

# Native Vegetation Council

## Member Profiles 2021 - 2023

### VAUGHAN LEVITZKE PSM

#### Presiding Member

*Nominated by the Minister for Environment and Water*

- Brings over 40 years' experience in the public sector, including 18 years in senior executive roles
- As the former Chief Executive of Green Industries SA, he is a recognised leader in sustainability, circular economy and waste management. Under this leadership, South Australia has become a recognised leader in key areas including waste diversion and recycling, banning and replacing single use plastics, container deposit schemes and disaster waste management
- Holds qualifications in ecology and business management
- Skilled at networking and engagement; setting organisational direction; and strategy development and implementation.

### PROFESSOR ROBERT HILL

*Nominated by the Minister for Environment and Water*

- Internationally recognized for his botanical studies on the evolution of the living Australian vegetation, he has won a number of prestigious awards for his research.
- He was the Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences at the University of Adelaide for 11 years and has been Director of the University's Environment Institute for several years.
- He was also the Editor in Chief of the Australian Journal of Botany for five years.

### ROSS SAWERS

*Nominated by the Minister for Environment and Water for Landscapes SA*

- Provides expert knowledge in the management and protection of the South Australian Rangelands including issues and concerns of the pastoral sector in relation to mining, primary industries, and native vegetation management, conservation and offsets
- An experienced board member, including his current role as the Presiding Member of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board
- Brings more than 15 years' experience as a consult in the mining, oil and gas industries within South Australia and the Northern Territory
- As a practitioner of land access and community relations, he has strong connections to regional South Australia, including indigenous and farming communities.

## KYLIE WEYMOUTH

*Nominated by the Minister for Environment and Water (in consultation with the Minister for Planning and Local Government)*

- A qualified urban planner who has held a number of key roles in the recent state planning reforms, including Theme Lead, Natural Resources and Environment
- Brings significant understanding and knowledge of the new planning system including the interaction of planning and native vegetation legislation
- Over 20 years planning experience including senior roles in local government and 15 years in State Government
- Significant experience in policy writing and development, strategic planning and community engagement
- Experience in development assessment including large scale projects and Council Development Assessment Panel experience.

## JOHN NEAL

*Nominated by the Local Government Association of South Australia*

- As a fourth generation farmer, he has significant knowledge and experience of regional priorities and issues.
- Has demonstrated a commitment to native vegetation and grassland management and restoration, and is the current Chairman of the Mid-North Grassland Working Group
- Brings an understanding of local government, with experience as an elected member and Deputy Mayor of the Regional Council of Goyder
- Has an understanding of bushfire management with over 40 years' experience in the South Australian Country Fire Service
- Former vice president and treasurer of South Australian Farmers Federation.