

Use your will to help Awaken Democracy

Making a gift to the Awakening Democracy Foundation in your will is a very special act of generosity and foresight that supports the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (CAPaD).

Every bequest, however small or large, is gratefully received, and makes a huge contribution to the work CAPaD does.

Your bequest will serve to honour your memory, perpetuate your ideals, and enable CAPaD **to promote individual and community well-being and the common good in a healthy environment by advancing education to inspire people to participate in strengthening democracy.**

CAPaD does this by engaging and connecting citizens who care about the public good and the political system so they can contribute effectively to a more democratic Australia.

CAPaD wants community members to take power into their own hands to make the fair, nature respecting future they want for themselves, all of humanity and other species, despite powerful political parties, vested interests and deliberately confusing public information which result in community disengagement from politics.

We work by promoting discussions among people in the community about how to get good government, advocating for deliberative methods such as citizen juries and citizen assemblies, and helping community members identify people who will represent them well and govern with them.

I invite you to consider a gift to the Awakening Democracy Foundation in your Will and hope you find the enclosed information helpful. If you would like to have a confidential, no-obligation conversation about leaving a bequest or what it might achieve, please email your interest to secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au to arrange a conversation.

Thank you again for sharing the hope of a fair, healthy and peaceful future for our planet.

Kind regards,

Dr Peter Tait

Convener, Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy.

About the Awakening Democracy Foundation and Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy



The Foundation works to:

- (1) inspire and activate participatory democratic practice through education;
- (2) undertake and commission research to inform this education;
- (3) design courses and resources to support teaching of civics to inspire people to participate in democracy.

How to remember Awakening Democracy Foundation in your Will

If you already have a Will

Adding a codicil is an easy way to include a gift to the Awakening Democracy Foundation without having to re-write your Will (a codicil is a document which is added to your existing Will that changes your intentions as set out in the original will). **We recommend that you seek legal advice to ensure that it is legally valid in the State or Territory in which you live.** Keep the codicil with your Will so your executors can find it.

If you do not have a Will

We suggest that you write a will so that you tell everyone how you want your assets shared.

How to make a gift

There are three ways to include the Awakening Democracy Foundation in your Will:

1. A percentage: this is often regarded as the most flexible way to give as you don't have to adjust the value of your gift to account for inflation or changes to your total assets.
2. The residue: this is a gift of whatever is left in your Estate after you have taken care of your loved ones.
3. Fixed amount: leaving a specific sum. This type of bequest may need to change over the years to account for inflation or changes in your circumstances.

What to say in the Codicil

Like in your will, your full legal name and address, the date you are making the codicil, a reference to the Will you are adding to and that Will's date, and clear instructions for the gift need to be included. Like a Will, the codicil needs to be witnessed by two other

people who are not beneficiaries.

An example of what the codicil might look like is:

This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of me, <full legal name>, of <full residential address>

In the State of AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA.

I declare this to be my Codicil to my last Will being dated <date of last Will>.

1. In addition to the clauses in my last Will, I give devise and bequeath <N percent> [or whichever alternative way you decide to use] of my estate to the **Awakening Democracy Foundation of the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy**.
2. I hereby confirm and republish my last Will, dated < date of last Will >, in all respects other than the addition made here.

Then signing and witnessing the codicil in the similar manner to how the original Will was signed and witnessed.

What to say in a new Will

You just need to put a clause such as this one in your will:

I give devise and bequeath N percent [or whichever alternative way you decide to use] of my estate to the **Awakening Democracy Foundation of the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy**.

Please note that it is important to use our full legal name: The Awakening Democracy Foundation of the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy.

It is also important to seek legal advice.

Notification of bequest

Thank you for choosing to leave a bequest to Awakening Democracy Foundation

So that we can acknowledge your generous support, please let us know if you have included the Awakening Democracy Foundation in your Will. Notifying us of your details will enable us to keep you updated on our work.

All of your details will be treated with complete confidentiality. Should you prefer to remain anonymous, we will respect your wishes.