

COMMUNITY LANDCARE IN AUSTRALIA

It is time to invest in the people who do the work on the ground



LANDCARE IS AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST AND MOST TRUSTED COMMUNITY-LED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT NETWORK, WITH THE SOCIAL LICENCE TO WORK ON THE GROUND WHERE IT COUNTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA FROM THE CITY TO THE BUSH, INCLUDING RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE LOCATIONS.

All eight peak State and Territory Landcare Organisations are supporting a national push for renewed funding to further enable their grassroots networks. Together the peak Landcare organisations have worked with the National Landcare Network to co-design this request for continued direct funding and are ready to deliver outcomes on the ground for regional communities across Australia.

Community Landcare is unique, offering integrity and hope for the future in the face of the declining state of our environment. Individually we might be small, but together we are powerful, driving climate action and landscape restoration from the ground up.

"Although funding for Landcare has dropped over the past 10 years, it remains a critical on-ground activity for addressing the State of the Environment."

- Dr Ian Cresswell

Recent studies have shown Landcare has a return on investment of up to 7:1. Together, we are seeking an investment of \$50 million per year over 5 years, generating up to \$350 million per annum for regional and remote communities. Investment in Community Landcare is an investment in the social and natural capital that builds resilience.

We are committed to working across the National Landcare Network, in partnership with Government, community and the private sector to prevent even further biodiversity loss, act on climate change, ensuring integrity in carbon and nature repair markets, to deliver better environmental outcomes across Australia.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM LANDCARE PARTICIPATION

\$191M

across Landcare population

\$1347

per person, per year
Source: KPMG 2021

\$57M

AVOIDED HEALTHCARE COSTS across the Landcare population

97M

IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY across Landcare population
Source: KPMG 2021

\$500M

NET BENEFITS of a supported Landcare movement

7:1

ECONOMIC RETURN from investing in Landcare

INVESTING IN LEADERSHIP

7:1

LANDCARE FACILITATOR COST BENEFIT

Economic analysis of the value of the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program demonstrated that the \$4 million program generates \$31 million in value. The wider social cohesion created by Landcare Facilitators and their activities is valued at \$87 million (RPS 2020).

