

# WENTWORTH GROUP OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

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## **Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists: The Second 20 years**

The Board and Members of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists today welcomed Dr Ian Pollard, AM FAICD as the new Chair of the organisation.

Dr Pollard, who has been on the Board of the Wentworth Group since 2008 takes over from Rob Purves, a Founding Member and Chair of the organisation since its inception in 2002.

Mr Purves, who will stay on the Board and continue his work as a Founding Member of the organisation, congratulated Dr Pollard and thanked him for his willingness to lead the Wentworth Group.

“Next year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wentworth Group and while I remain absolutely committed to assisting it in playing its important role in linking public policy making to valid science, it is important that we continue to change and refresh our structure to maintain our effectiveness,” said Mr Purves.

“Ian Pollard is an outstanding Company Director and business-leader and will play an important role in guiding the organisation into its second 20 years.”

Ian Pollard has extensive experience as a Company Director. He is the Chair of RGA Reinsurance Australia and former Chair of Billabong International, and has served on many Boards including Milton Corp, SCA Property Group, Purves Environmental Fund and LifeCircle Australia. He is an Actuary, a Rhodes Scholar and former international tennis player.

Dr Pollard thanked Rob Purves for his work as Chair of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

“2022 will be a big year for the Wentworth Group, with exciting work coming out of our Landscapes and Water groups, and I am looking forward to building on the great work that Rob and the team have done for many years,” said Dr Pollard.

“We will be marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Group and of the tenure and outstanding contributions of our Founding Members – Rob Purves, Peter Cosier, Professor Tim Flannery and Professor Bruce Thom. We will be continuing our work in influencing legislative reform to secure the long-term health of Australia’s land, water and biodiversity,” said Dr Pollard.