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**Landcare ACT**

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## **LANDCARE ACT APPOINTS NEW CHAIR**



Landcare ACT, the ACT's peak body for land stewardship groups, today announced appointment of a new Chair, Professor Peter Bridgewater.

Professor Bridgewater has had an extensive career in academia and biodiversity conservation both in Australia and overseas and is currently Adjunct Professor in Terrestrial and Marine Governance at the University of Canberra.

Past roles include CEO of the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, and at the global level, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention, Secretary of UNESCO's Biosphere Reserve Network and most recently Chair of the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

"I am really looking forward to becoming involved in Landcare in the ACT at a grass-roots level" said Professor Bridgewater. "I love Canberra and its bush landscape and Landcare ACT will give me an opportunity to contribute my experience at local level".

Professor Bridgewater is keen to get out and about and meet the ACT's landcarers over the next few months, as he promotes Landcare ACT's strategic agenda for strengthening the resilience of the ACT's urban and rural landscapes.

Landcare ACT's Agenda is proposing development of an overarching natural resource management strategy, to provide a clear road-map for the whole community. "For a small place the natural resource management arrangements are quite complex, but that also makes it easier for everyone to get together and find solutions" Professor Bridgewater said.

"I am also very keen to support the tremendous work of the catchment groups and facilitate Aboriginal involvement in natural resource management".

Professor Bridgewater can be contacted for comment on 0423252967.

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