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Chairman's Address

My passion continues to be Australia's unique landscapes and I remain committed to preserving them for future generations. Too often we have seen decisions that lead to further degradation of our wonderful country's natural assets for short term gain. It is as if to some that our natural world doesn't matter and has little value other than to exploit it. So it was heartening, on a recent trip to Tasmania (my second home), to see how things have changed for the better. There is a growing realisation that Tasmania's natural resources are, in fact, the state's greatest asset. Premier Will Hodgman has declared that his goal is to make "Tasmania the world's number one eco-tourism destination". What a far cry from the days of when Tasmania's natural assets were only perceived as valuable if they were chopped down and chipped and the land then converted into mono plantations. While there is still some of that, Tasmania is seeing the benefits of valuing it's natural assets based on how they can be experienced, i.e. tourism, rather than how they can be exploited. Other parts of Australia, however, seem to be regressing.

Tree clearing remains a key cause of species loss (along with invasive species) and is contributing to our greenhouse gas emissions. Whilst progress has been made

in Queensland post the election of a new government, NSW government's removal of laws to prohibit excessive tree clearing a few years ago are now starting to really bite resulting in a considerable increase in clearing rates. Alarming, according to a recent scientific report from WWF-Australia, the 'Premier State' is on track to having no koalas by 2050, as a result in no small way from shrinking suitable habitat for koalas. The Purves Environmental Fund (PEF) is the lead funding partner with a group of other philanthropic organisations supporting environmental NGOs to raise awareness of the issue and advocate for a more balanced approach to land management. This annual report highlights our work in this area during 2017-18. It is also worth pointing out the reality that tree clearing remains an issue in WA and NT, so there is plenty for the campaign to continue to work on.

Turning now to the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, the Group (as detailed in the report) has had a busy year, particularly in the area of water reform and environmental accounts. Suffice to say the National Water Initiative, introduced by the Howard Government, has stalled with some recent appalling breaches around water theft and corruption. This has resulted in declining community trust of appropriate



oversight by government across the whole Murray Darling Basin. The Wentworth Group continues to present solutions on water reform based on the best science whilst taking into account both economic and social demands.

The current drought and increasing impact of climate change on the rainfall patterns resulting in ever higher average temperatures and resultant higher evaporation rates are really starting to take hold. Surely it is time for politicians who claim that they represent rural communities to sit up, take note and act on the underlying issue of climate change. The Climate Council and Farmers for Climate Action, both organisations that the PEF supports, continue to engage with people in rural and regional areas who want expert scientific facts and a network of like-minded people who are demanding government action. In addition, the PEF remains a key funder of the Australian Youth Coalition for Climate Change that has galvanised over 100,000 young Australians to push for climate action.

The next federal election in 2019 is shaping up (again) with climate as a key issue. This time the vested interests, far right ideologues and their media backers will be met by a larger and better organised

group of everyday Australians demanding serious action from whoever is elected. A recent survey shows 65% of Australians see climate as a serious issue that needs government focus and resources.

My feeling is that we are approaching a tipping point of action on key issues of species loss, climate and water management in Australia. All generations are coming together, demonstrating how much they value the natural world in which we live. This is leading to real and effective changes in the way we do business and how we expect government to act.

The PEF will continue to support community groups that want to drive this process. This year in particular we have been able to extend our reach and impact by partnering with other like-minded philanthropic organisations and I would like to thank them for their support.

Finally, I wish to thank my colleagues on the PEF Board for their passion and commitment to think big and strive even higher to make a real difference. To Erika Hosoyama, our company secretary, thank you for overseeing the running of the Fund.

Robert Purves AM

December 2018

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.



Activities and Organisations Supported During Financial Year 2017-2018

Water Management & Biodiversity

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

www.wentworthgroup.org

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



The Wentworth Group is an independent group of eminent Australian scientists and economists. It was formed in 2002 with the objective of connecting science to public policy to improve the management of Australia's land and water resources and the conservation of Australia's biodiversity.

Since its establishment, the Wentworth Group has built a national reputation for practical, high quality, scientifically-based policy reforms to improve the management of Australia's land, water and biodiversity assets. Central to the success of the Wentworth Group is its ability to harness the voluntary assistance from highly qualified people who contribute their time, expertise and reputations to the development of public policy reforms.

