



Landcare Association of South Australia Inc

A member of the National Landcare Network

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Landcare Association of South Australia Representation Policy

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Related Documents:

LASA Constitution

INTRODUCTION	<p>The Landcare Association of South Australia (LASA) is responsible for providing leadership, representing, supporting, strengthening, and growing the community Landcare movement in South Australia to improve the health of our natural and working landscapes.</p> <p>LASA acts as the conduit between local Landcare communities and key decision makers, working to ensure that local communities are supported at every level by providing leadership, skills, resources, and representation.</p> <p>We are building the capacity of LASA and its member groups into a compelling, influential, financially sustainable, and agile movement that continually delivers positive impacts and value to funders, partners and ultimately our land, environment and communities through efficiencies, effectiveness, and innovation.</p>
PURPOSE	<p>The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for LASA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To facilitate the active participation in forums, for discussion and development of a coordinated approach or response from community-based Landcare groups on Landcare and natural resource management issues in the South Australia, and• To represent the interests of community-based Landcare at a State and National level.

<p>CORE VALUES</p>	<p>As the peak body for community Landcare in South Australia, the core values underpinning our business, also shared by the membership of the National Landcare Network (NLN) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representative - Promoting the views and needs of the grassroots Landcare movement and its core philosophies of local decision making, community volunteerism and community benefits (ground up). ● Consultative - The views we represent are developed through consultation with our members. ● Non-Party Political - The diverse perspectives of Landcare communities inform the movement's bi-partisan approach and are not specific to any political party. ● Knowledge-Based - Building, sharing and applying knowledge old and new, western and traditional. ● Networked & Collaborative - Connecting people with people and with the landscape, bonding within networks and bridging across them. ● Inclusive - We are inclusive of all persons and groups with similar aims and objectives as ours. ● Focused on Making a Difference - Producing real outcomes for the environment, for our Landcare communities, for the broader Australian community, for our partners and for government.
<p>LASA MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>As per the LASA Constitution, there are four Membership categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Organisational Members – open to all community Landcare groups in the SA, 2) Individual Members – open to individuals that have an interest or an association with Landcare in South Australia, 3) Honorary Life Members – given to individuals in recognition of outstanding service to the Association, and 4) Associate Membership - open to any organisation with a commitment to the objects of the Association and an involvement and interest in the community services sector. <p>The rights of each category of member are detailed in Clause 6 of the</p>

	LASA Constitution.
POLICY	<p>LASA will engage, consult, and collaborate with the membership, through its elected committee and other means, on key matters regarding LASA strategies, priorities, and programs, and when providing input into State and Federal policy.</p> <p>The LASA Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will determine the level of consultation for key strategic LASA and NLN initiatives and documents that require input, • May establish short-term advisory groups/sub-committees, comprised of suitably qualified representatives and personnel to assist in developing a policy position, • Seeks to gain a majority endorsement for key policy directions, and • Will be comprised of delegates who are individual members or a representative of an organisational member of LASA. <p>In cases where the LASA Committee considers that full membership consultation, input or endorsement is necessary the Committee will follow this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate a request to the full membership by email that includes sufficient background material and requirements to respond to, 2. Provide a deadline of no less than four days and preferably a week to provide a response, 3. Collate and undertake a review of the responses, then agree on the LASA position in line with the majority of responses, with due consideration of any outstanding or differing views, and 4. Provide a summary of responses back to members, with a statement of what position will be taken.
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK (NLN)	<p>The NLN membership comprises each State and Territory peak Landcare body who come together to share their successes and support one another in overcoming challenges. Collectively, they represent community Landcare across the country and seek to foster, support, and strengthen the knowledge, resources and capabilities of the Landcare movement and the thousands of volunteers who are at its heart.</p>

LASA actively participates in the NLN, through the NLN Board, NLN Members Council and associated national staff forums, promoting the views and needs of the grassroots Landcare movement and its core philosophies of local decision making, community volunteerism and community benefits (ground-up) (Figure 1).

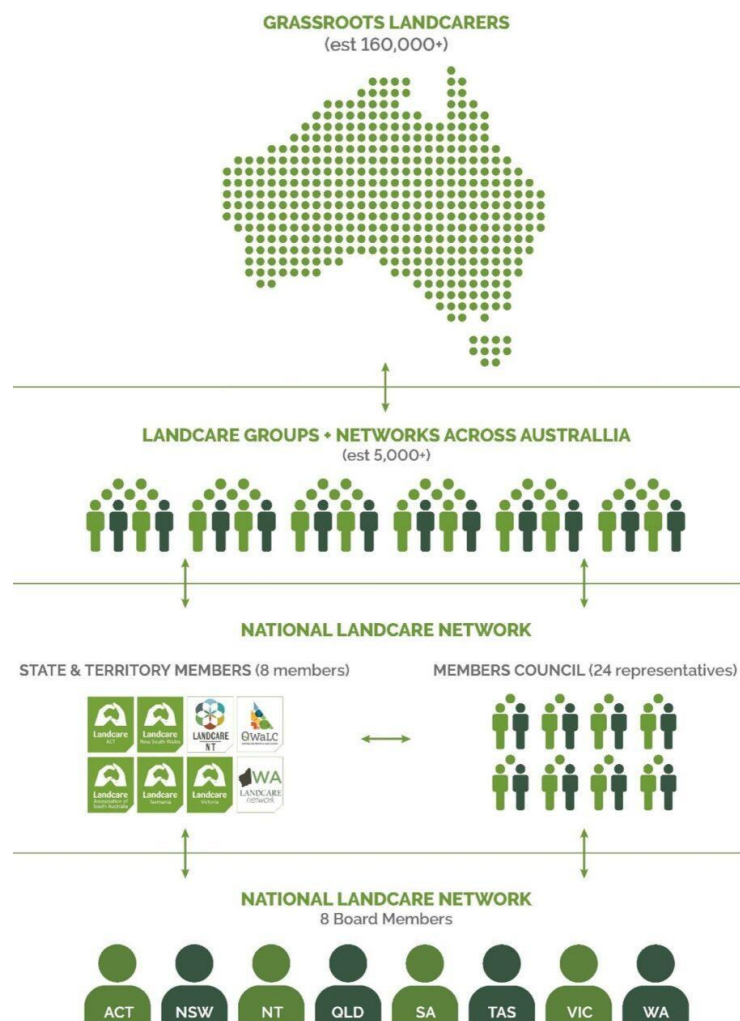


Figure 1: The ground-up framework underpinning the National Landcare Network (NLN).

REPRESENTATION SELECTION AND ENDORSEMENT

Nominations to the NLN Members Council, NLN Board of Directors and other representative positions, will be selected and endorsed by the LASA Management Committee.

Where appropriate, the representatives will represent the views of LASA in all local, state and national matters where feedback is sought



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	<p>(excluding the nominee to the NLN Board of Directors who will act with a degree of autonomy from LASA).</p> <p>The representatives will keep the LASA committee informed of matters arising as a result of their representation and provide updates on meetings attended.</p>
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