

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FOR A SAFE CLIMATE

Your legacy can safeguard their future.





The Climate Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, meet and work. We wish to pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and recognise the continuous connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Country.



“In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all living creatures with whom we share the earth.”

David Attenborough

A MESSAGE FROM AMANDA

Darebin parklands came about because of an amazing group of people about fifty years ago. They saw a rubbish tip and thought, this could be a wonderful place for our community to enjoy Darebin Creek.

From this vision, they lobbied governments and created the beautiful parklands of today. I love bringing my children here to ramble around, do rock hopping, and play games in the bushes. Witnessing nature through their eyes has been a beautiful thing.

As humans, we can get very captured in our own story which is relatively short in geological timeframes. When I spend time in nature, it gives me great perspective on my own life, and how important it is to safeguard this beautiful planet for our children, grandchildren, and all generations to come.

This is particularly relevant for our generation living in the climate crisis, because how we change our climate will fundamentally affect all those that come after us.

For many people, making a gift in their will has become an increasingly important way to make a big difference on climate change. The Climate Council is proudly community-powered, and such visionary support is invaluable to securing our continued independence for the long term.

Thank you so much for considering such a special gift to support the vital work we do together. It may not always seem like it, but we are not so different from the group of people with a vision for Darebin parklands.

Amanda McKenzie,
CEO Climate Council



OUR CLIMATE CHALLENGE

With just over a degree of warming, the impacts of climate change are already being felt strongly around the world. Our communities and environment are already facing unprecedented extreme weather and other impacts.

Climate change – driven primarily by burning coal, oil and gas – is impacting us all, though those least responsible or able to cope are being hit first and hardest. We can often limit the harm by building community resilience and improving disaster preparedness, particularly for the most vulnerable.

But this is no substitute for doing everything possible to move swiftly beyond fossil fuels. Although some changes in the climate system are now unavoidable, others can be slowed or even stopped entirely. It can be done. Albeit with a mammoth, transformative, all-of-society effort.

After reducing emissions to zero, our urgent response must continue. Restoring ecosystems and drawing carbon back down will be vital. Our actions now and in the decades to come will have profound impacts on the survival and wellbeing of our children and grandchildren.





THE VISION WE SHARE

We share a vision for Australia to become a world leader in the global response to climate change. Yes, we must still face the disasters locked in by past inaction, but we will be better equipped to weather those storms.

Our homes will be more comfortable and resilient to the elements, and plugged into affordable, abundant renewable energy. A new generation of Australians will be upskilled to drive our clean industries forward and engaged in well-paid and secure jobs.

We will be working in partnership with Indigenous peoples, our neighbors in the Pacific and communities worldwide to share knowledge and expertise in creating a more just and equal future. With our help, ecosystems will be regenerating and species returning.

Our air will be cleaner. We will be more active in how we get around, feeling the breeze as we walk, ride, scoot or use public transport, with electric vehicles commonplace on our quiet and cleaner roads. Children will be feeling hopeful, not fearful, for their future.





YOUR IMPACT

The Climate Council is your independent, evidence-based organisation for climate science, impacts and solutions.

Founded in 2013 through Australia's then largest crowdfunder, we are still proudly community-powered.

The Climate Council has published over a hundred and fifty peer-reviewed reports and briefings. We make complex issues accessible, securing tens of thousands of media items, and reaching millions of people every year. By driving home the urgency of the climate crisis – predominately through the lens of extreme weather - and the solutions available to us, we ensure public concern stays at record highs, and at the top of the political agenda.

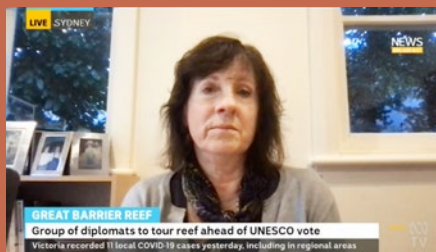
We are made up of some of Australia's leading experts in climate science, health, renewable energy, economics, business and policy. Our independence gives us the power to call out misinformation, advocate for local, state and federal solutions, and deliver strategic interventions to help safeguard our climate. This is only possible because of our supporters – like you.



Your support helps to keep climate change high on the national agenda, and advocate for genuine solutions.



Flood affected Australians call for **action on climate change**



STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

CLIMATE MEDIA CENTRE

You might not have heard of the Climate Media Centre, but you will be very familiar with the work we do.

