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Phillip Toyne is a Director of **Eco Futures**, an Australian based international policy firm working on building sustainable strategies with business, government and civic leaders.

From 1994-1997, Phillip was Deputy Secretary in the Commonwealth Department of Environment, where he played a major role in the international policy arena on issues such as biodiversity, sustainable development and climate change. Between 1992 and 1994 Phillip was a visiting Fellow at Australian National University, where he taught environmental law and policy, wrote the Book "The Reluctant Nation" and developed the national ABC Radio series based on the book.

Between 1986 and 1992, Phillip was Executive Director of the Australian Conservation Foundation, where he led successful campaigns on mining in Kakadu, the Wet Tropics, Antarctica, and began the long process of merging green and aboriginal partnerships. He also developed the National Land Care program with NFF head Rick Farley, a movement which has radically changed land use practices in Australia and which is now moving to Africa and America.

Before ACF, Phillip spent 14 years in the desert, first as a schoolteacher in a remote aboriginal community at Haasts Bluff, and then as the first lawyer for the Pitjantjatjara aboriginal people. During that time, Phillip successfully negotiated the passage of the Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act, and then led the negotiations for the traditional owners of Uluru (Ayres Rock) resulting in them receiving title to the National Park. The leaseback arrangement and the joint management arrangements for the Park were a world first, and are used as a model today around the world in reconciling indigenous and environment issues.

Phillip is President of the Australian Bush Heritage Fund, a director of Integrated Tree Cropping Ltd and CVC Sustainability Fund Ltd and on several advisory bodies, such as the Minerals Council of Australia's External Sustainable Development Advisory Group. He is a former member of the National Land Care Advisory Committee, the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee, Australian Population Council, the Prime Minister's Ecologically Sustainable Development Round Tables, the Lake Eyre Basin Coordinating Committee, and was a Murray Darling Basin Commissioner.
