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### A United Voice

#### **The National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia working together to support the landcare community across Australia.**

In Canberra last week CEO of the National Landcare Network, Jim Adams, and Landcare Australia CEO, Dr Shane Norrish supported the Landcare Youth Summit at Parliament House and met with multiple members of Parliament including Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management. The Hon David Littleproud MP.

Other members included the Hon. Libby Coker, the Hon. Trevor Evans and the co-convenors of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, Senator Davey and Senator Ciccone to discuss their support for landcare. Together, the National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia will support the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare in Canberra early 2021.

Shane and Jim met with the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment to discuss the joint projects and other opportunities to strengthen support for landcare. Ministers and government departments welcomed the united approach and the updates on how Landcare Australia and the National Landcare Network are collaborating at a national level.

Recent experience with joint projects including the Landcare Farming Program, the Future Drought Fund and the bushfire recovery projects, clearly shows the benefits of Landcare Australia, the National Landcare Network and State and Territory Landcare Organisations working together and continuing to advocate on behalf of the landcare movement if we are to have strong outcomes for landcare across Australia.

This is a pivotal time for a number of very important government initiatives including the review of NLP2 starting next year with outcomes that will inform the development of NLP3. Together, Landcare Australia and the National Landcare Network want to make a positive contribution to the development of the NLP 3 as a united voice for community landcare.

It is important that we continue to support the co-convenors of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare with the launch in Canberra in early next year. The Parliamentary Friends of Landcare will provide parliamentary members with a high level of knowledge and understanding of how community landcare can contribute to programs in multiple portfolios to get the best impacts for the environment and communities.

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Over 30 years, Landcare has played a leading role in advocating a balance between Australian sustainable land management practices and environmental conservation. A united national approach will mean better environmental and sustainability outcomes, improved wellbeing and community outcomes, and more opportunities to enable people to actively care for the natural environment in their community.



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