

Committee:	National Committee for Ecology Evolution and Conservation
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Chair:	Prof Mark Westoby
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Purpose	<p>1.To connect the Academy to ecology evolution and conservation research bodies and scientists in Australia to promote the development of these disciplines;</p> <p>2. To link Australian ecology evolution and conservation science to world science, in particular through membership of appropriate international organisations, to ensure that Australia has a voice in global development of the disciplines;</p> <p>3. To provide strategic ecology evolution and conservation policy advice. This advice may be to the Academy, as input to Academy science policy statements, and (with approval of Executive Committee of Council) to Australian governments and other organisations.</p>
Description and objectives	The NC Ecology Evolution and Conservation is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee are to foster ecology evolution and conservation sciences in Australia and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas scientists.
Coverage	Ecology evolution and conservation.
Linked international organisations	N/A
Key connected organisations	<p>Links to other National Committees: Earth System Science, Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Data in Science</p> <p>Australian Societies and Organisations: Assoc of Australian Palaeontologists. Australasian Evolution Soc, Australasian Wildlife Management Soc, Aust Entomological Soc, Aust Soc Limnology, Aust Marine Sciences Assoc, Aust Mammal Soc, Aust Soc Microbiology, Aust Soc Plant Scientists, Aust Systematic Botany Soc, Birds Australia, Council of Heads of Australian Faunal Collections, Council of Heads of Australasian Herbaria, Ecological Society of Australia, Genetics Society of Australasia, Society of Aust Systematic Biologists, Soc for Conservation Biology, Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network.</p> <p>(NB: Many of these societies will be aligned with other national committees as well as with NC Ecology Evolution and Conservation, often with NC Agriculture Fisheries and Food but with other NCs also.)</p> <p>International Organisations: INTECOL, Society for Conservation Biology, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.</p>
Key outcomes	<p>1. Contribute to research policy development in ecology, evolution and conservation. Specifically during 2013-14 participate in development of</p>

	<p>Long-Term Plan for Science of Ecosystems in partnership with Ecological Society of Australia and Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (http://www.ecosystemscienceplan.org.au/);</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with relevant Australian societies and with other national committees on issues of common interest; Assisting the Academy with identifying nominees for awards and travel scholarships when requested; Approved committee structure and membership (annual); Approved annual report (annual).
Indicative budget	1. \$3000 per annum for meetings provided by AAS
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