 years later, they remain steadfastly committed to our mission.

The environmental philanthropy landscape is undeniably complex. Finding effective pathways for meaningful impact requires careful navigation, particularly given the often politicised nature of environmental issues. Despite these challenges, I believe the PEF has made significant contributions across several crucial areas:

- Advocating for and finally witnessing worthwhile reform in water management within the Murray-Darling Basin.
- Advancing actions on and understanding of climate change.

- Strengthening the capacity of environmental organisations to effectively challenge vested interests and government inaction.
- Building environmental leadership from within key organisations.

Looking back over two decades, I take pride in how we've helped strengthen vital environmental organisations. Whether through our support of WWF-Australia, the Climate Council, the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, or more recently, Environmental Defenders Office and the Invasive Species Council, we've consistently invested in building institutional capacity.

Beyond these cornerstone partnerships, we've funded numerous smaller, catalytic projects designed to create momentum around specific issues. The ice bear sculpture at Sydney's Circular Quay stands out as one such initiative—a powerful visual statement on Arctic wildlife threatened by climate change that reached an estimated 7 million people through media coverage and foot traffic.

Over these 20 years, it's heartening to witness a significant increase in environmental philanthropy. However, the pool of environmental funding remains disproportionately small compared to sectors like health and education.

Encouragingly, we're seeing environmental philanthropists increasingly coming together to fund collaboratively, largely thanks to the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network, which plays a vital role in enhancing and coordinating environmental funding.

Reflecting on the past 12 months, the environmental sector has seen limited major reforms at the federal level under the current government. Critical initiatives — reform of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and water buybacks for environmental flows — have been deprioritised, though support for renewable energy development offers a bright spot.

In today's world, environmental challenges can seem overwhelming, but two things give me hope. First, the corporate sector is undergoing considerable transformation, not just adapting to but increasingly benefiting from a decarbonising economy. Second, younger generations are demanding more decisive action for a greener planet with unprecedented clarity and passion.

As we move beyond our 20-year milestone — having directed over \$20 million in direct grants and leveraged nearly \$10 million in joint funding — we remain committed to supporting environmental organisations with increasing strategic focus and impact.



Finally, my sincere thanks to our co-funders who have partnered with us over the years — together, we are indeed stronger. To Geoff, Ian, Richard, and Rhett, thank you for your time and insights. And to Erika, my deepest gratitude for all you do for the PEF.

Robert Purves AM

About the Purves Environmental Fund

Vision

The PEF's vision is an environmentally sustainable world in which biodiversity is preserved.

Mission

The mission of the PEF is to advance, primarily through education of individuals and organisations, environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity.

Objectives

The PEF grants gifts (funds) to enable and empower others working towards environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity.

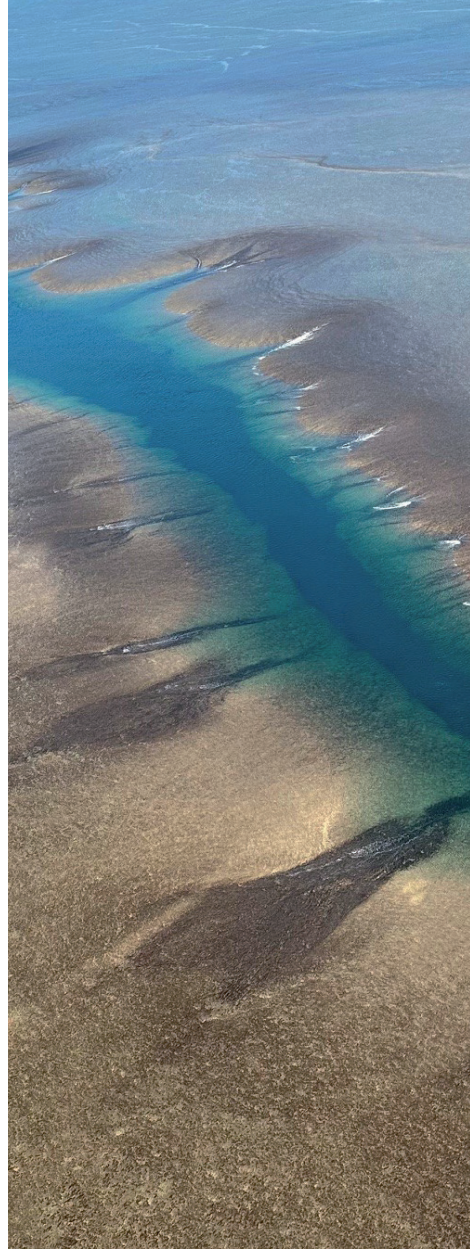
We aim to:

- Act as catalysts to change;
- Fill gaps in effecting change;
- Break down barriers to action;
- Support creation of new thinking and practice;
- Provide bold leadership; and,
- Encourage participation of stakeholders.

