



## Bequests

### Thank you for seeking out information about leaving a gift to WWF Australia in your Will & Leaving behind a Living Planet...

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All of us would like to leave this world knowing we're passing on a healthy and thriving planet to family and friends. One of the most significant ways to show your support and passion for the conservation of the planet, and all that lives upon it, is to leave a bequest to WWF-Australia in your Will.



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Making a Will ensures that everything you have worked hard for in your life is passed onto your loved ones and the causes you care about. Without one, your estate is distributed using a formula decided by the law - and not necessarily how you would choose. Amazingly, one third of Australians do not have a Will and leave the division of their estate up to chance.

A bequest is a personal gift of great importance and a lasting legacy to your beliefs and values.

It is thanks to our Bequestors that we are able to run hundreds of conservation projects, protect thousands of species and improve millions of people's lives - today and far into the future.

### The simplest way to remember WWF-Australia in your Will

The best way to leave a gift to WWF-Australia and the easiest option for you is simply to leave the 'residue' of your estate - known as a 'residuary bequest'. This is simply what is left of your estate once all your family and friends have been provided for. One of the main benefits of this type of gift is that you don't have to worry about amending the gift in your Will if your financial situation changes.

There are other options you may wish to consider such as specifying a percentage of your estate, shares, insurance policies or even a gift of property. Your solicitor can help you make the right choice.

## Choosing the right words

If you decide to leave a gift to WWF-Australia, it is important that you use the correct wording in your Will. *Please take special care to use the organisation's registered name - World Wide Fund for Nature Australia.*

Other business details that may be useful include the ABN and mailing address:

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## Your solicitor may find the following bequest clause helpful:

"I devise and bequeath to World Wide Fund for Nature Australia free of all taxes and other deductions (***the residue of my estate***/or other type of bequest) to be used for the general purpose of the Fund, and the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer of the said fund shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee."

WWF-Australia is respectful of the gifts it receives and most bequestors are comfortable knowing their gift will be directed to the most urgent ecological needs of the time. However, if you are passionate about a particular issue, please contact us so we can look together at how your gift can be used in the way you will be most proud of.

## Contact WWF-Australia about leaving a bequest

We would be delighted to know if you have acknowledged us in your Will so we can thank you for your generous support and recognise your gift during your lifetime.

Providing your details will enable us to keep you updated on our projects and programs and send you our supporter magazine The Living Planet.

All your personal details will be treated in the strictest of confidence and we will respect your wishes if you choose to remain anonymous

If you would like further information about leaving a bequest to WWF, or would prefer to discuss it with one of our staff, you can contact Doug McLean, Bequest Program Manager, by phone (02) 8202 1238 or [dmclean@wwf.org.au](mailto:dmclean@wwf.org.au)