As at 30 June 2018, members of the group were Mr Martijn Wilder AM, Professor Bruce Thom AM FIAG FTSE, Dr Denis Saunders AM, Ms Anna Skarbek, Mr Robert Purves AM, Professor Hugh Possingham FAA, Dr Jamie Pittock, Professor David Karoly, Professor Lesley Hughes, Dr Terry Hillman AM, Dr Ronnie Harding FEIANZ, Professor Tim Flannery FAA, Professor David Lindenmeyer AO FAA and Mr Peter Cosier.

The Wentworth Group relies on the personal commitment and time of the individual members, other experts and a small secretariat to support the Wentworth Group's activities.

The Wentworth Group is especially grateful to Mr Peter Harper, Dr Ken Henry, Mr Max Kitchell, Ms Ilona Millar, Ms Rachel Walmsley, Dr Emma Carmody, Mr Mike Grundy, Dr Richard Mount, Ms Carla Sbrocchi, Dr Paul Carlile, Dr Andy Close, Dr Fiona McKenzie,

Mr Tim Stubbs, Dr Tony Smith and Adj. Assoc. Prof. Richard Thackway for their contributions to the Wentworth Group's work this year. The Wentworth Group is grateful to The Ian Potter Foundation for their on-going financial support for its work on environment and economy, and national environmental accounts. The Wentworth Group also acknowledges the dedication of Dr Adrian Ward, Ms Paula Steyer, Mr Paul Sheridan, Dr Bonnie Mappin, and Dr Celine Steinfeld for their assistance.

Water Reform

The Wentworth Group has maintained a strong interest in the sustainable management of Australia's water resources. Its focus in recent years has been in the Murray-Darling Basin where the Australian government has committed to a major reform package, which included the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and a \$13 billion investment to restore the health of the Basin.

Given the scale of the reform and the significant public investment, the Wentworth Group has invested significant resources into the technical and institutional changes needed to ensure these reforms deliver long term outcomes for the people and ecosystems in the Basin.

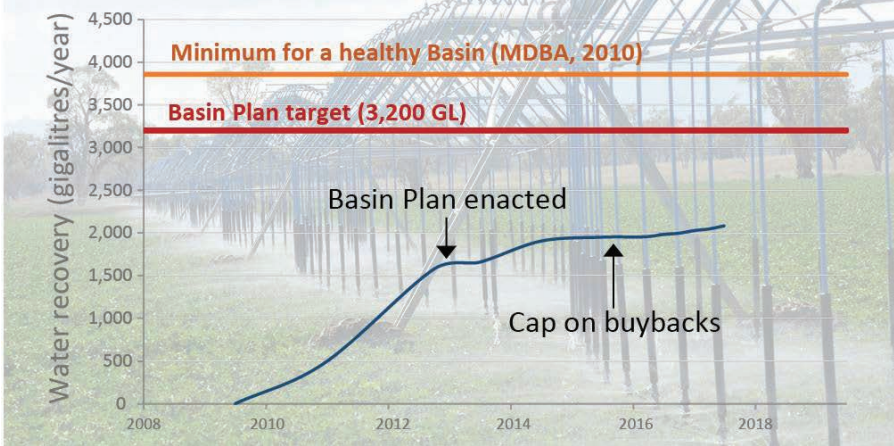
In November 2017, the Wentworth Group published a comprehensive review on progress of water reform since the enactment of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. This review assessed the progress towards social, economic and environmental objectives in the Basin Plan, and the likely impacts of climate change and other future challenges on the Basin's water resources.

On the basis of this review, the Wentworth Group put forward a set of detailed recommendations to Commonwealth and State leaders to ensure the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is on track to delivering the outcomes governments have promised.

A key recommendation was ensuring that \$1.2 billion worth of water offset projects put forward by state governments would be consistent with the Basin Plan. The Wentworth Group undertook a subsequent assessment of the 37 projects and found that only one satisfied the necessary standards. This assessment was provided to Commonwealth leaders to inform their May 2018 decision to amend the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The Wentworth Group was invited to appear at the South Australian Royal Commission on the Murray-Darling Basin in June 2018. In the two-day hearing, the Special Counsel inquired into more than a decade of Wentworth Group work in water reform and implications for the development and implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin.

WATER RECOVERY PROGRESS



The Wentworth Group's 2017 review found that progress on water recovery under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan has slowed to a trickle.

