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Environment from Land-Based Activities

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introduction

Waterkeepers Australia is a national non-government organisation addressing the protection of fresh and marine waterways through local stewardship and active local community involvement. It is a network of local incorporated organisations that works with a wide range of community groups to complement their work on biodiversity and water quality monitoring, community education, communication, voluntary clean-up and rehabilitation.

management context

Waterkeepers Australia has 16 member organisations and works with them to:

- Support the care and protection of local waterways and their natural values;
- Provide access to expert scientific and legal advice regarding management of local bodies of water leading, where necessary, to action to enforce waterway protection laws;
- Educate local waterkeepers and their communities about waterway health, water quality and sustainable water management; and
- Act as a voice within the Australian community supporting water conservation and sustainable waterway management.

To become members, local organisations must be or become incorporated and must meet quality and activity standards consistent with the objectives of Waterkeepers Australia.

Waterkeepers Australia can help prospective members with organisational development, the processes of incorporation and the establishment of fundraising programs.