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NELA WA BRANCH - INFORMATION FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

About NELA

The National Environmental Law Association of Australia ("NELA") was established in 1982, following the success of the first Environmental Law Conference in Sydney in 1981. NELA was incorporated in 1989. NELA is a member of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), and has official NGO status with the Australian Government.

NELA strives to be a leader in the development of environmental law to promote the conservation and sustainable use of the environment across all Australian jurisdictions in accordance with internationally recognised principles.

NELA brings together professionals in law, planning, natural resources, environmental engineering and management, environmental science and environmental impact assessment across Australia to:

- (a) promote the harmonisation of environmental law across Australia's Federal, State and Territory jurisdictions;
- (b) facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on harmonisation of law and policy and best practice environmental regulation in Australia and the Asia Pacific;¹ and
- (c) strengthen and sustain networks across environmental law and professional disciplines within Australia and abroad.

To facilitate these goals NELA publish an in-house monthly newsletter containing updates and discussion on developments in environmental law within each State/Territory and any forthcoming seminars and conferences. More information about NELA is available on the website [here](#).

About the WA Committee

The Committee is constituted of professionals from varying backgrounds, including lawyers, environmental consultants, and environmental scientists. Each committee member is also required to join one of the four sub-committees (made up of Law Reform, Events, Media and State Conference subcommittees).

By joining the NELA committee, you are undertaking that you have the capacity to contribute as an active member.

Some specific points that you should be made aware of include:

- (a) attending the standing committee meeting which occurs on the first Thursday of each second month between 1pm and 2pm (attendance can be either in person or online);

¹ A record of NELA's law reform submissions can be found [here](#).

- (b) attending the relevant sub-committee meetings, which are usually organised on the alternative month to the standing committee meeting, on a day chosen by each subcommittee;
- (c) advising the committee via an apology sent to the secretary@nelawa.org.au email if you cannot attend a standing committee meeting² and the relevant subcommittee chair if you cannot attend a subcommittee meeting;
- (d) contributing on average up to 3 hours per week to work that may be required³; and
- (e) in limited circumstances, you may be asked to attend in-person events on behalf of NELA (either NELA-run or industry-run events).

Please do not hesitate to contact either the President or the Secretary should you have any questions with respect to the above.

Kind regards
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² Please note that committee members who fail to attend and to provide an apology for that non-attendance for a total of three months will be removed from the committee mailing list and taken off the committee.

³ We consider that this is a generous average. Your time contribution is also dependent on the sub-committee you participate in. For example, law reform submissions may take up more time than other tasks, such as media tasks.