

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL BOARD

2023 AGM 23rd November

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT (ONE POSITION)

Leon Arundell – Extinction Rebellion, 350.org Canberra, Climate Action Canberra, ACF Community Canberra

Nominated by: Christopher Watson, Ginninderra Falls Association

Seconded by: Christopher Emery, National Parks Association ACT

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In good faith I will encourage, support, and work with the Conservation Council's board, members and staff, to:

- provide [ethical, well-informed, transparent](#), accountable and [constitutional](#) governance, in accordance with [natural justice](#);
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Rod Griffiths – National Parks Association ACT

Nominated by: Warwick Cathro, 350.org Canberra and Australian Electric Vehicle Association ACT Branch

Seconded by: Sarah Reid, ACF Community Canberra

The Conservation Council plays a key role in the protection of the region's environment and I have had the privilege of helping guide the Council over many years. In this coming election year, the Council needs a strong board and president, and I offer my 38 years of

environmental activism, working on the boards of both national and regional environment groups.

These years have taught me the importance of organisations having passionate, dedicated and ethical leaders who are committed to the aims of the organisation they represent. Over the years, I have helped the Council through many issues, drawing on my environmental experience as well as my professional experience as a chartered accountant.

I am passionate to assist the Council in its quest to address the urgent climate change, species extinction and sustainability issues facing all of us. I have a particular interest in the protection of biodiversity and the management of our national parks and nature reserves. These will all be important issues in 2024 and I want to ensure the Council's voice is strong and is heard throughout this election year.

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT (TWO POSITIONS)

Peta Bulling – ACF Community Canberra

Nominated by: Annie Close, 350.org Canberra

Seconded by: Warwick Cathro, Australian Electric Vehicle Association ACT Branch

My name is Peta Bulling and I am excited to nominate for the Conservation Council ACT Region board for 2024. After working at the Council for 2 years I hope to use this opportunity to give back to the community. I would like to nominate for Vice President and/or general board member as I believe I have a unique set of skills and experience to help guide the Council, particularly, as it navigates the upcoming ACT Election.

As a young person I would bring a unique vision and skillset to the board. Having been a staff member at the Council I know the organisation very well, and would be able to come into the role with a running start.

For the past four years I have been working in advocacy and campaigns within the environment movement. I am well connected with both local and national issues from my time working at the Council, and within my current role as a Nature Campaigner with ACF.

I'm a born and raised Canberran and am intimately connected to the nature we live alongside. I look forward to working with the Council to continue to look after this wonderful region.

Correa Driscoll- SEE Change, Southern ACT Catchment Group, Canberra Birds

Nominated by: Victoria Herbert, ASEN, Food Co-op

Seconded by: Maryclare Woodforde, AAE, Food Co-op

I have had the privilege of serving on the Conservation Council Board over the last year and am nominating for another term to continue to support the invaluable work of the Council. I have always held a deep passion for environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and social justice. I bring to the board both my volunteer and professional experience in climate activism and advocacy, fundraising, community landcare and commonwealth environmental regulation and policy.

I have an academic background in sustainability, environmental studies and political science and was a core volunteer with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition for over 6 years in Canberra and Perth, working on national campaigns for climate justice. I have also had the privilege to work for Southern ACT Catchment Group and the National Landcare Network, supporting community-led landcare. Having since transitioned to environmental policy in the public sector, I am familiar with navigating Commonwealth legislation and processes.

I value the role of grassroots community groups in change-making, and I believe the Conservation Council is crucial in supporting community action for a sustainable future. I am keen to continue to bring my experience and passion to the board, and I am excited for the environmental wins of 2024.

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY (ONE POSITION)

Kathy Ehmann – SEE Change

Nominated by: Sarah Reid, ACF Community Canberra

Seconded by: Rod Griffiths, National Parks Association ACT

I have served as secretary on the Conservation Council board for the past year and am seeking re-election. I have previously served as treasurer for another community organisation and provided secretariat support for several others. I am the founding convenor of the Community Toolbox Canberra, which operates under the auspices of Council member, SEE-Change.

I am passionate about improving our collective sufficiency through skill sharing. I am an enthusiastic participant in Buy Nothing, ShareWaste, repair cafes and talking to people about gardening for pleasure, food and insects.

I am completing a Bachelor of Science (Sustainability) and a Diploma of Governance. I'd like to remain on the Conservation Council board to support the work of the organisation and its members, with the ultimate ambition of making reducing planetary pressures a mainstream goal.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF ELECTED BOARD MEMBER (SIX POSITIONS)

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Nominated by: Christopher Watson, Ginninderra Falls Association

Seconded by: Christopher Emery, National Parks Association ACT

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Braithan Bell – Ngunnawal, Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Network, ASEN

Nominated by: Victoria Herbert, Food Co-op, ASEN

Seconded by: Elle Lawless, 350.org Canberra, Canberra Forest Alliance

As a proud Ngunnawal man, I have a strong connection to my heritage, culture and country. From a very young age I've been so fortunate to work with my Elders and community to learn the intrinsic values and connection we have to our country and how we play an important role in its protection of its health and future for generations to come.

Through my experiences with my Elders and community I have had multiple opportunities to immerse myself in my culture and understand who we are as Ngunnawal people. The knowledge I have gained from these experiences has carried me a long way and is the reason why I am working for The Office of Nature and Conservation through EPSDD as their Ngunnawal project officer.

