MEMBERS' FORUM 2024

Forum Host: Karl Tischler, Convenor

Attending Directors: Bill Doyle, Jen Martin, Michael Gillam

Apologies Received: Amanda Branley (Deputy Convenor), Andrew Barker (Director), Matt Brennan (CEO), Steve Saunders (TWS Tas MC), Troy Beer, Rose Brown, Val Noga

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION

- The 2024 Members' Forum was well received and a useful way to open dialogue with some of our most engaged Members.

- Amelia (Meels) Young, National Campaigns Director spoke with Members about some of the Wilderness Society's current and most active campaigns, including:
  - Federal environment laws & community rights
  - Biodiversity & species loss
  - Deforestation and corporate accountability
  - Watch on Nature Web application and effectiveness

- A Q&A session provided the opportunity to discuss topics of interest to Members, such as:
  - Nuclear energy as a land-sparing tool
  - Emissions, pollution and contamination due to oil, gas and metal companies projects
  - Great Forest National Park Victoria
  - World Heritage Wilderness nominations
  - EPBC legislation
  - Importance of alliance-building

OUTCOMES

- Valuable feedback was received from attendees in relation to the Wilderness Journal publication; electronic communications and focus groups.

- Further opportunities for Directors to speak with Members are being considered by the Board of Directors.

- The Wilderness Society Ltd Board of Directors look forward to welcoming more Members to this annual Forum in 2025.