Started by the Climate Council in 2015, the Climate Media Centre was created to address the communication challenges presented by climate change, including lack of mainstream media coverage of effective spokespeople.

We are now the go-to resource for journalists in Australia and have revolutionised the media landscape. Your support helps find, train and empower diverse voices – from farmers to coal workers to renewable energy experts – to effectively communicate about climate impacts and solutions.

The Climate Media Centre's work helps seed and support influential groups and constituencies calling for change, like Farmers for Climate Action, Cricket for Climate, and the Torres Strait 8.



Australia's largest network of local councils leading the way towards a thriving, zero-emissions future.

Founded by the Climate Council in 2017 to build local climate momentum in the absence of federal action, the Cities Power Partnership is now made up of over 180 councils, representing nearly 70 percent of Australians.

To join, councils take five pledges to ramp up clean energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transport, then gain access to an online platform to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Fortnightly webinars feature expert presenters and up-to-the-minute case studies like multi-council bulk buy renewable energy projects and EV charging networks. Initiatives involved in the Cities Power Partnership are now being adopted by state and federal governments.



Former Fire and Emergency Service leaders have changed the national conversation on climate and extreme weather.

Founded by the Climate Council and Greg Mullins AO AFSM, Former Commissioner of Fire and Rescue New South Wales in 2018, Emergency Leaders for Climate action have shut down the argument that climate change shouldn't be mentioned during extreme weather events, and clearly articulated how these events are aggregated by climate change.

Their impact has been profound. During the 2009 bushfire crisis, just five percent of media coverage linked bushfires with climate change compared to half of the coverage during the 2019/2020, with Emergency Leaders the most quoted.

Emergency Leaders for Climate Action are now playing a vital role in calling for an end to fossil fuels and better resourcing for fires and emergency services.



OUR VISIONARIES

I was lucky to grow up close to nature in a beautiful spot along the Murray River. My parents were keen bird watchers and we spent the weekends out in the bush. That's where I developed an affinity with nature.

This led me to become a scientist, and I was particularly fascinated by insects. When I finished my studies, I was offered a job in Tamworth as an agricultural entomologist.

That was forty five years ago, and I love the environment and community here. It was around twenty years ago I started seeing the impacts of climate change, with new pest species showing up, their range having moved south as the climate warmed.



As a scientist, this was very obviously climate change. But rural people were going to be some of the first and most affected and didn't know the danger they were in. So I resolved to do something about it.

I left a gift in my will to the Climate Council because they make the science accessible and advocate for the solutions we need. I have young people in my life I care about and my hope is that we address the climate crisis and they are able to live healthy, happy lives.

Dr Robin Gunning
Climate Council Legacy Donor



Within days of coming to power in September 2013, the Abbott government abolished the Climate Change Commission. Outraged, tens of thousands of Australians, including myself, were immediately galvanised into donating to establish an independent Climate Council.

I'm now a rusted-on supporter for a number of reasons. During a long and fortunate life, I've had the privilege of working in the media and in aid and development organisations, in the process learning how essential it is to campaign through powerful truth-telling, no topic being more important than climate change.

I live near an idyllic little parcel of bushland, close to inner Sydney. Not a day goes past when I don't walk my Border Collie with the thought at the back of my mind that no paradise, however tiny and personal, is immune to eventual degradation. I think of my descendants and the fragile world they will inherit.



If we believe that climate change and our environment is pretty close to being the only game in town then action, immediate and continuing, is the antidote to despair, which is a killer. The unprecedented times in which we live call for the wonderful passion and clarity that the Climate Council provides to an aching world.

I decided some time ago that this continuation can outlast our “mortal coil” by committing to a legacy to help the Climate Council remain strong and vibrant. In a way, it is also a precious gift to those who survive me, including my son and grandchildren.

