



Barry Mitchell

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Previous terms served on Council: 0

I believe ACF to be one of the most effective organisations acting on behalf of the environment and climate action in Australia, and I would value the opportunity to contribute to this, especially as the current decade we are entering is the most critical in terms of action on climate, and environmental protection.

What I will bring to Council

My background is in media and teaching. I was an executive producer at ABC (TV) and have extensive experience in media production and writing. Now retired, my passion is working for climate action, and I do so through various groups and organisations in a volunteer capacity. I have a good knowledge of current issues and challenges, and the possible ways forward.

Advocacy and community engagement

I am involved with 350.org SA group (Fossil Free SA) as a member of its key group and have produced media for them. I am a Climate Reality leader with the Climate Reality Program and have given many presentations on their behalf. I produce a weekly program for Radio Adelaide on environmental issues. I am a member of a local shore-nesting bird protection group through Birds Australia.

Governance interest and experience

I sat on the Board of Radio Adelaide through its transition to self-funding, and have been on the Boards of other community media organisations. I have sat on various committees deciding funding for film projects. I have a good grasp of Association governance and meeting procedures.

My ideas for climate and nature solutions

Australia should be a leader in renewable energy production and solutions, as it has the resources and technical ability. It should show the world how to use renewable energy to produce all of its needs. Australia should transform its approach to environmental protection and turn around the appalling extinction rates currently being experienced. Australia and Australians should be encouraged to value nature as custodians, not as exploiters. And we need to reach net zero emissions as soon as possible.