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FUTURE EARTH AUSTRALIA

is the Australian node of [Future Earth](#), the international sustainability platform connecting research experts with governments, businesses and society to develop real solutions to pressing sustainability challenges.

Members of Future Earth Australia enjoy a comprehensive range of services and benefits including:

- **exclusive access** to policy development and government engagement workshops;
- access to **member-only policy and advocacy services**, supported by the Academy of Science and its networks with government and other stakeholders;
- **unique opportunities for students and early- and mid-career researchers** to engage in sustainability internships and international exchanges;
- **acknowledgement as a member** of a forward-thinking sustainability-focused organisation in public communications and media announcements of Future Earth Australia.

Why is this important?

The world is changing rapidly, and global population will surpass 10 billion within current lifetimes. In order to support this population and to achieve reduced inequality and continued prosperity and wellbeing, we need to develop new ways of living on our planet. Innovative, problem-focused research is crucial to this, bringing together the natural and social sciences and the humanities.

There is a wealth of sustainability evidence and expertise within Australia's research organisations, but the connections between researchers, businesses and others engaged in sustainability enterprise are often poorly developed.

Future Earth Australia exists to help bridge this divide; bringing together researchers and sustainability programs to facilitate new ideas and innovation, and to work across disciplines and sectors to ensure the necessary frameworks, capability development and communication channels for a sustainable Australian future.

What will Future Earth Australia do?

- 1. Research, industry and community engagement**
Members will have access to exclusive events, communication platforms and other mechanisms that will:
 - facilitate engagement between research, industry and community groups
 - lead to new collaborations and partnerships
 - create opportunities to collectively seek funding for high-priority research programs, and
 - provide new opportunities and avenues to advocate with influence on sustainability issues
- 2. Capacity-building**
 - **Internships** – Members will benefit from opportunities for students and early- and mid-career researchers to undertake a sustainability policy or industry-focused internship with the Academy and collaborating organisations
 - **International exchange** – opportunities for students and postdocs to participate in exchanges with universities and research institutes in Future Earth global membership countries.
 - **Engaging young scientists and school students** – enhanced outreach and engagement with young scientists and school students to raise awareness and action on sustainability.
 - **Indigenous knowledge development** – engagement with indigenous communities in

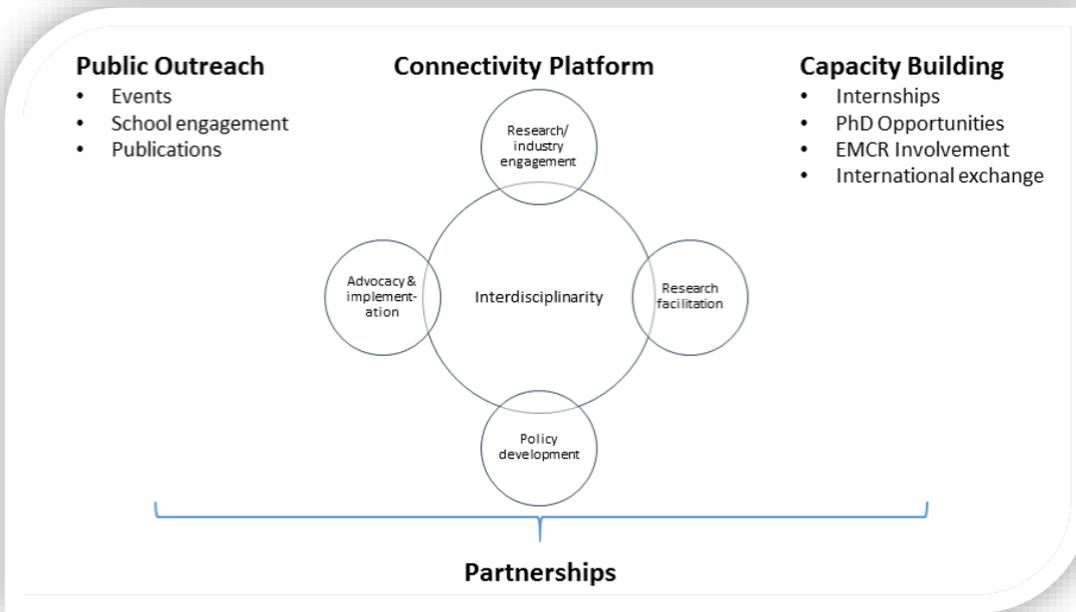


Figure 1: Future Earth Australia service model

sustainability issues through specific events and activities that will enhance involvement and capacity in addressing sustainability challenges.

3. Public Outreach

- **Events** – involvement in public and invitation-only roundtables, symposiums, webinars and workshops on a range of sustainability topics.
- **Publications** – exclusive access to policy briefs, position papers, government submissions and other reference materials that bring sustainability evidence to relevant audiences.

Membership

Membership of Future Earth Australia is open to government agencies, businesses, research institutions or community organisations engaged in sustainability programs or research in Australia. For further information about membership, please contact the Future Earth Australia team.

About Future Earth

Future Earth was launched at the Rio +20 conference in 2012 as the major international research platform providing the integrated, transdisciplinary knowledge needed both to achieve a sustainable world and to support societies facing the risks posed by global environmental change as well enabling them to seize the opportunities this global transition will offer. Future Earth is a global research framework that brings the world’s researchers together with leading thinkers in business, public administration and

civil society to build the cooperation, trust and tools to create long-term solutions to global challenges in which economic, social and environmental values can coexist and thrive. It was initiated five years ago by the International Council for Science (ICSU), and draws together thousands of researchers across hundreds of individual and collaborative research

programs; already mobilising

over US\$2 billion research funding internationally. Future Earth builds on more than three decades of global environmental change research programmes and carries forward the legacy of DIVERSITAS, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) and the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP).



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Further information

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