Environmental Accounting

In 2008 the Wentworth Group developed the *Accounting for Nature* methodology to measure and track changes in the condition of Australia's environmental assets. In 2010, the Wentworth Group undertook a 5-year continental-scale trial in partnership with NRM Regions Australia to test the practical application of the methodology. Completing the regional Australian trial was an important milestone in environmental accounting in Australia.

The Wentworth Group used the experience of this trial with the support of leading Australian economists, statisticians, and business leaders to advocate for a national program to build the world's first set of regional-scale national environmental accounts. In 2016, the Wentworth Group put forward a proposal to Commonwealth, State and Territory Environment Ministers to establish a national system of environmental accounts. In 2018, Commonwealth and states governments agreed on a common national approach to environmental accounting in Australia.

The Wentworth Group commenced a new trial in 2018 to evaluate the use of *Accounting for Nature* model in assisting industry, farmers and conservation managers to measure the condition of environmental assets that underpin the sustainability of their businesses. The trial involved three private sector enterprises spanning agriculture, fisheries and private land conservation sectors. Preliminary results of this trial were presented in a paper to the 24th meeting of the London Group on Environmental Economic Accounting.

Native Vegetation

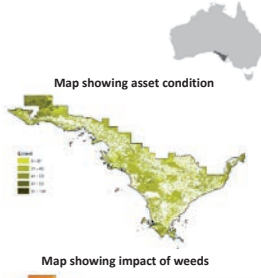
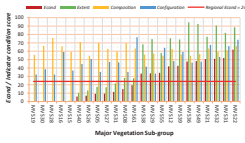
Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

Native Vegetation Account

NATIVE VEGETATION ASSET ACCOUNT 2012
EYRE PENINSULA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Asset Value and Value Equivalent	Value	Weighted	Index	Weighted Index
Native Vegetation	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000
Native Vegetation Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000
Native Vegetation Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Native Vegetation Net Asset	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000

Detailed components



Rivers

South East Queensland Region

River Condition Account

Asset Value and Value Equivalent	Value	Weighted	Index	Weighted Index
River Condition Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000
River Condition Liabilities	0	0	0	0
River Condition Net Asset	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000

Change in condition over time

— Bremer River estuary — Caboolture River estuary

Reporting progress



Investment priorities



Method developed by: SEQ Healthy Land and Water

Australian Wildlife

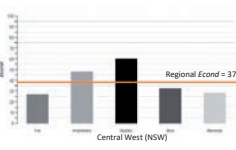
Central West, New South Wales

Native Animals Account

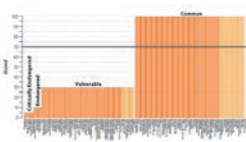
NATIVE ANIMALS ACCOUNT
CENTRAL WEST NEW SOUTH WALES

Asset Value and Value Equivalent	Value	Weighted	Index	Weighted Index
Native Animals Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000
Native Animals Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Native Animals Net Asset	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000

Condition of different groups



Status of Individual Species



Comparison between regions

Productive Soils

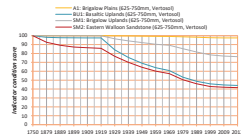
Queensland Murray Darling Region

Soil Condition Account

SOIL ASSET ACCOUNT
QUEENSLAND MURRAY DARLING REGION

Asset Value and Value Equivalent	Value	Weighted	Index	Weighted Index
Soil Condition Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000
Soil Condition Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Soil Condition Net Asset	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,000,000

Trend in soil erosion



Soil condition across the region



Major causes of loss in condition



Method developed by: CSIRO, with assistance from Queensland Murray Darling Committee, and Queensland Department of Agriculture

Report cards for assets within the regional environmental accounts.

Landscape Conservation

In 2014, the Wentworth Group, in consultation with experts in economics, land use planning, and land and water management, released a *Blueprint for a Healthy Environment and a Productive Economy*. In June 2015, the Wentworth Group released another more detailed publication as a submission to the Tax Reform White Paper, titled *Using Markets to Conserve Natural Capital*.

Throughout the year, the Wentworth Group used these papers as the basis for further research to identify actions required for the restoration of Australian landscapes, and opportunities that will result from the sustainable management of Australia's land, water and biodiversity resources.

Wentworth Group Science Program

The Wentworth Group Science Program invests in building the capacity of the next generation of natural resource scientists, economists, lawyers, and business people to shape policy for Australia's land, water, and marine resources.

