

**Environment and Communications**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Portfolio**

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**Senator Duniam asked:**

Senator DUNIAM: Okay. Just on the development of standards, the working group—from memory, there were two parts to it, like a bigger group and a smaller group.

Mr Tregurtha: That's correct, Senator.

Senator DUNIAM: Yes. Have we got a list of the names of the participants in that group?

Mr Tregurtha: I can get you a list on notice. I'm happy to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

1. A targeted working group has been established to inform the development of National Environmental Standards for Matters of National Environmental Significance, environmental offsets and regional planning. This working group includes stakeholders that represent a range of perspectives and experts with specific knowledge relevant to the standards under development. The names of member organisations are at **Attachment A**.
2. To further test the draft standards, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has engaged a broader reference group of over 50 participants with a range of interests, including First Nations groups, business, environment and community groups and scientists. The names of member organisations are at **Attachment B**.

## Attachment A

<b>Standards Working Group Member Organisation</b>
Aestra
Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Heritage Council
Australian Local Government Association
Biodiversity Council
Business Council of Australia
Ecological Sustainable Development Expert
Environment Institute Of Australia And New Zealand
Environmental Defenders Office
Expert from Australian National University
Expert from Australian National University College of Law
Former Independent Reviewer – EPBC Act Review
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development
Indigenous Advisory Committee
Minerals Council of Australia
Natural Resource Management Regions Australia
The Urban Development Institute of Australia
Threatened Species Scientific Committee
World Wildlife Fund

## Attachment B

<b>Reference Group Member Organisations</b>
Aestra
Alinytjara Wilurara LandscapeSA
Association of Mining and Exploration Company
Australian Academy of Science
Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Forest Products Association
Australian Heritage Council
Australian Land Conservation Alliance
Australian Local Government Association
Australian Marine Conservation Society
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration
Biodiversity Council
Bird Life Australia
Bush Heritage Australia
Business Council of Australia
Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia
Ecological Sustainable Development Expert
Environment Institute Of Australia And New Zealand
Environmental Defenders Office
Environmental Justice Australia
Expert from Australian National University
Expert from Australian National University College of Law
Expert from University of Melbourne
Expert from University of Queensland
Expert from University of Sydney

Former Independent Reviewer – EPBC Act Review
Greening Australia
Humane Society International
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development
Indigenous Advisory Committee
Indigenous Land and Sea
Invasive Species Council
Minerals Council of Australia
National Environmental Law Association
National Farmers Federation
Natural Resource Management Regions Australia
North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance
NSW Minerals Council
Property Council Australia
Queensland Conservation Council
Queensland Resources Council
State of the Environment Report Chief Author
Story and Ward Lawyers
The Nature Conservancy Australia
The Urban Development Institute of Australia
The Wilderness Society
Threatened Species Scientific Committee
Urban Development Institute of Australia
World Wildlife Fund