Charitable Purpose

The charitable purposes of the PEF are:

- a) To protect and enhance the natural environment;
- b) To enhance the protection of Australia's unique biodiversity for the benefit of future generations through the protection of native species and the ecological processes that support them, particularly in the primary production landscape;
- c) To provide information and education about the natural environment and to improve the Australian community's understanding of the urgent need for greater sustainability; and,
- d) To support scientific research and field projects that are aimed at supporting catalytic work to find solutions for important environmental issues not currently supported by environmental groups or government.



Reviewing the Past 20 Years

Achieving meaningful impact through gifting

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the PEF. We dedicate all our gifting to the environment, and seek to yield meaningful impact by collaborating with groups capable of delivering significant positive effects in preserving Australia's unique nature and biodiversity. Over the past two

decades, our gifting has achieved great successes in building capacities of effective organisations, shifting environmental storytelling, introducing beverage litter mitigation schemes, and addressing invasive species as one of the top biodiversity threats.

Building environmental champions

The PEF was integral in establishing or empowering several influential NGOs. As a foundational funder of the Climate Council and the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, we provided crucial core support during their establishment. The Climate Council has since become a key organisation providing evidence-based information on climate science. Meanwhile, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientist has established itself as a renowned organisation for its science-driven policy reforms on natural resource management.

In addition, we funded the growth of the fundraising programs of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Environmental

Defenders Office, Farmers for Climate Action, and Invasive Species Council to strengthen their operational capacity. Each organisation has built robust programs that sustain operations through income diversification, including regular donor programs.

Furthermore, the PEF was a key proponent of merging eight state-based Environmental Defenders Office into one national organisation, and led philanthropic crowdfunding through the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN). The merged organisation has become the largest environmental legal centre in the Australia-Pacific region.

Reframing environmental storytelling

To reverse the negative impacts of humans on nature, we need to raise awareness about the threats facing the environment to gain public support and seek governments to take appropriate actions. However, the environmental movement sometimes struggles to capture public attention with repeated messages. To address this, the PEF has pursued reconnecting people with nature and increasing awareness about its condition by supporting creative approaches. These include an artists' retreat and exhibition, poetry, books,

posters, theatres, documentaries and a mobile game app. These initiatives effectively communicate complex scientific and ecological concepts in accessible and powerful ways.

We also funded the amplification of key messages through development of school curriculum materials, such as the War on Waste curriculum by Cool.org, which is shifting students' perspectives on waste issues.

Achieving policy change

The PEF backed Boomerang Alliance's campaign to bring back beverage container refund scheme (CRS) to address drink container waste and litter. Despite industry opposition, the campaign achieved CRS implementation in NSW and ACT in 2017, followed by QLD in 2018 and WA in 2020. These schemes have reduced litter volume by 57% and doubled recycling to 65%. CRS will be available nationwide by mid-2025 with the remaining states, Victoria and Tasmania, finally joining others.

In addition, despite being a top threat to biodiversity, invasive species does not receive the same level of attention as climate change or habitat destruction. In 2021-22, the PEF identified invasive species as a key funding focus area and has been supporting the Invasive Species Council's campaign to remove feral horses from Kosciuszko National Park. The campaign achieved a landmark decision in 2023, which overturned a 20-year ban on aerial control of the feral horse population in New South Wales.

Activities and Organisations Supported During 2023-2024

Our funding strategy

The PEF seeks to achieve meaningful environmental impacts through the following strategies:

- 1) Support establishment, protection, and/or reform of key environmental statutes and policies;
- 2) Aid capacity building and empowerment of the environmental movement by strengthening key NGOs' operational foundation and resources; and,
- 3) Assist in raising public awareness to mobilise support and action for change.

The PEF also establishes and periodically reviews funding focus areas that reflect the latest state of the environment and gaps to fill to effect positive environmental changes. Our current focus areas are:

- Preventing degradation of key biodiversity habitats
- Addressing unsustainable management of natural resources
- Mitigating pollution, particularly soft plastics.

The following pages report on organisations and initiatives that the PEF supported during 2023-24 that align with the above.

Preventing degradation of key biodiversity habitats

Invasive Species Council

invasives.org.au
reclaimkosci.org.au

The Invasive Species Council campaigns for better laws and protections for native plants and animals from weeds, pests and feral invaders. The PEF has been supporting the Reclaim Kosci campaign to ensure the NSW government accelerates the removal of feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park in line with the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Management Plan to protect its environmental values through analysis, awareness raising, community mobilisation and political advocacy.

