

# **AGENDA**

## **BOARD MEETING**

**DAY/DATE:** FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2015

**TIME:** 10.00am

**VENUE:** WUDINNA COMMUNITY CLUB

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# **EPLGA DELEGATES FOR 2014/15**

(As notified by Councils)

<b>MEMBER COUNCIL</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER</b>
Ceduna	Allan Suter (Mayor)	Lynton Brown (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Roger Nield (Mayor)	Jodie Jones (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Kym Callaghan (Chair)	George Karzis (A/CEO)
Franklin Harbour	Eddie Elleway (Mayor)	Gavin Jackson (D/Mayor)
Kimba	John Schaefer (Mayor)	Dean Johnson (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Julie Low (Mayor)	Paul Pedler (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Bruce Green (Mayor)	Neville Starke (D/Mayor))
Streaky Bay	Rob Stephens (Mayor)	Dean Whitford (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Laurie Collins (Mayor)	Murray Mason (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Jim Pollock (Mayor)	Merton Hodge (Cr)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Chair)	Neville Scholz(D/Chair)

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Welcome/Apologies

Apologies to date have been received from:

### 1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes included below recommendation.

## RECOMMENDATION

***That the minutes of the Board meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held on Sunday 22 February 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.***

### EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Meeting held at Whyalla Council Chambers on Sunday 22 February 2015 commencing at 2:00pm.

### BOARD MEMBERS/DELEGATES PRESENT

Julie Low (Chair)	President, EPLGA
Allan Suter	Mayor, District Council of Ceduna
Roger Nield	Mayor, District Council of Cleve
Kym Callaghan	Chairperson, District Council of Elliston
Robert Starr	Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour
Dean Johnson	Mayor, District Council of Kimba
Don Millard	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Bruce Green	Mayor, City of Port Lincoln
Sherron MacKenzie	Mayor, District Council of Streaky Bay
Sam Telfer	Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Jim Pollock	Mayor, City of Whyalla
Eleanor Scholz	Chairperson, Wudinna District Council

### GUESTS/OBSERVERS

Tony Irvine	Executive Officer, EPLGA
Geoff Moffat	CEO, District Council of Ceduna
Bryan Trigg	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Cleve
Peter Arnold	CEO, District Council of Cleve
Fiona Ward	Manager Corporate Services, District Council of Cleve
George Karzis	Acting CEO, District Council of Elliston
Terry Barnes	CEO, District Council of Franklin Harbour
Eddie Elleway	Councillor, District Council of Franklin Harbour
Bernadette Clelland	Finance Manager, District Council of Franklin Harbour
Graeme Baldock	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Kimba
Brian Cant	Councillor, District Council of Kimba
Peter Rayson	Councillor, District Council of Kimba
Megan Lienert	Councillor, District Council of Kimba
Phil Arcus	Councillor, District Council of Kimba
Debra Larwood	Manager Corporate Services, District Council of Kimba
Rod Pearson	CEO, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Rob Donaldson	CEO, City of Port Lincoln
Neville Starke	Deputy Mayor, City of Port Lincoln
Andrea Broadfoot	Councillor, City of Port Lincoln
Travis Rogers	Councillor, City of Port Lincoln
John Tillack	CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay
Geoff Stewart	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Trevor Smith	CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay
Dion Watson	Deputy CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay
Hanna Allen-Jordan	Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Helen Kroemer	Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Laurie Collins	Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Peter Peppin	CEO, City of Whyalla
Steve Woolley	Corporate Services Manager, Wudinna District Council
Dion Dordard	CEO, RDAWEP

Sue Henriksen	Administration, RDAWEP
Heather Baldock	Presiding Member, EPNRM Board
Alex Hart	Acting Manager, Office of Local Government
Geoff Dodd	Local Government Business Services

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Welcome/Apologies**

Julie Low welcomed Board Members, Council representatives and guests.

Apologies were received from:

Allan McGuire	CEO, Wudinna District Council
Paul Yeomans	EWLSA Commander, SAPOL
Robin Marlin	Regional Commander, CFS
Wendy Campana	CEO, LGA of SA
Adam Gray	Director Environment, LGA of SA
David Hitchcock	Director Infrastructure, LGA of SA

### **1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion 416/14 was seconded by District Council of Tumby Bay's Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart not Mayor Sam Telfer who by that time had departed.

Heather Baldock is the Presiding Member of the EPNRM Board not DENR as recorded.