Opportunities working with my Elders and community:

- Dhawaura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee

- MIIDRIN with Ngunnawal and other First Nations groups on water rights and entitlements.
- Ngunnawal seasonal calendar

Having the chance to be a part of CCACT would allow me to build on my knowledge and skill set. It would also allow me to better understand how to apply our cultural knowledge in conservation and land management practices carried out on country.

Jessica Fordyce – Zero Waste Revolution

Nominated by: Kalina Koloff, Canberra Environment Centre

Seconded by: Mia Swainson, Zero Waste Revolution

The ACT Conservation Council is an organisation I respect immensely, as an intersectional group which values First Nations, environmental justice, and community solidarity.

I believe I can contribute to the positive outcomes of the ACT Conservation Council through my skills and experiences as a young environmental leader. I'm passionate about ensuring that environmental campaigning is accessible to all audiences, and that marginalised communities are protected from the impacts of environmental harm.

Through my experience working with communities on social-justice issues such as food insecurity, I have a deep commitment to the principles of justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe these values are key to upholding the integrity and longevity of an organisation. If elected, I look forward to contributing to the ACT Conservation Council's positivity and success.

Danny Jowers Blain – SEE Change

Nominated by: Sarah Reid, ACF Community Canberra

Seconded by: John Smith, People's Climate Assembly

I fell in love with Australia's stunning landscape, the plants, the animals and the uniqueness of Australia's Aboriginal heritage. Mount Ainslie is my favourite place to spend time walking, riding, doing regeneration work, breathing in the smell of the bush. The more time I spend there, the more I see the harm we're doing, the enduring colonial mindsets and their impacts.

I'm passionate about Reconciliation with First Nations Peoples. Care for Country is at the heart of Aboriginal cultures, providing us so much opportunity to both learn and build connection. It's crucial that the Conservation Council continues to bring Aboriginal knowledge into its work, engaging meaningfully with elders and knowledge-holders.

I've always been passionate about protecting the environment, beginning my career working in international climate change policy for the UK government. My work now focuses on helping government and not for profit organisations to meet their strategic objectives through

portfolios and programs and the organisational structures and behaviours they need to be successful.

I believe my passions and my professional skills will enable me to contribute something different to the board.

Vivienne Pearce – ACT Australian Association of Environmental Educators

Nominated by: Warwick Cathro, 350.org Canberra and Australian Electric Vehicle Association ACT Branch

Seconded by: Victoria Herbert, ASEN and Food co-op

For most of my working life I have been an advocate for the power of education to transform society and the lives of our citizens. I feel as a keen environmental educator that education has an important role to play in helping our communities transform our country and planet to a sustainable way of living. The Conservation Council needs to inspire the next generation of environmental activists. I am equally passionate at helping both the young and old to care for country and our planet.

As a Board member I bring a different set of skills to the Conservation Council:

- ACT Environmental Educator for 2022. This was based on the breadth of my work both paid and as a volunteer. My mentoring and supporting environmental educators in the ACT and nationally
- Career as a Science teacher, last 10 years at the ANBG.
- Current President ACT Australian Association of Environmental Education (AAEEACT), Vice-President Nationally.
- Active Executive member, past President, and the convenor of ACT Parents & Citizens Council Reconciliation Action Plan Committee. I have both led development and presently helped with implementation of RAP.

Annika Reynolds- Canberra Ornithologists Group, ACF Community Canberra

Nominated by: Sarah Reid, ACF Community Canberra

Seconded by: Warwick Cathro, 350.org Canberra and Australian Electric Vehicle Association ACT Branch

I would be delighted to continue to serve on the board of the Conservation Council of the ACT (CFACT). I believe my background in law, and particular expertise in environmental and climate law reform is a valuable addition to the CFACT's board skill set, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to the strong governance of CFACT and to assist with CFACT's biodiversity and climate campaigns.

I am a climate policy advisor for an international climate and energy think tank, working on both federal and territory energy laws, as well as the founder of GreenLaw, a

Canberra-based research institute empowering the next generation of lawyers to tackle the climate crisis. I am an Honorary Fellow at the ANU College of Law and Member of the Fenner School Research Hub on Human Rights, Gender and Climate Change, engaging in research on environmental rights and rights of nature in government decision-making, among other government advisory and NGO appointments. I bring a strong advocacy background and extensive network to the board, including connections with federal and territory political and departmental stakeholders and media.

I am a member of ACF Canberra and the Canberra Ornithologists Group.

Linda Xia - ACF Community Canberra

Nominated by: Elle Lawless, 350.org Canberra, Canberra Forest Alliance

Seconded by: Sarah Reid, ACF Community Canberra

I have started as treasurer on the Conservation Council ACT Region board since December 2022 and am seeking re-election. I am a qualified accountant (CPA) with over 10 years' experience in accounting, especially in management accounting and financial reporting. I am also serving as treasurer for another community organisation.

As a new mum, I wish to make a contribution to our environment for the current, and more importantly, future generations. I wish to be a good example to my daughter. I pay attention to different aspects in daily life about the environment, such as recycling and reusing materials, reducing waste, investing in green energy and so on.

By joining the CCCACT Board, I have been able to do more. I have learned more from people with different backgrounds and skills who are also passionate about the environment. I have a deep feeling about the importance of the work CCCACT have been doing and the difficulties the organisation has been through.

I would like to remain on the board to support the work of the organisation and members. I also would like to use this chance to improve awareness of people around me, and encourage them to participate in various activities to protect the environment.