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Many Hands, One Voice
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Landcare calls on all parties for support in federal election campaign

Landcare NSW is calling on candidates in the Federal election to show their support for the National Landcare Network (NLN) policy platform, *Building a Resilient Australia*.

www.nln.org.au/publications

The policy urges the next government to support the Landcare movement whose members are working to protect Australia's environment across agricultural land, coastal communities, inland waterways and bushland.

"Thousands of volunteer Landcarers across NSW and Australia have made and continue to make an invaluable contribution to the management of Australia's landscapes, and the additional resources being sought by the NLN will allow this work to continue into the future," said Mr Rob Dulhunty, Chair, Landcare NSW.

Mr Dulhunty has also challenged the wider community to have a conversation with their local candidates. "Landcarers across NSW need to remind politicians how essential volunteer Landcare efforts are and how much value they represent to government."

The NLN is the body which represents Landcare at the national level. It is made up of members from the Landcare peak bodies from each state and territory, including Landcare NSW. *Building a Resilient Australia* is therefore a statement from Landcarers from across the country. It focuses on giving the community the capacity to ensure a stable Landcare system in the long term.

Key areas where the NLN is seeking commitments from the next government include:

- Quarantining of \$120 million in annual funding for community groups doing critical work to protect our lands and waters.
- Increasing the involvement of young people in Landcare, both through direct involvement and through the education system.
- More comprehensive involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples in the management of our lands and waters.
- Building on the social, health and economic benefits of Landcare.
- Supporting farmers to manage their lands to sustain productivity in the face of increased climate variability and extreme weather.

Because it is a grassroots movement whose priorities are driven by its members, Landcare can do what few other organisations can. With almost 6000 community-based groups working across the country, Landcare volunteers encompass everyone from city dwellers through suburban families to farmers working and living on the land.

Building a Resilient Australia recognises the invaluable contribution that Landcare volunteers make to ensure better natural resource management outcomes and is all about securing the Landcare movement for the future.

“We know in NSW how many valuable activities and projects are rolled out on the ground and understand that for this to continue there needs to be a commitment from the Australian Government to ensure longevity and sustainability in the Landcare movement.” said Mr Dulhunty

Building a Resilient Australia can be viewed on the NLN website: www.nln.org.au/publications.

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