2023-24 saw significant advancement with securing a landmark decision to overturn a two-decade-long ban on aerial shooting of feral horses in NSW in October 2023. The transformational win achieved a removal rate that exceeded the population growth rate for the first time in over 20 years, a key factor required to successfully reduce and control feral horse population in the fragile alpine ecosystem to allow recovery of key habitats for threatened native species. This win sets a powerful precedent for future conservation efforts around the country, and led to the delivery of a new aerial population control program in Barrington Tops National Park in late 2024.

The PEF also supports fundraising program growth and diversification to scale up operational capacity, which sustains organisational growth and helps achieve stronger biosecurity systems across Australia.



Horse-hooves damaged peatlands in a feral horse retention zone (healthy peatlands have smoother surface). Tin Mine Hut, Kosciuszko National Park.

Deforestation-Free Alliance

ecnt.org.au
watch-on-nature

In 2017, the PEF ran a challenge grant with AEGN members and raised \$2M to support the Deforestation-free Alliance's efforts to reduce excessive landclearing in Australia. In 2023- 24, the final allocation from this grant was made to Environment Centre NT to deliver a communication campaign to raise awareness about the need for proper nature protection laws, which are absent in the Territory.

Launched in September 2023, the campaign carried a positive message, celebrating unparalleled, precious, and unique natural and cultural values. It successfully raised awareness that these cherished values are under threat.

Complementing the media campaign, Watch on Nature, the Alliance's online citizen deforestation monitoring app, which was previously developed with support from the grant, played an instrumental role in unveiling major TV investigative stories on the scale of broadscale clearing that is occurring in the Territory led by the cotton industry, and helped raise awareness nationally.



Environment Centre NT
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The Northern Territory's nature is precious.

The NT's iconic natural landscapes are a national treasure, home to endangered species, unique ecosystems and timeless culture. Our landscapes make up the heart of the last remaining intact tropical savanna woodlands left anywhere on earth.

But the Territory's nature is under threat.

Feral animals, weeds, too much fire, over grazing and climate change have already destroyed ecosystems and pushed native species to the brink of extinction.

Now, broadscale land clearing is skyrocketing in the NT due to cotton, fracking and plans for massive industrial developments.

Current laws do not protect the NT's nature.

- The NT is the only jurisdiction without land clearing laws.
- The NT does not have specific biodiversity conservation law.
- There is no plan of action to save our threatened species.
- The NT is the only place in Australia without State of the Environment Reporting.
- The NT has the weakest environmental community rights in the country - community concerns are sidelined.

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What have you got to lose?

Everything.



Sign the petition for NT Nature Laws, today.

Bob Brown Foundation

bobbrown.org.au

Bob Brown Foundation campaigns and takes peaceful, direct action to save some of the last remaining wild places and the wildlife they cradle. In 2023-24, the PEF funded the expansion of its Campaign Science Program, which incorporates new technology into biodiversity habitat surveys. The enhanced habitat surveys produce critical evidence of the existence of threatened species and empower the Foundation's campaigns to protect forests. The program monitored and gathered evidence of Tasmanian Masked Owls, Swift Parrots, Azure Kingfishers and Grey Goshawks, all listed as threatened but poorly studied in ancient forests of Tasmania. The program collected evidence that challenged logging in a Swift Parrot habitat, and led to the abandonment of logging from a Masked Owl habitat.



Australian National University

greatforestnationalpark.com.au

The PEF supported Professor David Lindenmeyer's team's capacity to leverage communication, community outreach, and scientific monitoring to build the case for a Great Forest National Park to protect Mountain Ash forests in the Central Highlands of Victoria. The forests support some of the world's tallest flowering plants and provide important habitat to the critically endangered Leadbeater's possums. The forests are also the most carbon-dense in the world, providing almost all of the water for the entire population of Melbourne.



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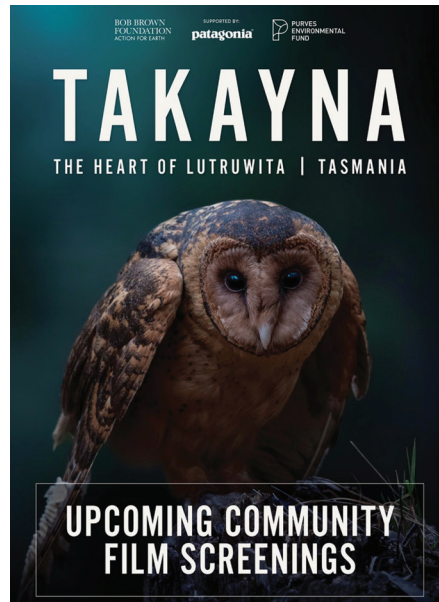
In 2023-24, the team published a scientific paper on why the forests should be listed as a Threatened Ecological Community, and made a formal application to the Federal Government.