Launched in February 2007, the Master Classes are designed to enable scholars to become active contributors at the interface of good decision-making and world class science. Many past scholars are today making significant contributions in the areas of science and public policy.

In 2018, the Wentworth Group celebrated the Master Class reunion by inviting Scholars and Young Professionals from the past 10 years of master classes. There were 48 Members, Scholars and Young Professionals attending the event. The Master Class program featured

an author talk by Wentworth Scholar Dr Joelle Gergis on her new book "Sunburnt Country: The history and future of climate change in Australia" co-hosted with the State Library of NSW.



The 2018 Master Class reunion featured a 2-day series of workshops.





Power Shift 2017



A New Power



Switched on Schools



Port Augusta solar thermal rally

Climate Change & Renewables

Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)

www.aycc.org.au

AYCC is one of Australia's largest youth-run organisations. AYCC's mission is to build a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis by inspiring, empowering and mobilising young Australians to take action on climate change. The PEF has been a major sponsor of AYCC since 2007 by supporting its programs and contributing to its core funds.



AYCC and Seed held Power Shift in July 2017, which brought together 850 young people from across the country. The 3-day training program inspired and empowered participants to lead their own actions within AYCC and Seed's national campaigns.

A historical announcement was made in August 2017 that Port Augusta, SA, had secured a 150-megawatt solar thermal plant. For the past five years AYCC had supported young people to lead Port Augusta's transition from ageing coal stations to renewable energy. Starting with a 100-person 328 km walk from Port Augusta to Adelaide to bring attention to the issue in 2012, AYCC has rallied, held community votes, door-knocked and confirmed funding for a solar thermal plant from the Federal Government. Port Augusta will be building the largest concentrated solar thermal plant in the world, providing 700 jobs in the community.

Another major achievement during 2017-18 was the establishment of a group, A New Power. With the support of AYCC, ten young people in the Latrobe Valley came together to establish the group following the closure of the Hazelwood coal station. With another four coal stations planning to close, these young people wanted to see the transition to a renewable energy industry in the region. AYCC held training events and provided the group with ongoing mentoring and support. During its first year, A New Power has held community events, attracted media, and met with coal stations and their locals MPs so that their community can work together to create a positive vision for the future.

During 2017-18 AYCC continued to work on its high schools training program, Switched on Schools. Through this program AYCC empowers students with the skills and confidence to lead their own campaigns. There are 170 student-led Repower Our Schools campaigns happening across the country, and 60 schools have already made the switch to renewable energy.

Climate Council

www.climatecouncil.org.au

The Climate Council is an independent, crowd-funded organisation providing quality information on climate change to the Australian public. The Council has been playing a key role in shifting the public discourse forward from a debate about whether or not climate change is real to what we can do about it. The PEF has been supporting the Council since its inception in 2013.



During 2017-2018, the PEF supported its core operation as well as Cities Power Partnership project.

Cities Power Partnership

Cities Power Partnership (CPP) works with local governments across Australia to celebrate and rapidly accelerate cities and towns transition to a renewable energy future. It engages with member council by supporting them to select their emission reduction and clean energy pledges, working with them toward achieving their goals, running monthly webinars, and profiling success stories.



CPP participating council feature video

As at June 2018, 70 councils have signed up to the program with councils pledging actions to reduce emissions by investing in renewable energy, supporting community energy projects or encouraging private uptake of renewables, ramping up sustainable transport, or installing solar power charging infrastructure or integrating electric vehicles into council fleets.



CPP Buddy meet up: Parkes, Lismore, ACT and Climate Council Councillor Prof. Steffen

Farmers for Climate Action (FCA)

www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au

Australian farmers are on the front line of climate change, with agriculture identified as one of Australia's most climate exposed industries. FCA is the only agricultural advocacy organisation focused solely on addressing the climate change and take a community organising approach, empowering Australian farmers to play a critical role in championing climate action and advancing climate solutions.

In 2017-18, the PEF supported FCA's television advertising campaign. The advert run throughout regional NSW and Victoria, using credible, relatable farmer and grazier messengers to showcase the growing demand for climate action among Australian primary producers.



FCA team



Screenshot of FCA TV advert

Marine Plastic Pollution

Boomerang Alliance

www.boomerangalliance.org.au



Boomerang Alliance is the peak campaign body on wide range of waste and resource issues related to both urban and natural environment. It is comprised of 47 national, state and local allies, and managed by the Total Environment Centre. It aims to create a healthy pollution free environment for all to enjoy by promoting maximum resource efficiency and zero waste. The PEF has been supporting Boomerang Alliance's campaign to introduce a container deposit scheme to solve drink container litter issue since 2013.

