



# EMPOWERING CHANGE



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## OVERVIEW

The Empowering Change program exists because of generous and visionary philanthropists.

Annually, the program distributes approximately \$14.5 Million to the for-purpose sector from approx. 200 Trusts.

The program has five granting pillars:

- Ageing Well
- Animals & Environment
- Children & Young People
- Equity & Empowerment
- Medical Research & Health.

## VISION

A future where effective philanthropy supports a prosperous, equitable and sustainable world for all.

## MISSION

Our commitment to trust-based philanthropy aims to create meaningful impact.

We achieve this by collaborating with and listening to those around us. We work closely with the for-purpose sector; we understand that they're the experts and we are led by them.





# ENVIRONMENT



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## OVERVIEW

Addressing climate change requires system changes at all levels, from individual action to global policies. Tackling climate change offers the opportunity to make life healthier, safer and fairer for all Australians.

We face a huge challenge but already know many solutions. Our commitment is to invest in the solutions that drive better and deeper connection to nature.

Our climate focus is informed by generous and visionary philanthropists and a participatory grant making approach designed to identify the most beneficial role for philanthropy.

We are all part of and connected to this land. This strategy aims to facilitate deeper and more meaningful connections.

## VISION

We respect the planet and take care of it, knowing that our lives depend on the natural environment.

We no longer exist in a state of denial, despair or fear about our impact on the natural world. We take action to protect and restore this land, knowing that our children will be free to enjoy this beautiful country for generations to come.

## MISSION

We aim to achieve our vision by identifying and supporting initiatives that are driven to:

- **Connect** people of all ages to nature (flora and fauna)
- **Enable** and empower environmental leaders of the future, and
- **Work together** to create a connected movement.

## APPROACHES

**Celebrate the inherent value of the environment.**

**Inclusive models of leadership.**

**Participatory, impact led grant making.**

**Progressively apply a climate lens across funding.**



## OUR INTENDED IMPACT

( 1 )

Nature Conservation  
Connect people of all ages to nature (flora & fauna)  
Enabling and empowering environmental leaders of the future.

( 2 )

Climate Change  
Working together to create a connected movement.

Where possible we will prioritise:

- Whole-of-community efforts and strengthened social movements
- Greater connection to animals and the natural environment
- Partner organisations that are identifying and supporting environmental leaders of the future
- Diverse voices.

## Sustainable Development Goals





## 1. Nature conservation

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<b>Program Goal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More people as long-term stewards of the natural environment</li><li>• Enabling and empowering environmental leaders of the future</li><li>• Working together to create a connected movement.</li></ul>
<b>Priority Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased connection of people of all ages to nature (flora and fauna)</li><li>• Improved capacity to lead on environmental stewardship</li><li>• Increased effectiveness of the movement.</li></ul>
<b>We will prioritise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immersion – opportunities to have regular and frequent outings into the natural world to allow discovery and engagement with nature</li><li>• Connection - creating better connections, collaborations and knowledge sharing within the conservation movement</li><li>• Education and professional development opportunities.</li></ul>

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### Funding



The Australian Land Conservation Alliance is the peak national body representing organisations that work to conserve, manage and restore nature on privately managed land.



The Invasive Species Council is protecting Australia's natural environment from harmful invasive species through prevention and early action.



The Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network is growing effective philanthropy to protect nature and secure a safe climate for all.



## 2. Climate Change

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<b>Program Goal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working together to create a connected movement to take positive action on climate change.</li></ul>
<b>Priority Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving the effectiveness of the climate change movement.</li></ul>
<b>We will prioritise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole of community efforts</li><li>• Environmental leaders of the future and strengthened social movements</li><li>• Education and action at the grassroots level.</li></ul>

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### Funding

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Environmental Leadership Australia (ELA) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organisation championing community and political leadership on climate change, working constructively to advance practical, evidence-based climate and environmental policy.



The Climate Council is Australia's leading climate change communications non-profit organisation formed to provide independent, authoritative information on climate change and its solutions to the Australian public.



Climateworks Australia are specialists in climate transitions for Australia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Working as an independent centre within Monash University.



Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is Australia's largest youth-run organisation, our mission is to build a movement of young people leading solutions to the climate crisis.



Contribution to development of The Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network Climate Lens.



Small grants to support local, innovative and diverse projects that build capacity and leadership across Australian communities for a rapid and just transition A participatory led small grants program to fund projects that enable diverse communities to lead on, participate in and speak for action on climate change.

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# ENVIRONMENT



## CURRENT

Not enough Australians are connected to nature and lack the motivation and knowledge to protect the natural world.

We exist in a state of denial, despair or fear about our impact on the natural world.

## STRATEGIC RESPONSE

Support more people to meaningful connect with the natural environment.

Enable and empower environmental leaders.

Collaborate to create more connected movements.

Whole of community is engaged at the grassroots level.

Work together to create a connected movement to take positive action on climate change.

## FUTURE

Increased connections to nature.

Effective communities of practice influencing people to connect with nature.

Improved capacity of leaders to be environmental stewards.

Improved effectiveness of the climate change movement.

Individuals are empowered to take action on climate change.

## IMPACT

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