**417/15 Moved Mayor Pollock, seconded Mayor Nield that the minutes (with amendments) of the Board Meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held in Wudinna on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

## **3. GENERAL REPORTS**

### **3.1 President's Report – Mayor Julie Low**

28-29 January - SAROC and LGA Board meeting

3 February - ZEMC meeting

18 February - Shared Services meeting with DC Tumby Bay and DC Lower Eyre Peninsula. Joint EB Agreement is still proceeding.

11 January - Wangary Bushfire - Remembering and Reflection Service.

A survey will go out to all Councils later this year to comment on the CEO's Performance Review.

### **3.2 Executive Officer's Reports**

(included in the Agenda)

#### **3.2.1 Report No 1-0215: General Update Report**

**418/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Chairperson Callaghan that the EPLGA Board approves the Executive Officer's annual leave request from 23 March 2015 to 21 April 2015.**

**CARRIED**

**419/15 Moved Mayor Nield, seconded Mayor Telfer that the EPLGA Board and Member Councils note the Special Local Roads Program funding application time lines:-**

- 1. Applications to Tim Warren, SMEC and cc'd to the Executive Officer of the EPLGA by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**
- 2. Priority report and applications must be submitted with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel by 30 April 2015 by SMEC after consultation with the Executive Officer of the EPLGA Board.**

**CARRIED**

**420/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Chairperson Scholz that the EPLGA Board strongly recommends to the State Government that it favours a true Central Standard Time Zone and opposes an Eastern Standard Time Zone or at least the status quo should remain.**

**CARRIED**

### 3.2.2 Report No: 2-0215: Election of EPLGA Office Bearer & LGA Board Members

Mayor Telfer stated that he would prefer to be Deputy Board Member under Mayor Green.

421/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Chairperson Scholz that the EPLGA Board elects:

1. Mayor Bruce Green as EPLGA President and LGA Board Member
2. Mayor Sam Telfer as EPLGA Deputy President and Deputy LGA Board Member.

**CARRIED**

422/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Mayor Johnson that the EPLGA Board confirms the membership of the Executive Committee as per the terms of reference and the Chief Executive Officer position on the Committee be Rob Donaldson.

**CARRIED**

With Leave of the Meeting:- Immediate Past President Mayor Julie Low chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### 3.2.3 Report No: 3-0215: Outreach Services Update

423/15 Moved Mayor Green, seconded Mayor Telfer that the EPLGA Board receives and notes the Outreach Services Update Report.

**CARRIED**

### 3.2.4 Report No: 4-0215: Work Plan Progress Report

The EPLGA Board resolved that the Work Plan Progress Report be noted.

### 3.2.5 Report No: 5-0215: Barngarla Native Title

424/15 Moved Mayor Telfer, seconded Mayor Starr that the EPLGA Board:

1. On behalf of the EPLGA affected member Councils seeks a suitable lawyer to prepare an advice/position/issues paper with a face to face information/ briefing session.
2. Seeks reimbursement of any costs associated with the above.

**CARRIED**

### 3.2.6 Report No: 6-0215: Overtaking Lanes

425/15 Moved Mayor Pollock, seconded Mayor Telfer that the EPLGA Board:

- write to Federal Government and State Government relevant parliamentarians in the strongest terms and seeks support from the RAA regarding the seven tragic deaths on the Lincoln Highway within the last few weeks with the intent of having overtaking lanes constructed on the Lincoln Highway between Port Augusta and Port Lincoln, and
- a media campaign be commenced as soon as possible with that intent of expressing the EPLGA Board's frustration at both levels of Government's refusal to provide safe roads for our citizens to travel on, and
- seeks support from the Local Government Association of SA, Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group, Provincial Cities Association, Spencer Gulf Cities Association and Regional Development Australia - Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula in this campaign.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3.3 Local Government Association of SA

LGA Topical Report (Attachment)

### 3.4 Office of State/Local Government Relations (Alex Hart)

As presented

### 3.5 RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc (Dion Dorward)

As presented

### 3.6 Department of Environment and Resources (EPNRM) (Heather Baldock)

As presented.

