

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**

Minister for Energy, the Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Solar Homes



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## NEW TRUST FOR NATURE BOARD APPOINTED

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring the continued protection of our precious native habitat for future generations to enjoy.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today appointed new members to the Trust for Nature board including three new appointments.

These new appointments mean eight out of the ten Trust for Nature Board Members are women, including the Chair, delivering on the Government's goal of achieving 50 per cent female board chairs and 50 per cent female representation on Boards.

Two of the new board members have culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and one member is Aboriginal, ensuring that connection to Country and the expertise of Traditional Owners is taken into account in decision making.

The new board includes Andrew Brookes who has a background working with philanthropic foundations as well as being an owner of covenanted property, Sonya Rand who works in leadership roles in community and sustainability for retail organisations and Lisa Darmanin who has a background in superannuation management.

Two members have been reappointed, Jill Smith who has a background in investment and market research and Nina Braid who has experience in sustainable agriculture and indigenous land management.

Trust for Nature plays a key role in conserving Victoria's environment by establishing permanent conservation covenants with landowners to protect habitat on private land throughout Victoria, which also contributes to our targets under the *Biodiversity 2037* plan.

To date Trust for Nature has created more than 1,500 covenants protecting more than 72,000 hectares across Victoria.

Since 2014 the Labor Government has invested nearly \$560 million towards protecting biodiversity.

For more information on the Trust for Nature Board visit [trustfornature.org.au/about-us/our-board/](https://trustfornature.org.au/about-us/our-board/).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"The variety of experience and backgrounds the Board members have will provide invaluable leadership for Trust for Nature in their important work protecting Victoria's biodiversity."*

*"Private landholders play an important role in protecting and enhancing habitat for our state's native flora and fauna and the right Board will ensure this conservation work continues to thrive."*