TAKAYNA

takayna.org

The PEF funded the production of a documentary, *Takayna – the Heart of Lutruwita*, which, through the power of personal stories, takes viewers on a journey to the vast and threatened landscapes of Australia's largest temperate rainforest in northwest Tasmania.

The documentary seeks to inspire and bring hope to the battle to defend Takayna from mining and logging. Launched on 13 November 2024, it is currently being screened across the nation.





The Tree Projects

thetreeprojects.com

The PEF provided general support in 2023-24 to the Tree Projects, an environmental outreach organisation in Tasmania that aims to educate and inspire people about trees and forests, and why it is essential to protect them. The Tree Projects has run a successful campaign to protect the Grove of Giants in Huon Valley from logging, and is working on raising awareness about these giant trees to seek their permanent protection.



Addressing unsustainable management of natural resources

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

wentworthgroup.org

The PEF is a major sponsor of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, providing core funding to cover operational and management costs.

WENTWORTH GROUP
OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists is an independent, member-based group working to secure the long-term health of Australia's land, water and biodiversity. Members comprise many of Australia's leading experts in climate science, biodiversity conservation and natural resource management, as well as eminent environmental lawyers, sustainable-business leaders and natural capital market experts.

Since its establishment in 2002, the Wentworth Group has built a strong reputation for providing solutions-based, science-driven policy reforms underpinned by robust, useable research (often produced in-house or in collaboration with other relevant subject matter experts). Central to the Wentworth Group's success is its ability to bring together Australia's leading experts across a range of disciplines to put forward innovative public policy solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges, solutions that will benefit the environment, communities and the economy.

The Wentworth Group leverages significant value through the generous and significant pro-bono contributions provided by its Members and board of directors. A small secretariat fully capitalises on these pro-bono contributions and ensures Members are connected to key decision makers across the country, including the politicians and government officials responsible for setting Australia's climate and environmental policies.

In 2024, the Wentworth Group welcomed Dr Matthew Colloff as a Member. The Wentworth Group is also especially grateful to Ms Ilona Millar, Prof. Samantha Capon, Prof. Stuart Phinn, Dr Peter Scarth, Dr Michelle Ward and Ms Fabiola Silva for their contributions to the Wentworth Group's work this year, in addition to the numerous contributors listed in the Blueprints and Reports released by the Group in 2024. The Wentworth Group is grateful for the generous support of the Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation, Australian Geographic Society, Besen Family Foundation, Coniston Fund of the Charitable Aid Foundation, the Ian Potter Foundation, the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Melliodora Fund of the Australian Communities Foundation, Pool of Dreams sub-fund of the Community Impact Foundation, WWF Australia and individual donors from the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network.

Water reform

In 2024, a key focus for the Wentworth Group was laying the groundwork for meaningful reforms to the Murray Darling Basin Plan, to ensure that public funding invested in managing Australia's most significant river system that actually delivers positive long-term outcomes for Basin ecosystems and communities.

The report, "Murky waters running clearer? Monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the state of the Murray–Darling Basin after more than three decades of policy reform", assessed the health of the Basin across five key indicator groups: environmental, social, First Nations, economic and compliance. The report was authored by 12 leading experts in water reform, five of whom are Wentworth Group Members. After 30 years of management and billions of dollars worth of public funding, it comes at critical time and provides a strong evidence-base to inform the upcoming statutory review of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Furthermore, the Wentworth Group provided recommendations to Commonwealth and state governments on opportunities to advance water management for the benefit of people and the environment, including:

- Briefings and written submissions on a reformed National Water Initiative. This provided an opportunity to continue to seek reforms, which would address major gaps in the *Water Act 2007* and *Water (Restoring Our Rivers) Amendment Act 2023*, such as Indigenous water rights and climate change.

- Recommendations to the NSW Water Minister for improving First Nations water rights, contributing to a commitment from the NSW Government to reserve a portion of unassigned water for transfer to Indigenous people and Nations.
- Expert advice to the Independent Connectivity Expert Panel, to improve flows and enhance environmental outcomes in the connected catchments of the Northern Basin.

The Wentworth Group also co-authored multiple academic papers, including an assessment of the delivery of the flows required to achieve environmental outcomes in the rivers of the Murray Darling Basin. The paper, “Are environmental water requirements being met in the Murray–Darling Basin, Australia?”, was published in the *Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research*.