### 3.7 SA Police (SAPOL)

Nil

### 3.8 CFS

Nil

### 3.9 SES

Nil

### 3.10 Other Reports

### **3.10.1 Eyre Peninsula Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce – Economic Development Policy**

426/15 Moved Mayor Nield, seconded Mayor Johnson that the EPLGA Board adopts the Regional Economic Development Policy. **CARRIED**

## **4. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **4.1 Income and Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period ending 06 February, 2015 and Balance Sheet as at 06 February, 2015.**

427/15 Moved Mayor Pollock, seconded Mayor Starr that the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board receives the Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period 1 July 2014 – 6 February 2015 and Balance Sheet as at 6 February 2015. **CARRIED**

## **5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Deputations/Presentations (Nil)**

### **5.2 Petitions (Nil)**

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS – Motions on Notice & Without & Questions**

### **6.1 From the floor – Without Notice**

Mayor Green:- China Information – The Australia China Business Council in cooperation with the State Government and the Premier are taking 200 delegates to China on a trade mission. If you know of businesses that are doing business with China or are 'China ready', there will be an opportunity in the next few months to build a relationship with this delegation.  
 Chairperson Scholz:- Centacare – The Counsellor position based at Wudinna which serves Streaky Bay, Elliston and Cowell/Cleve area is not going to be refunded by the State Government. The position ends in June.

428/15 Moved Chairperson Scholz, seconded Chairperson Callaghan that the EPLGA supports the District Council of Wudinna in seeking continuation of Centacare funding for its and neighbouring areas. **CARRIED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Correspondence for decision**

#### **1-0215 Advocate for the Retention of Pensioner Concessions**

429/15 Moved Mayor Telfer, seconded Chairperson Scholz that the EPLGA Board receives and notes the correspondence from the LGA of SA to District Council of Tumby Bay regarding advocating the retention of pensioner concessions, also highlights its position in opposing the cuts to pensioner concessions to all relevant parliamentarians and the ALGA and further, that the EPLGA and RDAWEP Canberra delegation where possible raises this with relevant Ministers, Ministerial staff and the ALGA.

**CARRIED**

#### **2-0215 Rowan Ramsay MP, Federal Member for Grey – National Partnerships Agreement on Certain Concessions**

430/15 Moved Mayor Johnson, seconded Chairperson Callaghan that the EPLGA Board receives and notes the correspondence from Rowan Ramsey MP to District Council of Tumby Bay regarding the National Partnerships Agreement on certain concessions and bring to his attention motion # 429/15.

**CARRIED**

#### **3-0215 EP Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce – Coordinator**

431/15 Moved Mayor Pollock, seconded Mayor Green that the EPLGA Board approves the alteration to the Terms of Reference for the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce to include the Chairperson of the EPNRM Board. **CARRIED**

#### **4-0215 Department of State Development – Office of the Technical Regulator – CWMS and ESCOSA Issues**

432/15 Moved Mayor Green, seconded Deputy Mayor Millard that the responses in relation to the ESCOSA CWMS reporting framework and accountability issues from the Office of the Technical Regulator be noted and forwarded to the EPLGA CWMS Working Group. **CARRIED**

**5-0215 LGA/ESCOSA Workshop 16 March 2015 – LGA Circular 6.13**

433/15 Moved Mayor Johnson, seconded Mayor MacKenzie that a member of the CWMS Group and/or Council CEO's be encouraged to attend the LGA/ESCOSA workshop set down for 16 March 2015 (ie LGA Circular 6.13) **CARRIED**

**6-0215 Public Consultation – DC of Franklin Harbour's CWMS Project – CS Shipard**

434/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Chairperson Callaghan that the EPLGA Board receives the correspondence from C S Shipard regarding the District Council of Franklin Harbour's CWMS Project.

**CARRIED**

**7-0215 Funding Contribution to the operating costs of the SA Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (SASQAP) – Will Zacharan, Executive Director, Biosecurity SA**

435/15 Moved Mayor Suter, seconded Mayor MacKenzie that the EPLGA Executive Officer responds to the Executive Director, Biosecurity SA that Member Councils do not intend to financially contribute to the PIRSA operating costs of the SA Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (SASQAP). **CARRIED**

**8-0215 Call for nominations for LGA Board Members – LGA of SA (Wendy Campana, CEO/Returning Officer)**

436/15 Moved Mayor Pollock, seconded Mayor Telfer that the EPLGA Board receives the correspondence with attachments from Wendy Campana, LGA of SA regarding the call for nominations for LGA Board Members. **CARRIED**

**9-0215 SA Pathology Review – Whyalla Hospital**

The EPLGA Board received and noted the correspondence from City of Whyalla. The matter has been resolved.

**10-0215 District Council of Cleve – Doctor situation**

437/15 Moved Mayor Nield, seconded Mayor Johnson that the EPLGA seeks assistance from the LGA and RDA to raise the matter of Doctor shortages in the regions (eg. Kimba, Cleve and Elliston areas), ahead of any changes in health as a result of Transforming Health discussions, with Country Health SA.

