Places You Love

Australia is full of special places — places with wonderful wildlife, spectacular scenery, towering trees and clear flowing water. And yet few of these special places receive the level of protection they should, and many are under threat from all kinds of complex environmental challenges.

Our current nature laws are inadequate, unable to deal effectively with the big issues facing the places we love—habitat loss, development, fire, feral animals and climate change. They're all pushing nature to the brink.

Current legislation, including the national Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999, has failed to deliver the protections it promised.

Places You Love is building a movement of Australians who care about nature to champion a new generation of nature laws so we can fix these problems — for good.

We need a system where all Australians can participate in key decisions in a consistent way, no matter where they are. We need all decisions to be transparent. We need an accountable decision-maker to ensure major environmental issues are managed for the benefit of all.

Most importantly, we need a system which is designed so that Australia's natural heritage is adequately protected and restored, to ensure we don't have to keep fighting the same battles, again and again.

What is the Places You Love Alliance?

The Places You Love Alliance is a united collection of like-minded organisations and people, all standing together to protect the places and wildlife we love. Together, we represent over 1.5 million Australians — people who love our national parks, our wildlife, our ancient landscape.

We have an ambitious mission: to galvanise Australia's nature-loving community to stand up for nature and fight for stronger, more comprehensive, more effective and efficient national environment laws.

What are we calling for?

Drawing on the work of the Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law (APEEL), the Places You Love Alliance is calling for:

• A new generation of environment laws that genuinely protect our unique wildlife and the places we love

• Independent institutions that set science-based national environmental standards, and operate transparently and independently of government:
  • A National Sustainability Commission that develops enforceable national, regional, threat abatement and species-level conservation plans.
  • A National Environmental Protection Agency that has adequate authority and capacity to check for compliance and to enforce environment laws.

• Guaranteed community rights and participation in environmental decision-making

Get involved!

1. Spread the word about nature laws, why strong laws are necessary and why you care
2. Advocate for stronger nature laws by contacting your local Member of Parliament
3. Show up at a local event or group — stay tuned for news of a #naturelaws event near you!

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