Landscape conservation

One of Australia's most significant public policy challenges is to overcome the systemic degradation of our landscapes and loss of biodiversity, while managing the pressures arising from a growing population and increasing global demand for food, fibre, energy and minerals.

The Wentworth Group's landmark, “Blueprint to Repair Australia's Landscapes”, launched at the National Press Club in July 2024, set out a 30-year prospectus for repairing Australia's landscapes. It provided the roadmap for turning around 200+ years of environmental decline and repairing our soils, native vegetation, freshwater and coastal ecosystems, and threatened species. It is the most comprehensive assessment of its kind and includes a series of costed actions that are known to work. The Blueprint ensured that government spending on nature remained high on the political radar in 2024.

Furthermore, protection of native vegetation is one of the most important ways to improve landscape health, and understanding vegetation extent and change is essential to supporting improved land management, conservation and restoration planning. Yet timely, publicly accessible, national mapping of vegetation change remains a crucial data gap. In 2024, the Wentworth Group together with WWF Australia completed a major project that tested the use of remotely sensed imagery to produce maps of the location and extent of native vegetation across Australia. The model produced as a result of this project provides a substantial step forward in national vegetation mapping.

Moreover, in 2024, the Wentworth Group engaged closely with the NSW Government to advise on the key components needed for an effective land management framework in NSW. The NSW Plan for Nature, which outlines the Government's response to reviews of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and the landclearing codes of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, reflected many of the Wentworth Group's recommendations. The Group also provided a submission and appeared at a senate hearing into proposed amendments

to the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme, which resulted in a strengthening of mandatory reporting requirements under the scheme and additional measures that may be adopted in subsequent regulatory amendments.

Lastly, the Wentworth Group also engaged closely in the federal environmental law reform process, attending consultation 'lock-ups', briefing elected officials, providing multiple submissions and appearing at Senate inquiries. However, the Government failed to secure the promised national environmental law reforms, and the Wentworth Group is now considering different pathways.

Environment Centre NT

ecnt.org.au

The Environment Centre NT is the NT's peak non-government environmental advocacy organisation. Since 2021, the PEF has supported a campaign to introduce new native vegetation and biodiversity conservation statutes in the NT.

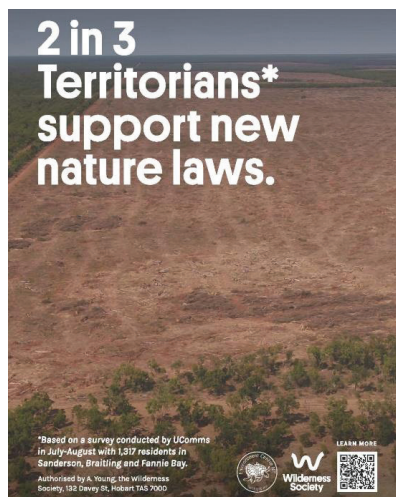
The Territory is the only jurisdiction in Australia without native vegetation laws. Clearing and burning savannas also releases a considerable amount of greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

ECNT has been successfully raising community awareness and concerns about the lack of protections, working in solidarity with Traditional Owners in their fight against landclearing, and obtaining broad stakeholder support for new nature laws. A poll run in August 2024 demonstrated 70% support for new NT nature laws in metropolitan areas. However, ECNT couldn't secure bipartisan commitment to biodiversity legislative reform ahead of the Territory 2024 Election, which would have provided a strong opportunity to progress it. ECNT continues to build on the successes made to date to seek stronger nature protection.



Environment Centre NT

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Mitigating plastic pollution

Boomerang Alliance

boomerangalliance.org.au

Established in 2003 to campaign for zero waste and an end to plastic pollution, Boomerang Alliance is the leading NGO advocating for a circular economy on behalf of a national network of 55 allied organisations. In 2023-24, the PEF supported Boomerang Alliance's campaign to establish an industry-funded product stewardship scheme for packaging that includes mandatory packaging reduction and recycling targets.



Only 20% of Australian plastic packaging is currently recovered, and 88% of soft plastics used in packaging have poor recycling potential or are deemed unrecyclable. To resolve this, the campaign calls for a national recycling target of 70% by 2026, and seeks a legally binding stewardship scheme that embraces packaging redesign, recycled content targets, and comprehensive collection of waste packaging, recycling and reuse.

During 2023-24, the Alliance briefed Australian Environment Ministers, mobilised supporters and the wider community, conducted a supermarket packaging audit, and highlighted misleading soft plastic disposal information on the Australian Recycling Label. In late 2024, the Federal Government released a consultation paper on potential packaging reform options, which included the Boomerang Alliance model of extended producer responsibility scheme.



