

THE CONVERSATION

Level 1, 715 Swanston Street Parkville VIC 3010 AUSTRALIA

Leave a legacy of knowledge shared

Thank you for your interest in leaving a bequest to The Conversation.

Making a Will is about ensuring that the people and causes you hold dear are treated the way you would wish after your death. Besides family and friends, it is appropriate to remember organisations and activities that have been important to you during your lifetime.

A bequest is the key to ensuring that what you have valued will continue to grow in the future.

A gift to The Conversation may be unrestricted or designated. An unrestricted bequest allows The Conversation to choose how your bequest will be applied. A designated bequest enables you to choose how your bequest will be applied. If you wish to support a particular focus of the work we do such as Fact Check, Explainers, Education, Environment, Arts or other editorial projects, it is recommended that you contact us to ensure that your wishes can be implemented as circumstances may change making the bequest difficult to administer. The most effective bequest is one that allows The Conversation the flexibility to use your gift in a way that meets our needs at the time.

To ensure that your Will fulfils your intentions and that it is legally sound, it is advisable that it be drawn by a solicitor or a Trustee Company. This will ensure the wording used is appropriate for the bequest you wish to make and for your particular situation.

Once you have made your Will, it is important to review it every few years or as circumstances change. Remember that the value of your assets will change over time.

Below are some suggested wordings for your Will for a gift to The Conversation. The Conversation is not qualified or authorised to provide legal advice, and it is advisable that any amendments to your Will are reviewed by a solicitor.

OPTION A – a nominated sum of money

“I give, devise and bequeath to the The Conversation Foundation Ltd., as trustee for The Conversation Trust (ABN 80 958 603 438) of Level 1, 715 Swanston St Parkville VIC 3010 for the purposes of funding independent and trusted journalism, free from all taxes and duties, (here please specify your gift, eg. the sum of \$X). I direct that the receipt of any director or other proper officer for the time being of that Foundation will be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.”

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OPTION B – a proportion of an Estate

“I direct my executors to divide the residue of my estate, both real and personal into equal shares and I GIVE..... shares to The Conversation Foundation Ltd., as trustee for The Conversation Trust (ABN 80 958 603 438) of Level 1, 715 Swanston St Parkville VIC 3010 for the purposes of funding independent and trusted journalism, free from all taxes and duties. I direct that the receipt of any director or other proper officer for the time being of that Foundation will be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.”

OPTION C – items of Personal Property or Real Estate

“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to The Conversation Foundation Ltd., as trustee for The Conversation Trust (ABN 80 958 603 438) of Level 1, 715 Swanston St Parkville VIC 3010 for the purposes of funding independent and trusted journalism, free from all taxes and duties, the following items of my property and effects:

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I direct that the receipt of any director or other proper officer for the time being of that Foundation will be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.”

THE PURPOSE

My gift to The Conversation Foundation Ltd., as trustee for The Conversation Trust (ABN 80 958 603 438) of Level 1, 715 Swanston St Parkville VIC 3010 shall be directed towards:

- Unrestricted
- Cities editorial
- Education editorial
- Environment and Energy editorial
- Business and Economy editorial
- Arts and Culture editorial
- Health and Medicine editorial
- Science and Technology editorial
- Politics and Society editorial

With best wishes and thank you for your consideration,
Kate Higgins
Director of Development