

New Laws FAQ

Our New Laws campaign is big and ambitious. We want everyone to feel confident talking about it, and why overhauling our environmental legislation is so important. We've created this FAQ fact sheet to answer any questions you may have. We recommend you read our [New Laws 101 fact sheet](#) first, to help wrap your head around the campaign.

Do you have a question about the New Laws campaign? [Use this form to submit your questions](#) and we'll update this document with the most common submissions.

Where can I find information and resources on this campaign?

You'll find everything you need to know about the campaign, as well as resources you can use in your community, on our resources hub. Head to: wilderness.org.au/newlaws.

Who is involved? Is it just The Wilderness Society?

The Wilderness Society is running this campaign as part of the Place You Love Alliance. The Places You Love Alliance is a group of 42 environmental organisations representing over 1.5 million Australians who love our national parks, wildlife and precious natural beauty.

The Alliance is working with the Australian community to stand up for nature and fight for stronger, more effective and efficient, national environment laws.

Find out more about the Places You Love Alliance and which organisations are involved at: placesyoulove.org.

How will this address climate change?

When it comes to fighting the threat caused by runaway climate change, Australia must ensure that we can mitigate (or limit) our contribution to global emissions, as well as adapt to and be resilient in the face of a warming world.

One very important way of doing this is to protect existing carbon stocks and facilitate the creation of new ones—especially biodiverse forests and woodlands. We also need to reduce widespread clearing of plants, which lead to increased carbon emissions, and drive landscape-wide adaptation to the impacts of global warming.

Increasing public participation in national planning around how we manage our environment will provide the opportunity for community members to have their say on how government money and effort should be directed.

How long will this take? When will we have new laws in place?

We want these reforms underway within 100 days of the next Federal Election (2019), but given the uncertain nature of politics today, no timeframes are guaranteed. However, this is a long-term reform process—we want to create a system robust enough to be in place for several decades, whilst at the same time being adaptable enough to deal with the changing world under climate change.

Either way, the central role that the community will play in bringing about these reforms, and then making them work, is clear. The Wilderness Society is helping bring together a strong, vibrant constituency, made up of people like you—the nature-loving Australian public—and we aim to support you well into the future.