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National Landcare Network

National Parliamentary Friends of Landcare proposal welcomed

The National Landcare Network (NLN) welcomes the recent call by New South Wales Senator Perin Davey and Victorian Senator Raff Ciccone to their parliamentary colleagues to join with them in championing the work of Landcare and the beneficial impact it has on the environment.

NLN Chair, Assoc. Prof. Patrick O'Connor, says he welcomes all parliamentarians who want to support the Landcare movement by joining the National Parliamentary Friends of Landcare.

"We appreciate the recognition of Landcare as a non-partisan community movement of national significance, and want to thank Senators Davey and Ciccone for their leadership in progressing the establishment of the group within the Federal Parliament.

It is an acknowledgement of the enormous contribution of the many thousands of 'hands on' community Landcarers across Australia committed to looking after their environments, they truly are the heart and hands of the movement. Together they work to conserve our unique flora and fauna, restore our soils and waterways, and promote the adoption of sustainable land management practices."

NLN CEO Jim Adams said, "this is a very welcome progression of this initiative of the National Landcare Network to build connections between parliamentary decision makers and the NLN State and Territory members and grassroots Landcarers across Australia".

"We look forward to sharing with the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare the many exciting local Landcare projects and activities across the nation and invite them to see firsthand the great work of our community Landcarers on the ground", Mr Adams added.

Landcare brings people from all walks of life together for the common cause of conservation and sustainable land management. It is one of most successful volunteer movements in Australia, supporting both rural and urban communities to care for their natural environments.

The National Landcare Network brings together State and Territory Landcare organisations to represent, support and foster the community Landcare movement.

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