



PLC2022: Recover, Restore, Redouble



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‘Recover, Restore, Redouble’: the Australian Private Land Conservation Declaration to the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)

As representatives and leaders in Australian private land conservation, cognisant of the forthcoming second phase of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15), we join together at the sixth annual Private Land Conservation Conference, PLC2022 and declare the following:

- (1) We support the diverse people, places and practices that contribute to the conservation and health of privately owned and managed land and water.
- (2) We will redouble our efforts to address many of the most pressing conservation issues and key threatening processes across the country, including protecting and recovering threatened and at-risk species, restoring endangered ecosystems, tackling invasive species, managing national environmental biosecurity threats, and implementing nature-based solutions.
- (3) We acknowledge, recognise and respect the enduring relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People have with their lands and water, and seek to bring together knowledges and practices and embed Indigenous leadership, guidance and two-way learning in management of Country by everyone. We commit to exploring and implementing creative strategies in order to be meaningful and relevant for all Country and its peoples.
- (4) Further, in alignment with Article 38 of the Glasgow Climate Pact, we stand ready to protect, conserve and restore nature and ecosystems, to help tackle climate change and achieve the Paris Agreement temperature goal.

We therefore call upon the governments of the world when attending COP 15 to:

- (5) Adopt unambiguous and stronger targets required to galvanise urgent transformative policy action by governments and all of society, as clearly outlined in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework’s Purpose and Theory of Change.
- (6) Address perverse impacts of land use on biodiversity and adopt effective policy and regulatory action to ensure these perverse effects are minimised.
- (7) Agree to halt and reverse nature loss, measured from a baseline of 2020, through increasing the health, abundance, diversity and resilience of species, populations and ecosystems so that by 2030 nature is visibly and measurably recovering.

- (8) Agree that by 2050, nature must recover so that thriving ecosystems and nature-based solutions continue to support future generations, the diversity of life and play a critical role in halting runaway climate change.
- (9) Agree to adopt strong, clear and unambiguous targets for their own country that make significant contributions to the global target to protect at least 30 per cent of land and 30 per cent of sea by 2030.
- (10) Agree to respect, protect and fulfill Indigenous rights, lands, and resources; ensuring free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) and other mechanisms for full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples.

We further call upon the Australian Government to:

- (11) Publicly commit Australia to the actions contained within the 'Recover, Restore, Redouble' Declaration (the 'Triple R Declaration'); and
- (12) Provide the resources required to scale up and sustain action in private land conservation in Australia;
- (13) Noting Australia's membership of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, adopt a target to protect at least 30 per cent of Australian land and 30 per cent of Australian sea by 2030.

As undersigned by Saturday 12 March 2022:

Organisations

Australian Association of Bush Regenerators, c/o Suzanne Pritchard, Sydney, New South Wales

Australian Land Conservation Alliance, c/o Jody Gunn, Victoria, Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung (Wurundjeri nation) country

Australian Wildlife Conservancy, c/o Tim Allard

BirdLife Australia, c/o Samantha Vine

Bush Heritage Australia, c/o Heather Campbell

Cassinia, c/o Paul Dettmann, Kyneton, Victoria, Taunguraung country

Coal Point Progress Association, c/o Suzanne Pritchard, Coal Point, New South Wales, Awabakal country

Datascians, c/o Graham Griffin, Pillar Valley, New South Wales

Ecoplanning Pty Ltd, c/o Lucas McKinnon, Bulli, New South Wales, Dharawal country

Greening Australia, c/o Hugh Wareham

Landcare NSW, c/o Turlough Guerin, Mascot, New South Wales, Gadigal (Eora nation) country

Landlife company, c/o Jeroen van Veen, Wedderburn, Victoria, DjaDjaWurrung, Wautharong, Kamilaroi, and Wuradjeri country

Nature Foundation, c/o Hugo Hopton, South Australia

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust, c/o Paul Elton, Vincentia, New South Wales, Yuin country

South Endeavour Trust, c/o Tim Hughes, Cooktown, Queensland

Tasmanian Land Conservancy, c/o James Hattam, Tasmania

The Bimblebox Alliance Inc., c/o Paola Cassoni, Alpha, Queensland

The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute, c/o Renee Young, Perth, Western Australia, Whadjuk country

Thrive Consulting, c/o Misty Neilson, Three Moon, Queensland

Trees For Life, c/o Natasha Davis, Brooklyn Park, South Australia, Kurna country

Wandiyali Restoration Trust, c/o Carolyn Larcombe, Googong, New South Wales, Ngunawal country

Individuals

Glen Bain, Mountain River, Tasmania, Palawa country

Lis Bastian, Blackheath, New South Wales, Gundungurra country

Daniel Brake, Winston Hills, New South Wales, Dharug country

David Brennan, St Ives Chase, New South Wales, Dharug country

Sarah Castine, Wynnum, Queensland, Jaggera and Turrble country

Peter Cochrane, Bronte, New South Wales, Gadigal country

Michael Cornish, Bridgewater, South Australia, Peramangk country

Natasha Davis, Prospect, South Australia, Kurna country

Cath Dickson, Hobart, Tasmania, Palawa country

Phil Duncan, Mascot, New South Wales

Mathew Hardy, Northcote, Victoria, Wurundjeri country

Eleanor Hetharia, Newstead, Tasmania

Martine Holberton, Melbourne, Victoria

Melissa Huntsman, Wollongong, New South Wales, Dharawal country

Andrew Knight, Bentley, Western Australia, Noongar country

Mellisa Mayhew, Tulumur (Ipswich), Queensland, Yuggera and Ugarapul country

Libby McIntyre, Dubbo, New South Wales, Wiradjuri country

Deborah Metters, Goodna, Queensland

Misty Neilson, Queensland

Greg Oliver, West End, Queensland

Colleen O'Malley, Culcairn, New South Wales, Wiradjuri country

Kelly Ophel, Cootralantra, New South Wales, Ngarigo country

Phoebe Pace, Deer Park, Victoria, Wurundjeri (Kulin nation) country

Blair Parsons, East Fremantle, Western Australia, Whadjuk country

Naomi Rea, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Peramangk country

Shania Richards, South Australia, Kallinyalla (Barngarla nation) country

Michele Sabto, Merricks North, Victoria

Allyson Starky, Corinda, Queensland, Jagera country

Gregory Steenbeeke, Narellan, New South Wales, Kamilaroi, Bunjalung, Tharawal, Wiradjuri, Darug, Gundungara and Wonnarua country

Bruce Thompson, Hornsby, New South Wales

Shaun Thurstans, Moonah, Tasmania, Nipaluna country

Ayesha Tulloch, Woolloongabba, Queensland, Turrbal and Yugara country

Julian von Bibra, Ross, Tasmania

Matt Whitting, Curtin, ACT, Ngunnawal country

Gordon Williams, Uralla, New South Wales, Aniwan country