

National Landcare Network

Linking Landcare  
Communities

Across Australia



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- Landcare has many structures.
- Landcarers just want to get on with the job, not get caught up in paperwork or politics.
- Therefore they often need support in the form of coordination, information and representation to encourage them to engage.
- A response to these needs has seen the emergence of State and Territory Peak Bodies within Landcare which provide for single points of contact at the State and Territory Levels.
- As well the emergence of the National Landcare Network (NLN) provides for single point of contact with State and Territory Peak bodies at the national level.
- Government has supported the NLN and its State and Territory peak body members to provide this support, coordination, information and representation, that is the single point of contact.



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- Landcare is an existing regional infra-structure that has been invested in and created by communities and supported by successive governments at the Federal, State and local levels over a 25 year period.
- Many lessons have been learned along the way, and remarkable successes have been achieved in sustainable agriculture, environmental degradation abatement and repair, and rural wellbeing.
- There is always opportunity for ongoing improvement across all aspects.
- Funding has and continues to be an area of constant change and reductions resulting in pressures on both the NRM bodies and Landcare alike.

- Landcare and NRM bodies across the country have the same objectives and in many cases are comprised of the same cohort of passionate and committed people.
- The emergence of Landcare State and Territory peak bodies and the NLN represents a new opportunity, recognised by the Federal government, to more effectively engage with and coordinate the Landcare movement nationally.
- Ever increasing competition for funding priority, and reductions in funding require a more coordinated and strategic approach to project funding which can only be achieved through closer and more effective partnerships.
- The NLN on behalf of its State and Territory members and their constituents is very keen to work with the NRM bodies to develop partnership models which support the levels of engagement required and now possible through the NLN.
- Without funding and this support the benefits delivered through the vast Landcare movement can not be sustained.



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## LANDCARE AND NRM PARTNERSHIPS.

- In order for NRMs to effectively and efficiently implement government policy and programs, and to support the Landcare movement, the NLN is keen to work with the State and Territory peak bodies and the NRMs to assist to develop effective partnership models at the Regional level.
- The existing Statement of Common Purpose between National NRM Regions Australia and the NLN represents a good starting point, as too is the National NRM Regions Australia Localism position paper which NLN welcomes and strongly endorses.
- A number of NRM regions are starting to develop partnership agreements with Landcare in their own regions where complementary Landcare structures exist.
- The NLN is keen to act as a point of contact to facilitate and encourage the further development of partnerships between NRMs and Landcare at the regional level and looks forward to working with National NRM's Australia and its member in achieving our mutual objectives.



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## LANDCARE AND NRM PARTNERSHIPS.

- The NLN and National NRM's Australia have very similar State and Territory representative structures, so natural synergies exist, and each has the opportunity to work effectively with the other to advance the interests of itself and its members. We can each help each other and our members through more effective partnerships.
- The NLN would welcome an opportunity to formally report to National NRMs Australia on a regular basis at its discretion on the experiences of its members in their dealings with NRMs and in particular those models that work well for the effective engagement of the Landcare movement.



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