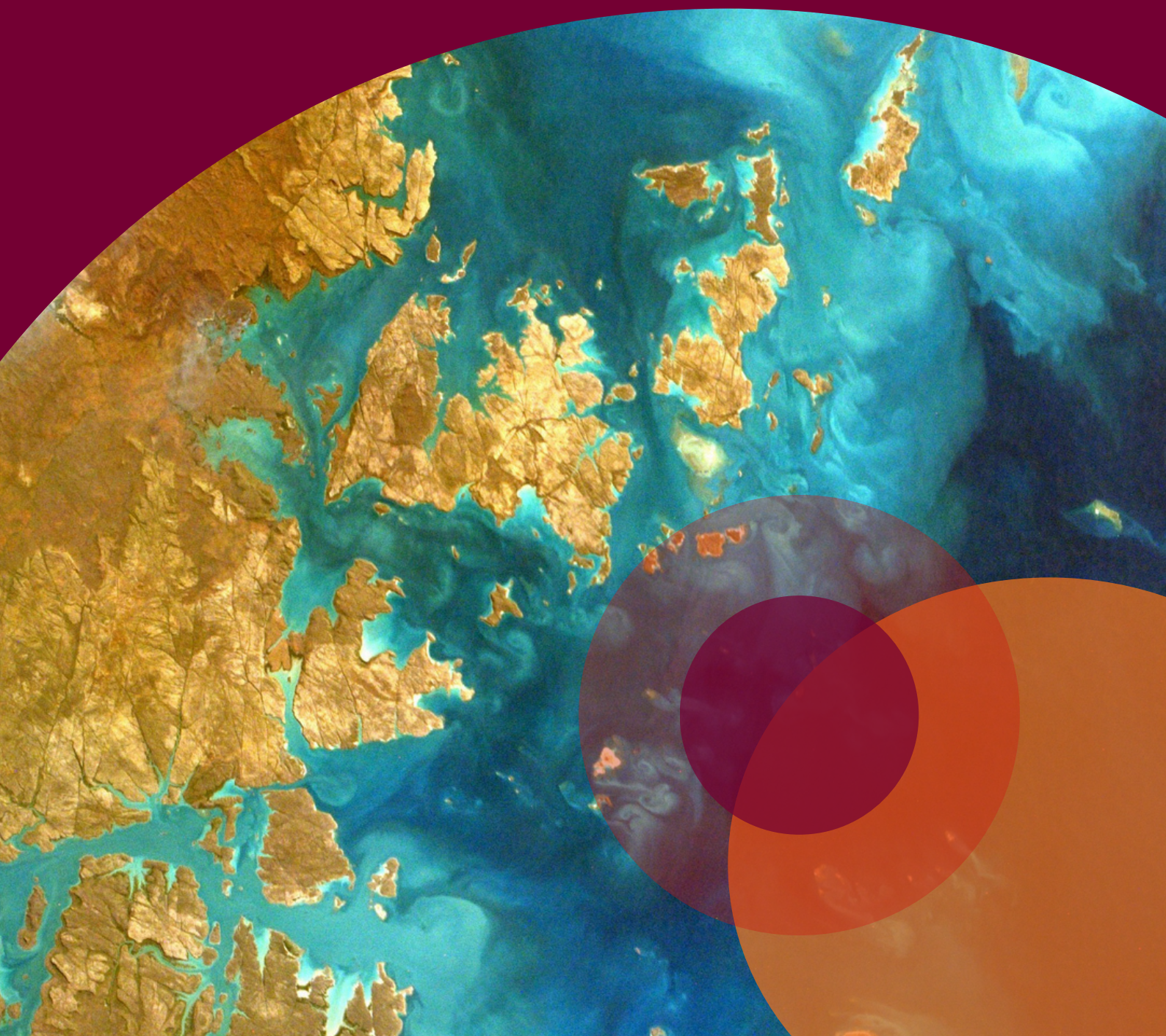


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CO-CHAIRS' INTRODUCTION AND HIGHLIGHTS



Baroness Hayman
Co-Chair



Baroness Worthington
Co-Chair

In 2020 Peers for the Planet began to build the foundations for bringing about cultural change in the upper chamber – shifting political engagement on climate and nature from being the preserve of environment experts to being a mainstream, 'systemic' political concern.

We are delighted that the positive direction achieved in 2020 has continued through 2021, with substantial legislative outcomes secured and parliamentary engagement and pressure on Government reflected in the volume and range of activity in the House.