Container deposit scheme has been operational in NSW since 1 December 2017. While there have been some implementation issues due to short timeframe to its launch, public support is ramping up with total amount of containers returned expected to reach 1 billion in December 2018. Boomerang Alliance has been instrumental in the introduction and implementation of the scheme, as well as in defending the scheme since its launch when needed.

ACT launched the scheme on 1 July 2018, and Queensland commenced it on 1 November 2018. Boomerang Alliance has been actively engaged in both jurisdiction's scheme implementation. In particular, in Queensland, it has been involved from the planning stage through implementation stage, undertaking public communication tour in the lead up to scheme launch. The Alliance is also participating in the development of Western Australia's scheme.

Tasmania is investigating a potential scheme and local councils are supportive. However, Victoria remains as the only state with no commitment to introduce a scheme and Boomerang Alliance is focusing its campaign efforts and advocacy work in the state.





Boomerang Bags

www.boomerangbags.org

Boomerang Bags is a grassroots community driven movement tackling plastic pollution at its source. Volunteers from all walks of life get together to make re-useable 'boomerang bags' using recycled materials shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use. The bags are given away to friends, family, colleagues, bag-less strangers and so on, as a plastic bag alternative that can be used and reused or passed on to others in need.

The PEF has been supporting the implementation of Boomerang Bags into ten selected communities around Australia since early 2017. Communities that lack the support of local council or community groups, or that are deprived of other source of funding, and therefore require additional support to get started were selected to receive special assistance funded by the PEF. Communities in Coffs Harbour (NSW), Southern Highlands (NSW), Kingscliff (NSW), Tugun (QLD), Phillip Island (Vic), Goondiwindi (QLD), Gympie (QLD), Bribie Island (QLD), Moorooka and Salisbury (QLD) and Townsville (QLD) received support to implement Boomerang Bags locally.



*Boomerang Bags
Kingscliff stall bag
give-away at Kingscliff
Shopping Centre*

Broad-scale Tree-clearing

Stop Excessive Tree-clearing Campaign

www.wwf.org.au

www.tws.org.au

www.queenslandconservation.org.au

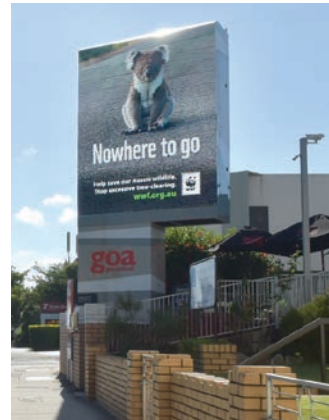
www.edonsw.org.au

www.edoqld.org.au

The PEF funded a campaign run by an alliance of NGOs to stop excessive tree-clearing in Queensland in 2017-18. The campaign sought win-win outcomes for forests and woodlands, the farm sector, wildlife, the Great Barrier Reef and the climate.

Achievements include:

- Raising awareness on tree-clearing highlighting an unknown fact that Australia is a global leader in deforestation with half a million hectares being bulldozed annually across the nation;
- Achieving stronger laws and compliance enforcement in Queensland to protect trees and wildlife, reduce sediment pollution to the Reef, and cut carbon emissions from excessive bulldozing of forests and woodlands;
- Working with beef producers and large retailers to collaboratively progress market solutions that support farmers who protect trees; and,
- Supporting new income streams for landholders to conserve trees and store carbon in landscapes with the Queensland Government committing \$500 million in Land Restoration Fund



Advertisements in QLD raising awareness of the issue



Land clearing next to Boondandilla State Forest in Queensland. © Martin Taylor

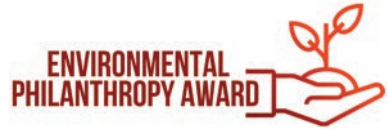


Landclearing in northwest New South Wales, October 2012.

Environmental Philanthropy Award

The PEF received the 2018 Environmental Philanthropy Award from Philanthropy Australia and Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network for funding of the tree-clearing alliance.

