The Wilderness Society Ltd 2026 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 Directors who will be retiring are Andrew Barker from Victoria, and Bill Doyle from the SA/NT region—with both Andrew and Bill eligible to renominate. With a Casual Vacancy for the region of Victoria due to Lisa Roberts' earlier Director resignation in 2026, three positions are open for election. Directors may be elected from any of the six regions listed below. Details of the current Board of Directors can be found via this link.

The Board of Directors are looking for expertise across a range of leadership areas including governance, legal or advocacy to complement their existing skills base. In 2026, Directors may be elected from any of the following regions: Queensland; Northern Territory and South Australia; Tasmania; Victoria; New South Wales; and Western Australia.

Nominations
At the close of nominations on 21 October 2026, the following two eligible nominations had been received for three available positions as Elected Directors on The Wilderness Society Ltd Board (see biography details for nominees below).

Need for a ballot
While only two candidates have been nominated for the three available positions, Rule 32.l) of The Wilderness Society Ltd 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 nominations (listed and considered in order as determined by lot, as per rule 32.a) of the Constitution) have been received for two Elected Director positions on the Board.**

Andrew Barker | Nomination received 9 October 2026

Region: Victoria

Having been on the Board for the last six years, a Member for many years before that, and

being a passionate supporter of The Wilderness Society's (TWS) purpose, Andrew Barker welcomes the opportunity to help TWS continue to really make a difference in further protecting our environment.

Andrew's TWS Board role includes being the Convenor of the Finance and Risk Sub Committee. He has worked in senior financial and management roles for over 20 years, including financial services and non profit Board experience, and brings financial, strategic, governance, leadership and analytical skills.

In these changing times more and more Australians are recognising the need for immediate action to protect the environment—TWS has a unique opportunity to really drive this change. Andrew believes the challenge lies in executing this across all parts of the federation, including careful financial and risk management.

Bill Doyle | Nomination received 8 October 2026

Region: NT/SA

Bill Doyle is an Honorary Life Member of The Wilderness Society (TWS), an award received in 2021 in recognition of more than 25 years of working alongside the South Australian branch on a series of campaigns, beginning with the fight to stop mining in the Vulkathunha - Gammon Ranges National Park, then to attain a Wilderness Protection Area in the Yellabinna Regional Reserve, and then to remove miners from the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

These resulted in nearly 700,000ha of reserves from which the industry is totally excluded.

Bill has been involved in other TWS campaigns—frequently acting as a photographer—including the SA west and far west coast/s; the Simpson Desert; wilderness protection on Kangaroo Island, and the successful fight against the fossil fuel industry in the Great Australian Bight.

In 2021 as part of the campaign for World Heritage status for the Great Australian Bight, he was honoured to accompany TWS's Peter Owen and the Mirning Traditional Owners on a cultural tour of the region in support of the Mirning's title claim.

Bill filled a casual vacancy on the TWS Ltd Board in May 2024, and was elected the following November. Since then, Bill has focused on supporting the purpose of The Wilderness Society, and on strengthening our federation.

He particularly wants to ensure that the funding is available to do the work we must do to protect our wild places, and also to see us remove the fossil fuel industry entirely from them.

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

Voting process

Results of the 2026 Election of Directors will be announced at The Wilderness Society Ltd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 25 November 2026, and published on the **AGM 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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