

WHAT IS A FOREST DIALOGUE?



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The Forest Dialogue (TFD) is a platform and process for multi-stakeholder discussion and collaboration on the most pressing local and global issues facing forests and people. Central to the process is the TFD wheel (right)

TFD was formed in 2000 under guidance of a dedicated group of people around the world who care about forests.

A small secretariat is based at Yale University to coordinate the international network of dialogue groups.

Since its inception, TFD has developed 20 initiatives, over 80 dialogues in 20 countries with more than 3,000 participants. Learn more at www.theforestdialogue.org

Gippsland Forest Dialogue

In 2022, Australia joined this international community when a group of passionate Gippslanders started a cell and joined the dialogue journey.

While we learn from international experience and use the TFD process, Gippsland Forest Dialogue is fit for purpose and needs of Gippsland.

We learn and adapt as we go, relying on a broad donor base to support our operations.



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HOW IT WORKS

Forest Dialogue is a simple and powerful tool.

First, we **ENGAGE** a diversity of interests to foster relationships and build trust around contentious issues, or 'fracture lines'.

We then **EXPLORE** the issues at hand and craft a shared understanding of the objectives, challenges and opportunities ahead.

We ultimately seek **CHANGE** through consensus-based collaboration aimed at immediate action and long-term progress.

Conflicts related to forests are complex and persistent, ranging widely across scales, timeframes, players, and goods and services. Particularly challenging are the inequalities in power, resources and capacity of those with a stake in the forests.

A lack of solutions threatens a host of dire environmental, social and economic consequences. TFD works to reduce conflict among forest stakeholders by engaging divergent actors in the pursuit of common action.



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