



RESTORE AUSTRALIA

THE BIGGEST RESTORATION EFFORT IN THE COUNTRY,
POWERED BY THE GLOBAL EVERGREENING ALLIANCE

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LAUNCH OF THE LARGEST JOINT RESTORATION EFFORT EVER SEEN IN AUSTRALIA

\$250 MILLION FOR PROGRAM FUNDING ANNOUNCED

The Global EverGreening Alliance has announced a landmark restoration program in response to the protracted drought and catastrophic bushfires to a huge crowd in an historic shearing shed in rural Victoria.

The 'Restore Australia' program is a coordinated effort to restore the health and productivity of degraded farm, range and forest lands across Australia.

Ark2030, an international foundation, has formally announced a commitment to fund the first phase of program implementation.

Chairman and Founder, Stephen Fern, is keen to see a unified, scalable program to protect and restore Australia's great ecosystems.

"This initial funding marks the first step in our efforts in Australia to restore our ecosystems. We are pledging an initial \$250 million over the next 5 years from the Ark2030 funding program to Restore Australia; a region which is at the sharp end of the climate crisis." Mr Fern said.

According to Global EverGreening Alliance CEO, Chris Armitage:

"With the continuing drought and recent bushfires, there has never been a more important time to restore this great country."



“The program aims to scale-up protection and the restoration of Australia’s most important eco systems, creating landscapes that are resilient to increasingly unreliable seasons and frequent climate extremes being experienced by rural communities in Australia.”

Hosted by **Catriona Rowntree**, the launch involved key agriculture and restoration stakeholders, including NRM and conservation organisations, academic institutions, technical specialists, major corporations, emergency services, rural land-owners, and youth representatives.

The Global EverGreening Alliance is an international NGO which coordinates the development and implementation of environmental restoration and sustainable agricultural projects globally.

The program is working to empower land users and organisations to capture greenhouse gases on the land, equivalent to 20 billion tons of carbon dioxide annually, by the year 2050.

The Alliance is comprised of over twenty-five member organisations, including the world’s largest development and conservation NGOs, and top research institutions. The alliance includes World Vision, Conservation International, Care International, Oxfam, World Resources Institute, The Nature Conservancy and the World Agroforestry Centre.

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