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Accounting for Nature appoints another world-leading scientific expert to its independent Science Accreditation Committee

Australian Scientist Dr Suzanne Prober has been appointed to the Accounting for Nature (AfN) Science Accreditation Committee.

The independent Committee was established in 2019 by AfN as a transparent mechanism by which leading and reputed experts review and formally accredit the scientific confidence and accuracy of fit-for-purpose Methods that monitor environmental condition.

Dr Prober, a Senior Principal Research Scientist with CSIRO Land and Water in Perth, Western Australia, has more than 30 years of extensive experience with her research centred on managing and restoring natural diversity, ecosystem function, and resilience of vegetation communities.

Dr Prober said joining the Committee aligned with her passion to bridge scientific-based nature conservation and improvement in the health of the environment with economic values.

“Joining the Accounting for Nature committee will help ensure that investments in landscape repair are supported by rigorous standards and frameworks. This means that on-ground investments will be producing real and measurable change on the ground for Australia’s ecosystems and natural resources,” she said.

Suzanne joins the Committee which is chaired by former CSIRO leading scientist Mike Grundy and whose members include Australian National University Professor Sarah Legge, and CSIRO Research Scientist Dr Rebecca Bartley - ensuring a diverse pool of scientific experts to oversee the endorsement of Methods.

Accounting for Nature is thrilled to have the expertise and depth of scientific knowledge that Dr Prober brings to the committee.

Accounting for Nature CEO Dr Adrian Ward said the appointment of Dr Prober added to the important work that AfN is trying to achieve through establishing a credible, repeatable, and transparent global environmental accounting standard that enables the valuing of nature anywhere in the world.

“Greenwashing is an ongoing challenge to the market and undermines the efforts of those organisations that choose to invest in robust, evidence-based environmental activities that do provide the ability to make substantiated claims. We take our role in supporting a greenwashing-free industry very seriously and the Science Accreditation Committee is an essential component of underpinning this accountability and industry-wide transparency,” he said.

Committee Chair Mike Grundy said the new appointment brought key skills as well as experience and knowledge in native vegetation ecology, environmental accounting, and ecological monitoring techniques that enable the committee to better evaluate Environmental Accounting Methods across its five asset classes.

“Dr Prober has already achieved important contributions to the committee through involvement in Method accreditations, supporting Method authors with expertise and advice and contributed to discussions on the use of modelling in AfN Accredited Methods,” Mike Grundy said.

More Information:

Information on the members of the Science Accreditation Committee can be found online <https://www.accountingfornature.org/science-accreditation-committee>

Connect with Dr Suzanne Prober on Twitter @SuzanneProber or at <https://people.csiro.au/p/s/suzanne-prober>

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