Through the Purves Tree-clearing Challenge, the PEF is supporting comprehensive action plan to end excessive tree-clearing together with 27 other donors. The alliance is made up of 22 organisations, co-led by WWF-Australia and The Wilderness Society. The alliance is achieving far greater impact on the issue than if each NGO had worked alone.



Representatives from the PEF and alliance member organisations at the award ceremony

NGO Capacity Building

Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN)

www.aegn.org.au

The PEF is a Leading Supporter of AEGN. The AEGN aims to improve the conservation, protection and functioning of Australia's natural environment and ecological processes through education and networking of grant-makers.



Boomerang Alliance

www.boomerangalliance.org.au

In 2017-18, apart from funding the Container Deposit Campaign reported in page 18, the PEF also funded the employment of Deputy Director.



Centre for Australian Progress

australianprogress.org.au

Australian Progress works to strengthen the capacity of non-profits and other community groups to create systemic change. This means strengthening the skills of their leaders, the amount of collaboration, the ways they communicate, and the support available for innovation in advocacy. In 2017-18 the PEF gifted a general donation to support Australian Progress aid capacity building of environmental organisations.



Environment Centre NT

www.ecnt.org.au

The Environment Centre NT is the peak non-government environmental advocacy organisation in the Northern Territory, and plays a leadership role in environmental policy development and environmental protection campaigns in the region. The PEF has been contributing general annual donation to the organisation since 2014.



Environment Defender Office (EDO NSW)

www.edonsw.org.au

EDO NSW is a community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law. It helps people who want to protect the environment through law. In 2017-18, the PEF supported EDO NSW employ a Major Donor Fundraiser to maintain and grow its Major Donors program.



Farmers for Climate Action

www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au

In addition to funding of TV advertisement reported in page 17, the PEF also provided funding to help FCA build a long-term sustainable financial base by engaging financial planning consultants and by supporting fundraising and member engagement activities of CEO.



National Private Land Conservation Conference

In 2017-18, the PEF supported the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA) hold its third National Private Land Conservation Conference. The gathering is a key annual event in ALCA's calendar to grow a national private land conservation network across Australia. Almost 250 people attended the event, from various sectors and backgrounds including conservation practitioners, landowners, policy makers, philanthropists, business leaders and academics.



Total Environment Centre (TEC)

www.tec.org.au

The TEC is an independent, non-profit-group operating as a resource and support base for environmentalists working on a wide range of issues. It concentrates on direct campaign activity, lobbying and research. In 2017-18, the PEF once again supported TEC engage professional accounting service to strengthen its financial planning and management.



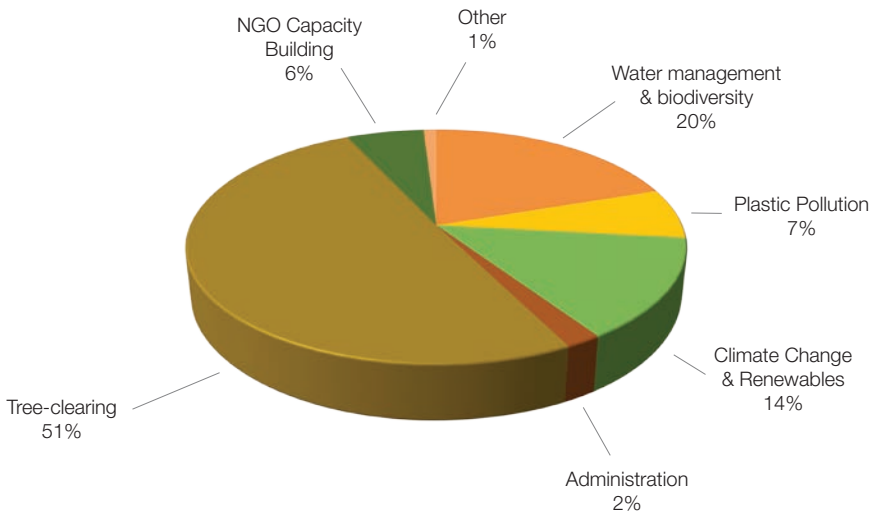
Financial Summary

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

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

2017-2018 Expenditure Analysis

The diagram below depicts typical expenditure broken down by a generic categorisation.