Tony Bond
Climate Council Legacy Donor

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE

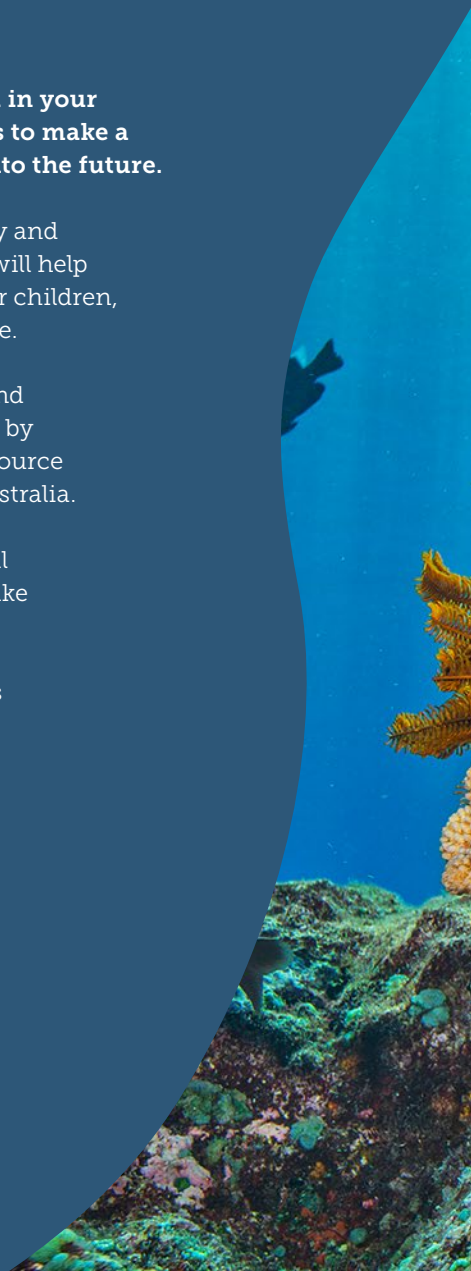
Leaving a gift to the Climate Council in your will is one of the most powerful ways to make a difference on climate change long into the future.

After you have provided for your family and loved ones, your visionary legacy gift will help ensure a safe and healthy future for our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

The Climate Council is evidence-led and responsive to the challenges presented by climate change is the go-to trusted resource on climate science and solutions in Australia.

You can be sure that your future gift will power the smartest opportunities to make a difference on climate change.

Your gift enables your voice and values to live on, creating a lasting legacy of a safe climate.





Large or small, your gift demonstrates your deep commitment to climate action and will help create a safe and beautiful planet for generations to come.





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WHERE TO START



Making a gift in your will to the Climate Council is a simple process.

1. **Choose the family, loved ones and charities** that you would like to include in your will.
2. **Talk about it with your family and loved ones.** Share your plans and vision with them.
3. **Choose the type of gift** you would like to make:

A residual gift is where the remainder (or a proportion of the remainder) of your estate goes to the Climate Council. This is one of the preferred choices to allow for inflation, rather than decreasing in value over time.

A percentage gift is where a portion of your estate goes to the Climate Council. This is another of the preferred choices to allow for inflation.

A specific gift is where a specific asset, or stated sum of money goes to the Climate Council.

You may wish to use the wording as follows:

I give to the Climate Council Australia Limited of 8 Short Street, Surry Hills NSW [ABN 52 165 914 303] the residue of my estate / a ___% share of my estate / the sum of \$___) for its general purposes.

4. **Contact your Solicitor to write or update your will**

We recommend seeking legal advice when writing or updating your will. If you need a lawyer, reach out to your state or territory law society and they can refer you.

We have also partnered with Gathered Here to help supporters write a free, online will, appropriate for simple estates only. Visit: climc.nl/gatheredhere.

5. **Please let us know** if you have made the decision to include a gift in your will to the Climate Council. We would love to welcome you into our Legacy Circle and keep you connected to our work. You can contact us directly on (02) 9356 8531 or legacy@climatecouncil.org.au

A MESSAGE FROM TIM

I grew up in outer suburban Melbourne, and my playground was the bushland near our family home.

As the city expanded rapidly around us, this natural wonderland was being destroyed before my eyes. That's what led me to become an environmentalist.

Climate change is the biggest threat to our environment, and the survival and wellbeing of all species, including our own. But I'm still confident we can make a huge difference and change course towards a better future.

Making a gift to the Climate Council in your will is one of the best ways to help. You can make an extraordinary difference that lasts beyond your lifetime. It's really an investment in the future our children will inherit, which is what wills are all about.

Thank you for considering such a visionary gift, to protect the great, big playground we all share.

Tim Flannery

Chief Councillor and Legacy Ambassador



Thank you for supporting the Climate Council

The Climate Council is an independent, crowd-funded organisation providing quality information on climate change to the Australian public.

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