**CARRIED**

438/15 Moved Chairperson Callaghan, seconded Mayor Johnson that the EPLGA invite Country Health SA CEO, Maree Geraghty to attend the next EPLGA Board meeting to discuss Transforming Health and other health issues.

**CARRIED**

**11-0215 DC of Tumby Bay – foreshadowed motion for LGA meeting – absentee landowners and voters roll**

439/15 Moved Deputy Mayor Millard, seconded Mayor MacKenzie that the EPLGA Board receives and notes the correspondence from the District Council of Tumby Bay regarding the electoral roll issues around absentee landowners and their intention to submit a motion to the next LGA General meeting.

**CARRIED**

**12-0215 Confirmation of moves between regions**

440/15 Moved Chairperson Callaghan, seconded Mayor Green that the EPLGA Board notes the LGA Board's approval for the City of Port Lincoln to move from Spencer Gulf Cities to the Eyre Peninsula region and the City of Whyalla to move from Eyre Peninsula to Spencer Gulf Cities region for LGA representation and voting purposes.

**CARRIED**

**13-0215 Galahs**

441/15 Moved Mayor Telfer, seconded Mayor Suter that the EPLGA Board receives and notes the correspondence from District Council of Tumby Bay to Peter Treloar MP regarding increased galah numbers.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Correspondence for Information**

442/15 Moved Chairperson Scholz, seconded Mayor Nield that the correspondence brought to attention for information purposes be noted.

**CARRIED**



## **8 MEETINGS ATTENDED AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

443/15 Moved Chairperson Scholz, seconded Mayor Suter that the next meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board will be held on Friday 26 June, 2015 at Wudinna.

**CARRIED**

### **Future Meeting dates**

**Friday 4 September 2015 – Streaky Bay**

Friday 4 December 2015 – Wudinna

Sunday 28 February 2016 – Ceduna (conference) TBC

### **Conference Location Rotation**

2016 Ceduna	2017 Lower EP	2018 Port Lincoln
2019 Kimba	2020 Wudinna	2021 Cowell
2022 Cleve	2023 Streaky Bay	2024 Elliston

Meeting closed at 4:30pm

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President

Date -----

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## **2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

From the floor.

## **3 GENERAL REPORTS**

### **3.1 President's Report [verbal]**

## 3.2 Executive Officer's Report

### 3.2.1 Report No. 1-0615: 2013-2016 Management Plan

To: President and EPLGA Board Members  
Date: 26 June 2015  
Topic: 2013-2016 Management Plan  
Report No: 1-0615

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#### PROPOSAL:

That the EPLGA Board considers and adopts the revised EPLGA Management Plan 2013 -16, including the 2015/16 Budget (incorporating Council subscriptions) and Executive Officer's Work Plan for 2015/16.

#### BACKGROUND:

To avoid some confusion between the Business Plan prepared by a Council, the EPLGA uses the term "Management Plan". This "Management Plan" is for 2013-2016 (ie adopted 28 June 2013), but is reviewed annually and includes an updated annual work plan and budget for 2015/16. It also encompasses the strategic directions the EPLGA wishes to take for the period 2013-16.

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 Schedule 2 Clause 24:

#### 24—Business Plans

- (1) ***A regional subsidiary must, in consultation with the constituent councils, prepare and adopt a business plan.***
- (2) A subsidiary and the constituent councils must ensure that the first business plan of the subsidiary is prepared within six months after the subsidiary is established.
- (3) A business plan of a subsidiary continues in force for the period specified in the plan or until the earlier adoption by the subsidiary of a new business plan.
- (4) ***A subsidiary must, in consultation with the constituent councils, review its business plan on an annual basis.***
- (5) A subsidiary may, after consultation with the constituent councils, amend its business plan at any time.
- (6) A business plan must set out or include—
  - (a) the performance targets that the subsidiary is to pursue; and
  - (b) a statement of the financial and other resources, and internal processes, that will be required to achieve the subsidiary's performance targets; and
  - (c) the performance measures that are to be used to monitor and assess performance against targets.

#### DETAIL:

The revised Management Plan 2013 -16 is included for discussion and debate. You will note a detailed work plan and budget for the delivery period. The Budget papers also incorporate forward estimates for the next 12 months, as some program expenditure will be across the 2 year period. In addition there is also a consolidated projects budget, which is outside the core day to day business budget of the EPLGA. The format of the Management Plan continues in a similar vein as has been presented previously, which I believe is a simple document, easily understood and a good reference base to ensure it remains a working document.