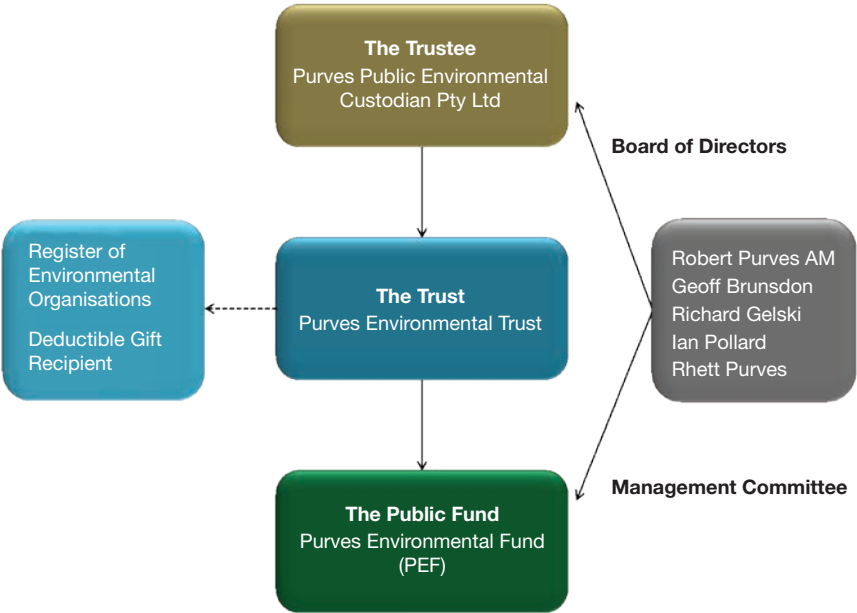


Governance

Fund Structure

The Purves Environmental Fund is the Public Fund of the Purves Environmental Trust. The Trustee of the Trust is 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.

The PEF operates on a not-for-profit basis. The Trust is registered on the Register of Environmental Organisations and is a Deductible Gift Recipient (ABN 78 930 366 807). The PEF employs one staff member on a part-time basis.



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. 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 Fund's support for individual projects. The Board ensures compliance with the Corporations Law and the requirements of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

The Directors are:

Geoff Brunson is a professional company director and is currently Chairman of Sims Metal Management Ltd, Metlife Insurance Ltd and APN Funds Management Limited. 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.

Richard Gelski is a partner at corporate law firm Johnson, Winter & Slattery. He has over 40 years' experience as a University academic, barrister & solicitor. He sits on a number of private & public 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.

Ian Pollard is a company director and actuary. He is currently Chairman of RGA Australia and a director of Milton Corporation. 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.

Robert Purves AM is a businessman and an environmentalist. He is a founding member of The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, a Director of Climate Council of Australia, a Patron of the Lizard Island Research Station, and a Governor of Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Robert is the immediate past President of WWF-Australia and a former board member of WWF-International. In 2008 Robert was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to conservation and the environment, and awarded an Honorary Fellow from the University of Sydney. Robert was also awarded the Australian Geographic Society's Lifetime of Conservation Award in 2015.

Rhett Purves joined the PEF Board in October 2015. He works in corporate strategy and holds a Bachelor of Business (Hons), Finance.

Company Secretary

Erika Hosoyama oversees the day-to-day management of the PEF as the Company Secretary on behalf of the Management Committee. She is responsible to the Board of the Trustee Company for strategic planning, performance and operational matters. She has a background in communications and community relations for environmental projects, and holds degrees in environmental science and environmental law.

Auditors

Purves Environmental Fund is audited by Calibre Business Advisory Pty Ltd (Level 15, 309 Kent 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 purchasing 100% accredited Green Power electricity for its office, neutralising greenhouse gas emissions from staff air travel by purchasing carbon offsets, purchasing eco 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 send a cheque payable to Purves Environmental Fund with your name and address details to:

PEF Company Secretary
Suite 4, Bennelong Office Suites, 3B Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Applying for Funding

Funding is available to activities that meet the PEF's objectives and charitable purposes, and align with PEF's current focus areas. Applicants must first submit a preliminary one-page proposal with a brief explanation on the organisation, proposed activity, its objectives, its aimed outcomes, and the amount of funding being sought. 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 Management Committee.

Projects Supported Since Inception

Since its establishment in 2004, the Purves Environmental Fund has gifted \$18 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 (TLC)
- 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
- Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration
- CLIMARTE
- Climate Council of Australia
- Environment Centre NT
- Farmers for Climate Action (FCA)
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- TLC
- WWF-New Zealand





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