

- **declining biodiversity**
- **traffic congestion**
- **unaffordable housing**
- **climate change**
- **water shortages**
- **infrastructure overload**
- **loss of soil and bushland**

... all made worse by population growth!

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SPA was formed in Canberra in 1988 by people who felt that the issue of population numbers was overlooked by many of those striving to preserve Australia's environment. We have grown to become a national organisation with branches in states and territories.

We fear the world our children will inherit will be overpopulated and too environmentally degraded to provide for everyone's basic needs.

SPA members receive four newsletters a year and weekly eNews, online forums and local branch events, with many opportunities to help promote population stabilisation in political and public discourse.

Aims and Objectives

- To contribute to the public awareness of the limits of Australian population growth from ecological, social and economic viewpoints.
- To promote awareness that the survival of an ecologically sustainable population depends in the long-term on its renewable resource base.
- To promote policies that will lead to the stabilisation, and then to reduction, of Australia's population by encouraging low fertility and low migration.
- To promote urban and rural life-styles and practices that are in harmony with the realities of the Australian environment, its resource base and its biodiversity.
- To support measures, campaigns and institutional reforms designed to more strongly protect Australia's natural environment.
- To advocate low immigration rates while rejecting any selection of immigrants based on race, ethnicity or religion.
- To promote policies that will lead to stabilisation, and then to reduction, of global population size, while rejecting involuntary population control.

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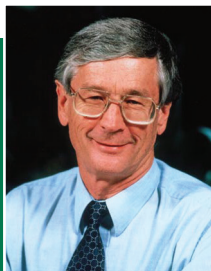
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“I’ve never seen a problem that wouldn’t be easier to solve with fewer people, or harder, and ultimately impossible, with more.”

— Sir David Attenborough



“The big decision about a population increase is, ‘what’s in it for most Australians?’ I believe the answer is ‘less and less’.”

— Dick Smith

SPA is honoured to have five eminent Australians as patrons:

Dr Katharine Betts

Dr Paul Collins

Hon. Bob Carr

Professor Tim Flannery

Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe

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The little big country

Australia is comparable in area to the United States but with a small-country population. Some say this means we are underpopulated. However, ours is the driest inhabited continent on the Earth, we have very little good agricultural land, our soils are generally thin and poor, and our climate is variable.

Over 230 years, European settlement has inflicted huge damage on this land, with river systems like the Murray-Darling driven beyond their limits during prolonged droughts. Many animal and plant species have been lost, salinity has rendered land unusable, and fish stocks depleted.

All this damage has been done by an over-consuming population that has now grown to over 25 million – and if that growth rate continues it will see us doubling our numbers in less than 50 years! When our State of the Environment reports show continual decline of almost every indicator it is clear further population growth is unjustifiable.

A healthy environment underpins the economy and the social welfare of its people. The Productivity Commission has shown that increased immigration enriches employers, developers and migrants, but not most Australians. They are worse off because of lower wages, costlier housing, increased congestion and environmental damage.

Before COVID-19, Australia was growing by about 400,000 people a year; 60 per cent from net overseas migration and 40 per cent from natural increase. Following the pandemic, we ought not return to such high population growth, but instead seek to stabilise our population size. While SPA supports the maintenance and even enlargement of the humanitarian program, we believe the skilled component of immigration should be cut significantly and all incentives for having large families removed.

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