The Executive Officer's work plan has been previously discussed with the EPLGA Executive and Council CEO's Group at a recent meeting of the group.

**STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

Critical to achieving all strategic goals and strategies.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

Local Government Act 1999 Schedule 2 Clauses 24 and 25.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

Annually

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

*That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board adopts the revised 2013 - 16 Management Plan (subject to any amendments made), including the adoption of the following:*

- 1. The Executive Officer's Work Plan 2015/16.*
- 2. The 2015/16 EPLGA Budget estimates.*
- 3. The 2015/16 individual Council subscriptions to the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula in accordance with Year two (2) of the current three (3) year agreement.*

Enclosures:

EPLGA Management Plan 2013 - 16 - refer page 12.

# **EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2016**



Adopted 28 June 2013

Reviewed 27 June 2014

Reviewed 26 June 2015

## INTRODUCTION

As a regional subsidiary under the Local Government Act 1999, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is required to have a Business Plan and Budget each financial year. Under Clause 24 of Schedule 2, the Business Plan continues in force for the period specified in the plan or until a new Plan is adopted. It must be reviewed annually. This draft is a result of a review undertaken by the Executive Officer which is now presented for further debate & discussion by member Councils.

The Business Plan of a subsidiary may be seen as similar in role to a Council's Strategic Plan. As such it is good practice to review it on an annual basis.

To avoid some confusion between the Business Plan prepared by a Council, the EPLGA uses the term "Management Plan." This "Management Plan" is for 2013 to 2016 but will be reviewed annually and have an updated annual work plan & budget included for the current year.

The value of EPLGA has historically been mostly limited to providing a united voice for Member Councils keen to advocate on legislation and policy changes made by other spheres of government and to lobby collectively on such issues. This primary role has largely been unchanged since the organization began in 1938.

In more recent years, the pressures on member Councils arising from the need for a much higher standard of governance, risk management, planning and reporting, community engagement and the broadening of core duties has meant that EPLGA also has a growing role in assisting in coordinating a range of activities seeking efficiencies for Councils at the operational level. Added to this was the agreement with the LGA of SA to undertake the "Outreach Services" pilot program which concludes on 30 June 2015. A recent survey of Councils proved the pilot was an outstanding success with 92% approval rating. This pilot program was funded by the LGA of SA and takes 40% of the Executive Officers time. For the 2015 – 16 year the LGA has provided \$50,000 to each of the 5 regions to deliver an Outreach Service to their region based on the learnings from the Eyre & Yorke Peninsula regions pilot programs. Quarterly reporting against predetermined performance indicators will occur as was the requirements of the pilot program.

This Management Plan has been slightly modified from previous year's presentations to better reflect the business the EPLGA now undertakes. It is time to review this document as presented to ensure it reflects the strategic directions (Management Plan) the EPLGA wishes to take and the directions/ projects/ tasks (Annual Work Plan & Budget) it wishes to take for the next twelve months 2015/16. There are plans for regional economic and strategic plans to be developed which will become master planning documents for the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM.

**VISION**

*"To be a strong voice and forum for the delivery of community services across Eyre Peninsula"*

**MANAGEMENT PLAN****1. ACTIVELY ASSIST MEMBERS BY REPRESENTING THEIR COMBINED INTERESTS**

- 1.1 Seek invitation to provide responses to legislative and policy changes that materially impact our region
- 1.2 Seek the mandated preparation of regional impact statements prior to any state legislated changes likely to affect our region
- 1.3 Prepare coordinated submissions to relevant inquiries and proposals on behalf of members and where possible jointly with the RDAWEP and/or other relevant regional organisations.
- 1.4 Take an active interest in regional planning by other spheres of government and any of their activities that could impose changes to our region.
- 1.5 Continue to advocate for increased funding from Australian & State Governments to address regional priorities.

**2 BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROMOTION OF OUR SECTOR AND OUR REGION**

- 2.1 Ensure we are represented at SAROC, State Executive Committee meetings and the General Meetings of the LGA.
- 2.2 Ensure regular information flows to our member Councils via Meeting summaries & minutes, website updates, media announcements and personal contacts.
- 2.3 Seek reports from regional partners at EPLGA Board Meetings and forums
- 2.4 Actively seek direct engagement with Australian and State Governments in order to allow bottom up, and more streamlined planning and engagement processes.
- 2.5 Seek opportunities to partner with industry and community groups to promote the economic, environmental and social prosperity of Eyre Peninsula.
- 2.6 Work with the RDAWEP member Councils to facilitate regional economic expansion.
- 2.8 Investigate ways to encourage the state government to streamline its regional consultation processes to avoid multiple meetings that duplicate effort.

