



Greg Sarre

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Previous terms served on Council: 0

I live and work in the Adelaide Hills and manage the sustainability program for a local Council. I have been committed to conservation for a long time and do what I can through my work and personally. However, the climate and biodiversity crises are increasing, and I want to do more, including at the national level. Our kids are mostly independent now, so I also have a little more time and want to spend that time doing something with meaning and purpose. I admire the work of the ACF and think I have something to contribute.

What I will bring to Council

I have worked in sustainability and strategic planning positions in local government in SA for 23 years. In a variety of operational, strategy and management roles, I have initiated and managed many on-ground bush management and revegetation projects and been responsible for strategy and policy development, planning and advocating for environmental and sustainability outcomes, locally and regionally. I work at community, administrative and political levels across all levels of government, regional bodies, business and corporations. I volunteer in bushcare and revegetation projects in my local area and helped revegetate land previously owned by our family on Kangaroo Island.

Advocacy and community engagement

I donate to ACF, Wilderness Society, Greenpeace and AYCC. I have been member of local action planning and catchment groups and participate in volunteer activities where possible. I participate in public action events including supporting the schools climate strike. Also through work, I help organise and run community events including a biannual Bird Fair, habitat box building and community planting days. As sustainability manager at Council, I initiate many, and oversee all, of the environmental education and awareness activities.

Governance interest and experience

Through my work, I sit on a number of relevant committees, most recently including Resilient Hills and Coasts (the Regional Climate Adaptation group), the policy advisory group for the National Growth Areas Alliance, the Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage bid, the Agricultural Landscape Recovery Reference Group for the Adelaide Hills Bushfire recovery, the regional Food Systems working group and am the Council representative on a recently funded Citizen Science project called Living Lighter Locally, led by the University of SA.

My ideas for climate and nature solutions

My ideas are focussed on urgency and facilitating action; everything from personal behaviour change to political action. I think most people are aware, broadly, of many of the issues facing the country and planet. I think that awareness is still very shallow, with many not aware of the real impacts climate change and biodiversity collapse will have on our lives and those of future generations. I want to help motivate personal and political action and provide opportunity to act, positively.

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