Across all focus areas

Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)

edo.org.au

EDO is the largest environmental legal centre in the Australia-Pacific region. It is dedicated to protecting our climate, communities, and shared environment by providing access to justice, running groundbreaking litigation, and leading law reform advocacy.



Environmental
Defenders Office

In 2023-24, the PEF supported leveraging EDO's capacity to engage with the reform of federal environment law through direct engagement in consultation processes, and the provision of expert legal advice to stakeholders, including government, MPs and other environmental NGOs. EDO's engagement in the federal environmental law reform process has helped:

- Ensure biodiversity offsets are excluded from the nature repair market so that projects certified through the market cannot be used to justify nature destruction elsewhere;
- Expand the 'water trigger' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* so that it covers all forms of unconventional gas; and,
- Stop proposed exemptions from national environmental law for offshore oil and gas approvals.

Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network

aegn.org.au

The PEF is a Leading Supporter of the AEGN. The AEGN is a national network of philanthropists, united by a vision for a future where our climate is stable, and people and nature thrive. It aims to grow effective funding for the environment and climate by supporting its members to give as much as they can, as well as they can, while encouraging others to do the same.



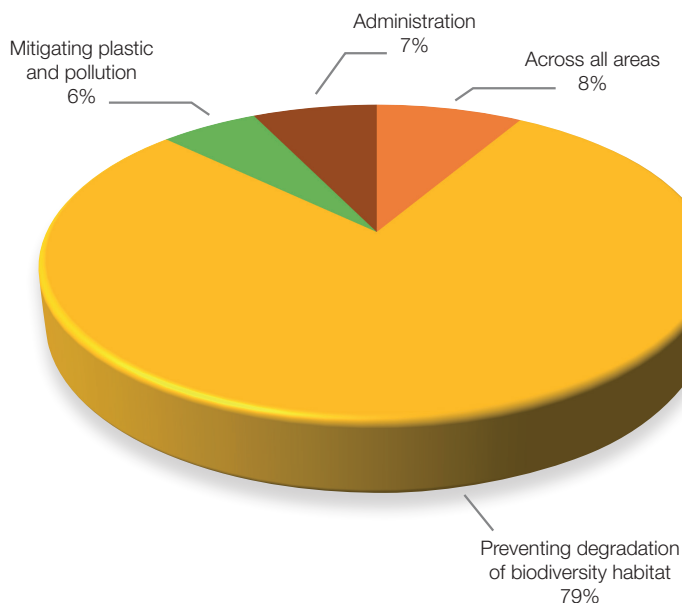
Financial Summary

As a public fund, the PEF receives donations from the public. The main source of funding is from a private trust, the Purves Private Fund.

The PEF receives an in-kind donation of office space and administrative support from RPG Management Pty Ltd.

2023-2024 Expenditure Analysis

The diagram below depicts expenditure by category.

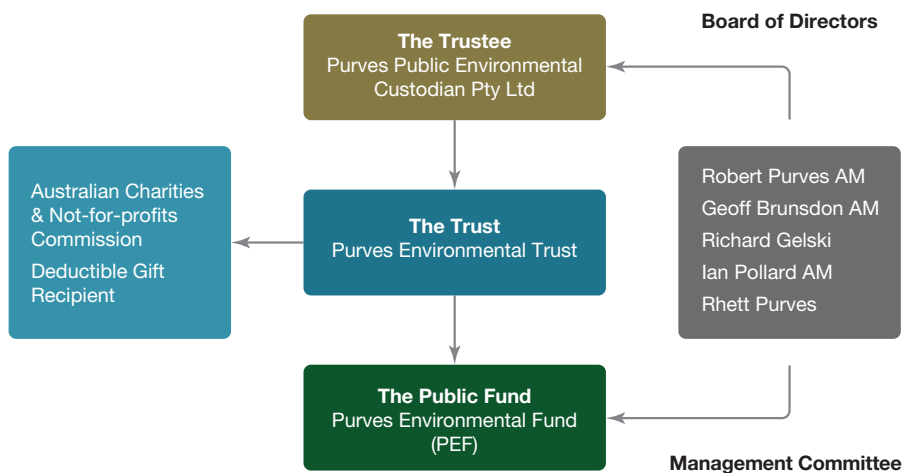




Fund Structure

The Purves Environmental Fund is the Public Fund of the Purves Environmental Trust. The Trustee of the Trust is the Purves Public Environmental Custodian Pty Limited (the Trustee Company), which is a company limited by shares. The Purves Environmental Trust was founded in 2004 by Robert Purves AM.