**3 RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE ASSOCIATION BY GREATER MEDIA PRESENCE.**

- 3.1 Issue a media release after each Board meeting and at any occasion where deemed appropriate.
- 3.2 Consider the nomination of media representatives to present a coordinated and endorsed approach to all media.



- 4 ASSIST MEMBER COUNCILS BY COORDINATING REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OF OPERATIONAL ISSUES**
- 4.1 Actively participate in meetings that promote Continuous Improvement activities in Councils.
  - 4.2 Continue to promote regionally delivered training opportunities to assist Councils to up skill workforce.
  - 4.3 Facilitate Shared Services investigations and discussions at either the regional or sub regional level, where appropriate.
  - 4.4 Liaise with the LGA program managers to assist in linking funding opportunities to Council activities.
  - 4.6 Continue to coordinate a regional or sub regional approach to infrastructure upgrades required for resource sector expansion and link this to relevant strategies.
  - 4.7 Complete the preparation of the Eyre Peninsula Road Strategy component of the Regional Transport Strategy & continue to have the Special Local Roads Program applications independently assessed against the set criteria (i.e. similar to the LGA Transport Advisory Panel's criteria) prior to submitting.
  - 4.8 Prepare regional submissions to fund combined approaches to governance activities required of Councils, where agreed by Members.
- 5 DEVELOP WAYS TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE WITH BOTH STATE AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST IN REGIONAL PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 5.1 Include funding in the Annual Business Plan to allow deputation to both State and Federal Parliaments on key issues that arise.
  - 5.2 Liaise with other regional LGA's and RDAs where combined lobbying best represents our interests.
  - 5.3 Seek opportunities to strengthen working relationships with the senior levels of state government.
  - 5.4 Maintain the funding & operations of the EP Mining & Energy Community Development Taskforce with annual review by the EPLGA Board.
  - 5.5 Be prepared to investigate & have involvement in regional reform where regional opportunities outweigh the disadvantages.
- 6 PARTICIPATE IN RELEVANT PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LGA OF SA AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.**
- 6.1 Continue participation in the Outreach Program as funded by the LGA.
  - 6.2 Maximise opportunities arising from the Regional Capacity Building program funded by the LGA.

- 6.3 Maximise any opportunities for the region through involvement in relevant LGA & other programs.

#### MEASURING PERFORMANCE

While the measurement of performance is a key component of planning, the nature of the workload for the Executive Officer has typically made KPI setting and measuring difficult. Much of the day-to-day operational activity remains reactive and in response to legislated and policy changes that routinely emerge. However, I believe the following measurement may be an indication of performance for each year. A comment on the past years performance against the target score is included. It is recommended that the same targets are kept for the 2015/16 year.

KPI	MEASURED BY	TARGET SCORE
Member General Satisfaction	Number of formal complaints	Target:- Zero complaints from members 2014/15 Results:- Zero complaints
Member attendance at meetings , workshops, training	Number of members who are represented	Target:- All relevant members, usually 11 2014/15 Results: - All attended and if not apologies were received.
Competitive funding secured for projects	Dollars secured	Target:- Equal to M'ship \$145k 2014/15 Results:- Exceeded target
Achieved annual work plan		Target: - All items either achieved or timeframes for completion, and process, in place. 2014/15 Results: - Majority completed, those not subject to external funding or a change of priority by Board.
EPLGA is represented at LGA regions meetings (SAROC)	Number of meetings attended	Target:- 100% 2014/15 Results:- President, Vice Presidents or Executive Officer present at all LGA & SAROC meetings
Co-ordinate regional training activities on EP	Number of days training per year	Target: - At least 6 training days held in region. 2014/15 Results: - in 10 months to Feb 2015 over \$240k savings to Councils and 22 training days held
Annual review of Executive Officer	Satisfactory report from panel	Target: - Executive Officer attains satisfactory rating for performance at his annual review. 2014/15 Results: - Personal



		evaluation undertaken by EPLGA Executive in consultation with members.
Greater media activity	Number of interviews and media releases	Target:-At least one interview per month. Media releases at least every 2 months. 2014/15 Results: Target met but is dependent on media interest in topics or issues

### WORKPLAN

A number of project items are scheduled for the 2015/16 financial year and the following schedule details them.

