

## Virginia Young



Virginia contributed through the Australian Rainforest Conservation Society, to an international research project on primary forests lead by Griffith University. Working with global science leaders to communicate the importance of relationships between biodiversity and ecosystem integrity for carbon retention, climate mitigation and adaptation.

Her ongoing work is focused on the nexus between biodiversity and climate change and its relevance to international policy arenas, notably the UNFCCC, CBD and SDG's-all of which help determine the rules, targets and frameworks for encouraging synergistic climate and biodiversity action at the domestic level.

Her voluntary roles include, Chair of Gondwanalink Ltd, Board member of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative, Wilderness Australia and the US based Partnership for Policy Integrity. She is a member of IUCN's Climate Specialist Group of the World Commission on Protected Areas and the Climate Crisis Commission.

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