## Members of the Environmental Farmers Network

- Are commercial farmers who care for native vegetation, wetlands, waterways and soil health:
- Adopt and promote environmental best practice;
- Adopt and promote sustainable farm practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Raise awareness in all communities of the importance of conserving and enhancing native vegetation in farming areas;
- Seek to protect farmland from urban sprawl, inappropriate infrastructure developments and planning follies;
- Encourage government agencies to assist landholders implement sustainable practices;
- Encourage State and Federal Governments to establish market based mechanisms to reward landholders providing ecosystem services to the broader community (eg fixing carbon, reducing dryland salinity, improving water quality, minimizing soil disturbance, conserving native vegetation, and maximizing the diversity of lifeforms);
- Support landcare activities, especially those protecting and enhancing soil quality, native vegetation, water ways and water quality;
- Reduce "environmental footprints";
- Seek and distribute information on matters affecting the above points.

# The website Environmental Farmers Network



The website contains our policies, press releases and submissions.

Find it at:

environmentalfarmersnetwork.net.au.

### **EFN** activities:

- State and Federal Government submissions (and presentations);
- Direct involvement (via nominated members) in current issues ranging from things like the Murray Darling Basin Plan to Review of the Victorian Biodiversity Strategy;
- Annual General Meetings with high profile guest speakers;
- Field days and landcare type events.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARMERS NETWORK

The Environmental Farmers Network (EFN) is the collective voice of farmers with environmental management as a key part of their agricultural enterprise.

#### EFN is for farmers:

- **concerned** about the health of native vegetation, soil, waterways and wetlands,;
- **interested** in the long term sustainability of farming in a social, environmental, energy and economic sense:.
- working to improve current farming practices and enhance Government policies influencing them:.
- wanting to provide ecosysteml services (eg water, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration) and seeking commensurate reward for doing so; and
- **aware** of the relationship between healthy food and a healthy environment.

#### Email:

info@environmentalfarmersnetwork.net.au

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# Want to get involved?

By joining you will meet like-minded farmers, and work jointly for a better future. You can contribute to farming sustainability in Australia by influencing policies and actions.

Farming is a diverse and complex industry. We encourage more members to join for full representation of views on sustainable farming systems and practical conservation across Australia.

In the longer term, EFN aims to influence standards, regulations and expectations, driving the market to be a force for change - change towards a more sustainable future.

### **Become a Member**

Please complete the adjoining membership application and forward it to:

Honorary Secretary, **Environmental Farmers Network** 10 Betleigh Street Anglesea. Victoria 3230.

### **Become a Friend**

If you are not a farmer but wish to learn more, and if you wish to contribute to the operation of the Network, please complete the friends form and forward it to:

Honorary Secretary, **Environmental Farmers Network** 10 Betleigh Street Anglesea. Victoria 3230.

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desire to become a member of the Environmental Farmers Network.  On becoming a member of the EFN I/we agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association.  Membership  Annual membership fees apply  These are listed on the web site	would like to become a friend of the Environmental Farmers Network  Particular areas of interest
Type of farm  Particular areas of interest	Potential friends are invited to make a voluntary donation to assist with Network operations.  Signed
SignedDate	We welcome ideas/input on policy issues, and items for our newsletters.

Friends' expression-of-interest