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Landcare funding announcement welcomed by Landcare's national bodies

December 2nd, 2016: Landcare Australia and the National Landcare Network today welcomed the announcement of a much needed funding boost for Landcare, while expressing hope that consultation would take place regarding where the funds would be directed.

Yesterday's agreement by the Federal Government will see an additional \$100 million dollars of funding given to Landcare over four years, with details yet to be announced as to how and to whom this funding will be distributed.

Landcare Australia CEO, Tessa Jakszewicz, is pleased to see Landcare receiving additional funding.

"The scale of work involved in ensuring that our land is healthy, productive and sustainable in the face of growing challenges is immense, and a large amount of this valuable work is undertaken by the Landcare community. We are extremely pleased with the announcement of an additional \$100 million in funding to support this work and hope that the farmers, community groups and support agencies involved in keeping Landcare active will benefit, enabling the vital work being undertaken across the country to continue," she said.

Jim Adams, CEO of the National Landcare Network, also welcomed the announcement.

"Any additional funding for Landcare is good news to those involved at a grass roots, state or national level, and we hope that as much as possible this funding directly supports on-ground activities led by Landcare community groups, as well as the vital support services provided by Landcare Australia and the National Landcare Network," he added.

The Landcare movement began as a national initiative in 1989 and there are currently more than 5,400 groups undertaking natural resource management projects in local communities across the country.

For further information, or to arrange an interview with Tessa Jakszewicz or Jim Adams:

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About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision of all Australians actively caring for the land and water that sustain us. For over 25 years, Landcare Australia has worked collaboratively with federal, state and local governments, corporate partners and sponsors, and individuals, to build capacity for the Landcare community to better manage Australia's crucial land and water assets. Landcare Australia

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delivers hundreds of projects annually through the volunteer efforts of local community groups, indigenous groups, and the more than 5,400 Landcare and Coastcare groups that make up the Landcare movement.

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About the National Landcare Network

The National Landcare Network (NLN) is the representative body for Landcare groups across Australia and works to provide a voice for Landcare at the national level. The NLN is made up of representatives from each State and Territory, who come together to share their successes and support one another in overcoming challenges. We aim to tell a collective story that reflects the shared experiences of Landcarers across Australia, and advocate for the Landcare movement to enable it to continue its essential work building resilient and productive landscapes, and protecting our natural environment.

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