



## Sue Richardson

### Candidate for South Australia

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Previous terms served on Council: 2

I am a retired professor of economics. I am now committed to using my time and my knowledge to protect nature and the climate from further damage from human activity. Our natural world is my source of joy and solace and it breaks my heart to see it being degraded in the interests of economic progress. I know that on my own, I can have only a minor impact. But ACF is a magnificent organisation that can and is making a real difference. I have been on the Council for two terms, and would very much like the opportunity to continue.

#### **What I will bring to Council**

Nature needs all the support from economists that it can get. I bring not only my own expertise, but also continuing connections with other leading scholars, including economists. I remain actively engaged with the Academy of the Social Sciences, one of Australia's 5 learned academies: it is full of very smart people many of whom are passionate and knowledgeable about protecting nature and the climate. I am a keen sailor and have spent many weeks at sea over the past decades. I care deeply about the ocean and all its life, above and below the water.

#### **Advocacy and community engagement**

I have spent two terms on the ACF Council and over that 6 years I have attended almost every meeting and many other ACF events. I am also an active member of the ACF Adelaide community group. I have joined in ACF election campaigning, collected signatures on petitions, met with state and Federal MPs, had published an op ed in the Australian Financial Review on the need for a price on carbon. I lead an Academy program on climate change.

#### **Governance interest and experience**

I have been a member of the board of a number of enterprises, in the fields of high pressure natural gas pipelines, venture capital, intellectual property. I have served on many advisory boards for State and Federal governments. I was President of the Academy of the Social Sciences. I know about good governance and what is necessary to attain it.

#### **My ideas for climate and nature solutions**

Australia has a unique natural world. If we do not care for it, no-one will. Its preservation and flourishing is a deep responsibility for us all. We must adopt the attitude of "I want less"; we must follow the lead of the pioneering sustainable farmers, to produce our food and fibre with no expansion of the land that we have cleared, and restoration of key habitat on farming land. We must have strong, comprehensive nature protection laws, zealously, effectively enforced.