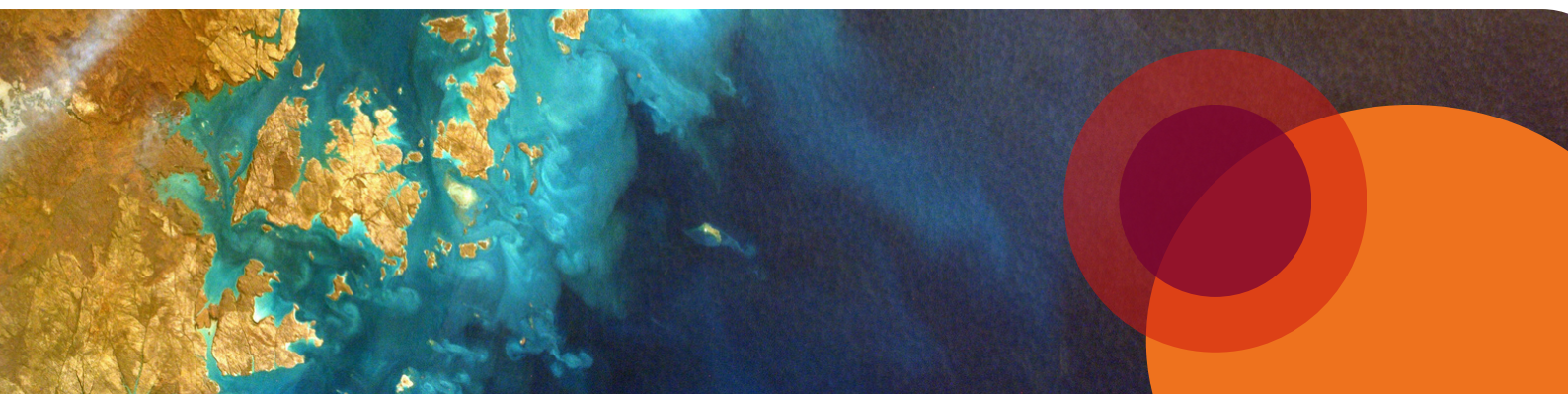
Peers for the Planet was established in order to mobilise an extraordinary resource for change that exists in the House of Lords, by bringing together, supporting and informing Peers who want to address the interrelated threats of climate change and biodiversity loss in this crucial decade.

The group has quickly established itself as highly effective and our supporters now number 140 Peers, who span political divides and a spectrum of expert professional backgrounds.

Highlights from our achievements in 2021 are shown on the following page.

Following COP26, which we both attended, we feel encouraged by many new commitments but also have an overwhelming sense of how much work there is still to do. We are excited about the role our group can play through our innovative and cost-effective model, and we will continue to seek long-term funding certainty in order to maximise our impact and provide stability for the organisation through its ten-year mission.

Our thanks go to all our Peer supporters for the tremendous outcomes achieved, and to our funding partners who have made our mission possible.



2021 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Securing far-reaching **policy and legislative outcomes**:
 - Changes to regulators' remits and governance to ensure they **consider climate in the £164 billion UK financial services sector**, plus specific requirements to take net zero into account when making **future prudential rules**.
 - First ever provisions to consider net zero, adaptation and wider environmental goals in the **skills framework**.
 - New **£800 million Advanced Research and Innovation Agency (ARIA)** will have to consider and evaluate how its projects contribute to climate targets and environmental goals.
- Further increasing **political momentum and pressure** on Government in the House:
 - Mentions of net zero, biodiversity and fossil fuel in Oral Questions **increased by 2x, 1.5x and 2x** respectively from 2020 (with increases of 10x, 3x and 5x since 2019).
 - Interventions on climate change and biodiversity increased by **63%** from 2020.
 - Supporters were responsible for **84%** of relevant Oral Questions tabled.
- Building Peers for the Planet's support base to **140 Peers**.
- Inspiring and supporting international legislators – with the creation of a **new cross-party climate caucus in the Canadian Senate**.
- Strengthening the overall advocacy landscape with experts and stakeholders in the business, scientific and civic communities saying **the organisation provides an effective bridge to the Lords**.
- Delivering high-quality briefing that Peers say has **increased their knowledge and engagement** on domestic and international issues.
- Successes from 2020 have borne fruit: The **Environment & Climate Change Committee** launched its first enquiries and provisions in the **Pension Schemes Act 2020** have been actualised in a new regulatory framework.
- Progress on long-term organisational sustainability: **£210k** of new funding and an expanded team.

