How your *Willpower* can create a lasting legacy of change

Leave a bequest to GetUp
Thank you for considering a bequest to GetUp

Your visionary gift will keep our strong, fearless and people-powered movement working on the issues that matter for many years to come.

I know the decision to leave a bequest is extremely personal, and I hope this guide will help you make yours.

In the following pages, you'll find information about:

- How your bequest will help transform Australia’s future
- The types of bequests you can give
- Easy ways you can draft or amend your Will to include GetUp
- Who you can contact to find out more.

It took a huge weight off my mind when I prepared my Will, because I knew that the people and causes I’m passionate about would be taken care of. I hope you’ll join me in leaving a bequest to GetUp in your own Will.

Once again, thank you for considering this lasting legacy.

Paul Oosting
National Director, GetUp
GetUp isn’t a single entity or idea. It’s a movement that brings together and inspires like-minded people to take collective action about issues important to us.

Sara Saleh, GetUp board member

With your help, GetUp gives everyday Australians the chance to make extraordinary impact – online, across the airwaves, and in the streets.

We are a powerful campaigning community. Thanks to extraordinary people like you, we combine the sheer power of over a million members, our movement partners, and a central team of strategists to get things done.

Our work is driven by our values, not party politics. GetUp is, and always has been, fiercely independent. Our members come from every walk of life, and share a belief in fairness, compassion and courage.

Wecampaign on issues that cover environmental justice, human rights, economic fairness and building a stronger democracy. But we can’t do any of this without you.

By remembering GetUp in your Will, you’ll make an incredible investment in an extraordinary impact.
Your **Willpower matters**

Bequests made to GetUp by caring members in their Wills are essential to our movement. Every dollar you give will be used to build a more fair, flourishing and just Australia in the years to come.

Naturally, your first priority when writing your Will will be taking care of the people you love. And the great thing about bequests is that you can do this, as well as make a gift that helps create a better future for them.

While it’s impossible to predict what campaigns we’ll be working on in 10, 20 or 50 years’ time, one thing is certain: your bequest will help us keep taking on powerful interests – and winning.

Create the future you want
Why I left a bequest to GetUp

We asked GetUp members like you why they decided to remember GetUp in their Wills – and why they hope you’ll do the same.

GetUp and I go way back – to the early campaigns to save the ABC, the Great Barrier Reef and so many others. I’m a passionate environmentalist but what I love about GetUp is it gives me an opportunity to make a big difference on so many important issues. It’s really an essential organisation, and very effective. They’re punchy and creative. They know how to communicate an issue in a way that works, and gets politicians running scared!

Now I have four children and two grandchildren. For me, including GetUp in my Will is part of looking after my loved ones in the bigger picture. I want to ensure they have a reasonable quality of life into the future, which is becoming harder with the planet warming up. I feel it’s important we all do what we can, so I think of this as a very important part of my legacy to them.

GetUp holds the politicians and political parties to task. They act because it is clearly and obviously the right thing to do.

I think that’s brilliant. And they’re the only ones doing this. There’s nobody else.

That’s why I left a bequest to GetUp. I think it’s the best way to support any organisation you believe in. It doesn’t cost you any more right now. But it has a profound effect.

There are many organisations able to do more today because people like us made the decision to leave a bequest 30, 40 or 50 years ago. I don’t know what battles will be happening in future. I just want my bequest to be there and ready, that’s what I want.

I chose to leave a bequest to GetUp for the same reason I joined its volunteer Board – because I want to see a progressive Australia that cares for people and protects the planet. And a bequest is a great way to leave a legacy to follow all of the activism you’ve undertaken in your life.

Until we’ve tackled climate change, protected asylum seekers and refugees, and have a stronger democracy, the movement will need to continue its work. I believe we can achieve all of these through people power – and I want to help make that happen.
It’s personal for me - I admired my grandfather very much. Peter was a GetUp member and, even well into his 80s, a real believer in political action. When Peter passed away, he mentioned GetUp in his Will. He wanted to see the things he was passionate about - clean water, clean air, internet freedom, care for people seeking asylum - he wanted that work carried on. I do too.

I’m happy to include GetUp in my Will because I know they’re a voice for issues that matter. I like the thought of leaving something better behind – and there’s a good feeling in knowing that GetUp will continue to support the projects I’m passionate about when I’m no longer able to.

I really love what GetUp does. All of the issues GetUp works on are ones I care deeply about. Refugees, the environment, the way corporations are demanding and getting more from governments... these challenges will continue, and they’re going to get harder.

GetUp is going to be needed relentlessly to create the society I’d like to see. By including GetUp in my Will, I can ensure the progress they are achieving now continues into the future.

The issues may change, but the principles we need to fight for won’t. GetUp is about the sort of future we want to see, and that’s why I’ve included GetUp in my Will.
While there are several kinds of bequests you can make, we ask GetUp members to leave a residual bequest if they can.

A residual bequest is one in which you leave a portion of your estate to GetUp. It’s commonly stated as a percentage of your estate residue, or the amount that’s left over once you’ve taken care of your loved ones and expenses.

If you prefer, you can nominate a specific amount of money to be left to GetUp in your Will. These gifts are referred to as pecuniary bequests.

**Why are residual bequests so important?**

- They hold their value over time, regardless of inflation
- They automatically adjust to changes in your estate's value
- You can make sure your loved ones are taken care of first.

Every bequest we receive is deeply valued. And no matter what you choose to give, we will use your WillPower gift with the utmost sensitivity – and where it will do the most good for the issues you care about.
How to leave a bequest to GetUp

Leaving a bequest to GetUp can be a straightforward process, regardless of whether or not you’ve already made a Will.

No Will? No worries

If you haven’t yet made a Will, it may be easier than you think. And it will give you the peace of mind of knowing that the people and causes you care about will be taken care of just as you intended.

Already have a Will?

Leaving a bequest to GetUp can be as simple as adding a short legal amendment called a codicil. In some cases, all you need to do is email your suggested wording to your solicitor before signing the paperwork to confirm your wishes. Check with your solicitor to see if the update you need is suitable for a codicil.

Suggested wording

We recommend contacting a qualified solicitor or Trustee Company to help you draft your Will. You can use the following sample text as a basis for your own bequest to GetUp:

“I give to GetUp Ltd (ACN 114 027 986) of 14/338 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 (or its successor) ... (Choose the statement that best reflects your wishes from the following options)

- the whole of my estate or
- [insert number] percent of my estate or
- the residue of my estate or
- [insert number] percent of the residue of my estate or
- the amount of $[insert number]

... to be used for its purposes after the payment of all debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, duties and taxes payable by my estate.”

Let us know

When you leave your bequest to GetUp, it would be great if you could let us know. You don’t have to tell us, but we’d love to have the chance to thank you personally - and talk to you about the different ways your visionary gift could be used.

You can let us know by contacting Tasmyn Matthews, our Fundraising Manager:

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“Being able to contribute to GetUp beyond my own lifetime is such a great thing. I think it’s a visionary way to contribute to the change you want to see. And it’s something anyone can do.”

Christiana Stergiou