Functional Area	Action	Commence Date	Complete Date	Participants	Lead	Priority	Comments
<b>Council Visits</b>	Twice per year with RDA	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	RDA, EO & Councils	Exec Officer	High	Commenced - met with Tumby & Port Lincoln
<b>Work Plan</b>	Revise Regional Work Plan & sign off by LGA, EPLGA Board CEO's & EPLGA Board	1/07/2015	1/07/2015	EO, CEO's, EPLGA & LGA CEO	Exec Officer	High	
<b>Board, Committees &amp; Working Groups</b>	* Support - Internal Control group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Group	Exec Officer	Low	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	* Support - Roads Working Group - Transport Plan etc.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Group	Exec Officer	Strategic High	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	* Support Mining Taskforce - operations	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, Mining Taskforce, Coordinator etc.	Coordinator	High	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	* Support - Regional Procurement Group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Group	Exec Officer	High	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	* Support - CWMS User Group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & CWMS Users Group	Rashleigh Pty Ltd	Medium	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	* Support Regional CEO Group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Regional CEO's	Exec Officer	High	<b>OUTREACH</b>

Support & Involvement in EPICCA Meetings	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & EPICCA	EPNRM	Medium	
Support & Involvement in ZEMC	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & ZEMC	SAFEC OM	High	
* Support Works Managers Group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Works Managers	Works Managers	Low	OUTREACH
Support Executive Committee	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & EPLGA Executive	Exec Officer	High	
Attend SAROC Meetings	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & SAROC	LGA	High	
Attend Regional EO's Meetings	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Regional EO's	LGA	High	
Attend Upper Spencer Gulf User Group Meetings when required.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & USGUG Members	USGUG	Low	
Attend Regional Water Reference Group	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Regional Water Reference Group	EPNRM	Low	
Attend LGA Conference, Show Case, Annual General & ordinary Meetings	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & President	LGA	High	
Attend other regional/ state/ national meetings as required	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & President	Exec Officer	Low	
Attend Port Lincoln Trade Waste Meetings as required.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Group	RDWEP	Low	
EPLGA Board - Prepare Agendas, Minutes etc.	Mar, June, Sept & Dec	Ongoing	EO & President	Exec Officer	High	ONGOING

<b>Regional Planning</b>	* Regional Transport Plan - complete the Roads sections & commence on other sections.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EPLGA Board, Roads Working Group, Consultant	SMEC	Strategic High	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	Regional Infrastructure Plan - review regional priorities - review other plans with RDAWEP	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO/ RDA/EPLGA Board	RDAWEP	Medium	Joint submissions & input into RDAWEP Planning.
	Input into EPNRM Regional Planning	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO/EPNRM/ EPLGA Board	EPNRM	Medium	
	Council & Regional Economic Development Planning	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, CEO's, Consultant , EPLGA Board , RDAWEP	RDAWEP	Strategic high	<b>OUTREACH - Collaborative Reform</b>
	Regional Strategic Plan - development	1/01/2016	30/06/2016	EO, CEO's, EPLGA Board, Councils, RDAWEP, EPNRM	Exec Officer	High	<b>OUTREACH - Collaborative Reform</b>
<b>Emergency Planning</b>	Review - Individual Council plans - status	1/01/2016	30/06/2016	Individual Council, EO & Consultant	Exec Officer	Strategic high	<b>OUTREACH - Collaborative Reform</b>
	Assist in Zone Emergency Planning	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, EPLGA Board & State Agencies	SAFEC OM	High	<b>OUTREACH - Collaborative Reform</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>	Tourism - seek review into regional delivery of tourism assistance & development. Include Tourism Funding as part of EPLGA subs from each Council.	1/01/2016	30/06/2016	CEO RDAWEP, EO, Tourism Officer, CEO's of Councils, RDA & EPLGA Boards	RDAWEP	Strategic High	RDAWEP to lead discussion with Councils. Addressing Industry matching LG Funding & reporting against KPI's. LGA in consultation with Minister re: funding & representation at State level.