The PEF operates on a not-for-profit basis. The Trust is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is a Deductible Gift Recipient (ABN 78 930 366 807).



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Trustee Company governs Purves Environmental Trust. The Board members also form the Management Committee of Purves Environmental Fund (PEF). The Board sets the strategic direction and policy of the PEF, approves the annual budget and regularly reviews the operations and financial status of the organisation. In their capacity as members of the PEF's Management Committee, the Board also approves PEF's support for individual projects. The Board ensures compliance with the Corporations Act and Income Assessment Act, as well as the requirements of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

The Directors are:

Geoff Brunsdon AM is a professional company director and is Chairman of QIC Ltd and PayPal Australia Pty Ltd. In 2009, he retired as Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking of Merrill Lynch International (Australia) Limited. Geoff was a Member of the Takeovers Panel between 2007 and 2016, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a Fellow of FINSIA and a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors. He is a Patron of Redkite.

Richard Gelski is a consultant at corporate law firm Johnson Winter Slattery. He has over 40 years' experience as a University academic, barrister and solicitor. He sits on a number of company boards as well as a number of Private Foundations. For the past twenty years Richard has

provided pro bono work to charitable funds and created a variety of private charitable foundations.

Dr Ian Pollard AM is a company director and actuary. He is currently Chairman of RGA Australia, the Sax Institute, and the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. Ian was previously Chairman of Billabong International, Corporate Express Australia and Just Group. Ian is also an executive coach with Foresight's Global Coaching. A Rhodes Scholar, Ian has written a number of books and papers, principally in the areas of corporate finance and human development. He has also been active in a number of not-for-profit organisations, principally involved with youth or with public policy.

Robert Purves AM is a businessman and an environmentalist. He has served as Chairman/Director of several public companies. Currently, Robert is a board member of Landcare Australia and the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. He is also a Patron of the Lizard Island Research Station and an Honorary Life Member of Tasmanian Land Conservancy. Robert is also a former President of WWF-Australia, and a former Director of WWF-International and Climate Council.

Rhett Purves is an investment professional and corporate strategist. He is currently an investment manager working in funds management, where he manages a multi-asset portfolio. Prior to that he led large-scale business strategies and transformations across Woolworths Group, including at Woolworths Supermarkets, Supply Chain and BIG W. He holds a Bachelor of Business (Hons), Finance.

Company Secretary

Erika Hosoyama oversees the day-to-day management of the PEF as the Environmental Officer. She is also the Company Secretary for the Trustee Company and supports the Board with strategic planning, performance, and operational matters. She has a background in communications and community relations, and holds degrees in environmental science and environmental law.

Auditors

The Purves Environmental Fund is audited by Calibre Partners Pty Ltd (Level 8, 1 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000).

Environmental Policy

The PEF has an environmental policy that aims to reduce the environmental footprint of the PEF's activities. This is done by neutralising greenhouse gas emissions from staff air travel by purchasing carbon offsets, buying eco-friendly office supplies and products, where available, and recycling office waste.

Supporting the Purves Environmental Fund

The PEF welcomes donations, which are used to support the important work of advancing environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity. To make a tax-deductible donation, please either contact us to obtain bank details or send us a cheque payable to Purves Environmental Fund with your name and address details.

Applying for Funding

Funding is available to activities that meet the PEF's objectives and charitable purposes, and current strategy and focus areas. Applicants must complete an enquiry of interest (EOI) form available on our website. If the proposal is deemed to align with the PEF's scope, the applicant will be invited to submit a formal application for consideration by the Board.



Projects Supported Since Inception

Since its establishment in 2004, the Purves Environmental Fund has gifted \$22 million of benefactions. Below is the list of projects and organisations that the PEF has supported over the years (in alphabetical order):

2003/2004

- *Conservation on Private Lands: The Australian Experience*

2004/2005

- Climate Action Network Australia
- Environment Business Australia (EBA)
- The Climate Group
- *The Weather Makers*

2005/2006

- Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- EBA
- Clean Up Australia – Clean Fuels Campaign
- Climate Action Network Australia
- Tarkine National Coalition
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *The Weather Makers*
- Total Environment Centre
- Real Pictures “On Trial”

2006/2007

- EBA
- Creative Climate Brainstorm Network Meeting
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- Total Environment Centre
- *We are the Weather Makers*
- *Weather or not it's a Climate for Change*
- WWF-Australia Macquarie Island Conservation

2007/2008

- Australia 2020 Summit
- AEGN
- AYCC – school climate messengers
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- EBA
- Emerald Awards by Climate Leaders
- Environment Centre of Northern Territory
- *On Our Watch*
- “On Borrowed Time” Learning Resource
- State Library of NSW – Fellowship in Environment & Conservation
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- Total Environment Centre
- Wakakiri
- *Weather or not it's a Climate for Change*
- WWF New Zealand

