

The Wilderness Society Ltd

2024 Election of Directors

The Wilderness Society Ltd operates nationally with Campaigning, Organising, Communications, Membership, Fundraising and Business Operations arms which work across several locations. The Board maintains oversight of all these activities and is looking for a diversity of backgrounds and experience to meet its responsibilities.

Members participate in the annual The Wilderness Society Ltd Election of Directors, as outlined in our [Constitution](#). The nomination and election process are designed to promote broad geographic representation, and elected Directors must come from at least four of the six regions outlined in the Constitution.

This year the Elected Director who will be retiring is Amanda Branley from Western Australia, with Amanda eligible to renominate. [Details of the current Board of Directors can be found via this link](#). The Directors are looking for expertise across a range of leadership areas including governance, legal or advocacy to complement their existing skills base.

In 2024, Directors may be elected from any of the following regions: Queensland; Northern Territory and South Australia; Tasmania; New South Wales and Western Australia.

Nominations

At the close of nominations on 23 October 2024, the following three (3) eligible nominations had been received for three (3) available positions as Elected Directors on The Wilderness Society Ltd Board.

Need for a ballot

While only three candidates have been nominated for the three available positions, Rule 32.1) of the Constitution does not allow automatic appointment. The Rule allows for Members who may consider a candidate inappropriate for the role not to vote for the candidate. To be elected, candidates must receive votes numbering greater than one. **The following three nominations have been received for three Elected Director positions on the Board.**

Amanda Branley | Nomination received 22 October 2024

Region: Western Australia

Amanda has held governance roles with The Wilderness Society since November 2013. She was Treasurer, then Secretary and then Convenor with The Wilderness Society WA until November 2018, from when she successfully nominated as a The Wilderness Society Ltd Board Director. Amanda is currently the Deputy Convenor, and a member of the The

Wilderness Society Ltd Finance Audit Risk committee, and the Convenors' Committee.

Amanda brings curiosity and strong skills in leadership and communication to governance roles, and is keen to work with The Wilderness Society CEO and the Collaborative Management Team to position The Wilderness Society for long term success. This includes collaborative work on the fund raising strategy and strategic risk management.

Amanda has passion for the environment and ensuring we protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes across Australia and its surrounding waters and sky. She wants to walk with TWS and its supporters for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth.

Bettina Pidcock | Nomination received 23 October 2024

Region: Tasmania

Bettina Pidcock is an experienced, senior professional in the commercial and not-for-profit sectors with a career spanning the arts, retail and wholesale banking, wealth management (including superannuation, investment, financial advice and private banking), life and general insurance.

She has held leadership positions at major Australian Financial Institutions in strategic marketing, communications, product management, corporate affairs and customer experience and has led a NFP educational organisation.

Bettina has non-executive director experience in NFP organisations, industry advisory boards, a philanthropic foundation and a privately owned company, is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Australian Graduate School of Management.

She has a passion for science and sustainability, having graduated with a BSc in Chemistry and holding certificate qualifications in sustainability from both the Cambridge Institute of Sustainability Leadership and the University of Tasmania. These studies have enabled her to hone her skills in communicating sustainability challenges to diverse groups and engaging the companies she has worked for in accelerating their adoption of more sustainable practices. She is a strong believer that individuals, advocacy groups, governments and corporations all have a responsibility to act to create a more sustainable world and to protect nature's precious ecosystems.

Bill Doyle | Nomination received 23 October 2024

Region: Northern Territory & South Australia

Bill is an Honorary Life Member of The Wilderness Society, an award received in 2021 in recognition of more than 25 years of working alongside the South Australian branch on a series of wilderness protection campaigns, beginning in the late 1990s with the fight to remove a magnesite mining company from the Vulkathunha - Gammon Ranges National Park then attaining a Wilderness Protection Area in the Yellabinna Regional Reserve, and subsequently the campaign to remove mining rights from the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

These three campaigns have resulted in nearly 700,000 Ha. of fully-protected reserves from which the mining industry is totally excluded.

This led to Bill receiving Certificates of Commendation as part of the Conservation SA's Jill Hudson Awards for Environmental Protection in 2000 and 2002.

Bill has been involved in other campaigns with The Wilderness Society - frequently acting as a photographer - including the conservation of the Nullarbor and SA west and far west coast/s, the Simpson Desert, post-fire wilderness protection on Kangaroo Island, and the fight against the fossil fuel industry in the Great Australian Bight.

In 2021, Bill was honoured to accompany Peter Owen, lawyers, and anthropologists, with traditional owners from the Mirning community on a cultural tour on the Nullarbor and Bight region in support of a Mirning land claim over the region, and as a component of the campaign for World Heritage nomination for the Great Australian Bight.

Bill particularly wishes to focus on removing the fossil fuel industry entirely from our wild places.

Please cast your vote: visit <https://wildernesssociety.verovoting.com.au/>

Voting process

Results of the 2024 Election of Directors will be announced at The Wilderness Society Ltd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 27 November 2024, and published on this webpage following.

For details on how Wilderness Society Members can attend the AGM, please go to wilderness.org.au/AGM or call 1800 030 641.

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