2008/2009

- AEGN
- AYCC – school climate messengers
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Copenhagen Climate Council
- Earth Hour 2009
- EBA
- Environment Centre for NT
- “On Borrowed Time” Learning Resource
- *On Our Watch*

- State Library of NSW fellowship
- Tarkine National Coalition/ Tarkine World Heritage
- Terrestrial Carbon Group
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Total Environment Centre
- World Congress of Science Producers
- WWF New Zealand

2009/2010

- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Power Shift
- Carbon Grazing Trust
- Centre for Sustainability Leadership
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Copenhagen Climate Council
- EBA
- Earthwatch Institute
- Environment Centre for NT
- State Library of NSW fellowship
- Tarkine National Coalition
- Total Environment Centre
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- WWF New Zealand

2010/2011

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Power Shift / Youth Decide
- Carbon Grazing Trust
- Centre for Sustainability Leadership

- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Environment Centre for NT
- Four Degrees or More? Conference
- Green Way Up
- Peter Cullen Trust
- SBA (formerly EBA)
- Sydney Ice Bear
- Tarkine National Coalition
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Total Environment Centre
- WWF New Zealand

2011/2012

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Changing Hearts and Minds Tour
- Environment Centre for NT
- Four Degrees or More? Conference
- Griffin Theatre – *Between Two Waves*
- Simon McGrath – “Who left the tap running?”
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy
- TEC – NSW land clearing law review
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- SBA
- WWF-New Zealand

2012/2013

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC

- Environment Defenders Office (EDO) NSW
- Griffin Theatre – *Between Two Waves*
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy
- TEC
- SBA
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Wild Migration
- WWF-Australia
- WWF-New Zealand

2013/2014

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Climate Council of Australia
- Earth Hour 2014 and Flagship Event
- EDO NSW
- National Toxics Network (NTN)
- QuestaBird
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy – “The Skullbone Experiment”
- TEC
- Roar Film / Documentary Australia Foundation – “Projecting Skullbone Plains”
- SBA
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Wild Migration
- WWF-Australia
- WWF-New Zealand

2014/2015

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Climate Council of Australia
- Earth Hour 2015
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre for NT
- NTN
- Peter Cullen Trust
- QuestaGame
- SBA
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy – “The Skullbone Experiment”
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- Wild Migration
- WWF-New Zealand

2015/2016

- 25zero
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Centre for Australian Progress
- CLIMARTE
- Climate Council of Australia
- Climate Media Centre project
- *Deep Breathing* – Janet Laurence
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre NT
- *On Albatross Island*
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- WWF-New Zealand

2016/2017

- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Boomerang Bags
- CLIMARTE
- Climate Council of Australia
- Environment Centre NT
- Farmers for Climate Action (FCA)
- Sustainable Living Foundation
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- TLC
- WWF-New Zealand

2017/2018

- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Boomerang Bags
- Centre for Australian Progress
- Climate Council of Australia
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre NT
- FCA
- National Private Land Conservation Conference
- Stop Excessive Tree-clearing alliance
- TEC
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

2018/2019

- AEGN
- AYCC
- Bob Brown Foundation
- Boomerang Alliance
- Boomerang Bags
- Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia
- CLIMARTE

- Cool Australia
- Deforestation-Free Alliance (formerly Stop Excessive Tree-clearing alliance)
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre NT
- FCA
- Sustainable Living Foundation
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

2019/2020

- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Bags
- Deforestation-Free Alliance
- EDO
- Environment Centre NT
- Environmental Leadership Australia
- FCA
- Invasive Species Council
- Original Power
- QuestaGame
- Sustainable Living Foundation
- The Mulloon Institute
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

2020/2021

- Accounting for Nature
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Bob Brown Foundation
- ClimateClever
- Colong Foundation for Wilderness
- Deforestation-free Alliance
- EDO
- Environment Centre NT
- FCA
- Greening Australia
- Invasive Species Council
- *Requiem*

- Solar Citizens
- Taronga Conservation Society
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

2021/2022

- Accounting for Nature
- AEGN
- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Foundation for Wilderness (formerly Colong Foundation for Wilderness)
- Deforestation-free Alliance
- EDO
- Environment Centre NT
- Environmental Leadership Australia
- Invasive Species Council
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

2022/2023

- AEGN
- Deforestation-free Alliance
- EDO
- Environment Centre NT
- Farmers for Climate Action
- Invasive Species Council
- Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation
- Restore Lake Pedder
- *The Weeping Tree*
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists





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