<b>Environment</b>	Coastal RV & Caravan Camping & management strategy	1/07/2015	30/12/2015	EO, CEO's Committee, RDAWEP (Tourism) & EPNRM	EPNRM	High	
<b>Conferences &amp; Forums</b>	Planning assistance to EPLGA Conference	1/07/2015	25/02/2016	EO & DC Ceduna	DC Ceduna	Low	Ongoing assistance
	Plan Economic & EPLGA Day after EPLGA Conference	1/01/2016	25/02/2016	EO & RDAWEP	RDAWEP	High	
<b>Governance</b>	Exec Officer to develop regional submissions where possible to assist Councils - majority position taken.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, CEO Group & EPLGA Board	Exec Officer	Low	Undertaken on a needs basis.
	Review EPLGA Board Policies & Procedures	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, EPLGA Board	Exec Officer	Medium	ONGOING
	Prepare Annual Report	1/09/2015	31/12/2015	EO	Exec Officer	High	
	Undertake annual audit	1/07/2015	1/09/2015	EO & Auditors	Exec Officer	High	
	Prepare Annual Budget	1/03/2016	30/06/2016	EPLGA BOARD & EO	Exec Officer	High	
	Maintain EPLGA Website	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & RDAWEP assistance	Exec Officer	High	ONGOING
	Review Budget against Actuals	Quarterly		EO & EPLGA Board	Exec Officer	High	ONGOING
	Prepare SLR Program regional application - including independent ranking of applications	1/01/2016	26/04/2016	EO, Councils, LGTAP & Minister	Exec Officer	High	
	Implement any recommendations from EO's Performance Review	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & Executive	Exec Officer	High	

	Prepare submissions & correspondence as required.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO	Exec Officer	High	
	Revise Management (Strategic) Plan 2013 - 2016 - annually	1/07/2015	30/09/2015	EO, CEO Group, EPLGA Board	Exec Officer/ EPLGA Board	High	
<b>Human Resource Management</b>	Deliver Regional Training as required by Councils.	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, CEO Group, EPLGA Board, LGA Training & other training providers.	LGA Training & Exec Officer	Strategic High	<b>OUTREACH</b>
	Mentoring & assisting CEOs & Other staff	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	Council CEOs & Staff	Exec Officer	High	On an as needs basis
<b>Lobbying/ Advocacy</b>	Australian, State Governments as needed.	Ongoing		President & EO	Exec Officer/ President	High	On an as needs basis
<b>EPLGA Meeting Outcomes</b>	After each meeting distribute a wrap on the meeting outcomes - to Councils & media	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO	Exec Officer	High	Send out Meeting Wraps after each meeting - to replace newsletters. More suitable & effective. ONGOING
<b>Outreach Services</b>	<b>Deliver Outreach Services as per agreement with LGA &amp; Report quarterly to LGA &amp; EPLGA Boards</b>	Quarterly	30/06/2016	EO, LGA CEO & EPLGA Board	Exec Officer	Strategic High	<b>Funding for 15/16 gained subject to work plan approval</b>
	Meet with LGA on future of Outreach Services - extension for 16/17	1/03/2016	30/06/2016	EO, CEO of LGA, President EPLGA	Exec Officer	High	



<b>Regional Statement</b>	Maintain Regional Statement data for individual Councils use & regional use in conjunction with RDAWEP	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO, RDAWEP	RDAWEP	High	RDAWEP & EPLGA to monitor & track providing information & gathering information from Councils.
<b>Risk Management</b>	In partnership with MLS - develop improved risk management policies, plans & practices.	1/07/2015	Ongoing	EO, CEO Group, RRC's	Regional Risk Coordinators	Low	Working with RRC's. Sharing information - risk frameworks & policies
<b>Shared Services/ Regional Alliances</b>	Encourage Councils to investigate opportunities	1/07/2015	Ongoing	EO & Individual Councils	Exec Officer & relevant Councils	High	<b>OUTREACH</b> - Collaborative Reform
	Collaborate with other Regional EO's on a bi-monthly basis through SAROC	1/07/2015	Ongoing	EO, EPLGA Board & Central Region	LGA/ SAROC	High	Councils of the future Document recommendations/ pilot testing etc.
<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>	Review regional strategy	On Hold		EO, CEO Group, EPLGA Board & Consultant	Exec Officer	Low	Councils to fund in 16/17
<b>Waste Mgmt</b>	Review regional strategy	On Hold		EO, CEO Group, EPLGA Board & Consultant	Exec Officer	Medium	Councils to fund if needed.
<b>Mining</b>	Review Mining & Energy Taskforce - Annual Report included	1/07/2015	30/06/2016	EO & EPLGA Board	Mining Taskforce Coordinator	High	

Strategic  
High  
High  
Medium  
Low



**ANNUAL BUDGET AND FORWARD ESTIMATES**

<b>BUDGET COMPARISONS</b>		<b>2014/15 Budget</b>	<b>2015/16 Estimate</b>	<b>2016/17 Estimate</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
LGA of SA		63305	49454	51032
Project Income - EP Councils	In addition to member subscriptions	120472	97969	101774
Grants - Other	Emergency Management Plans	73334	0	0
<b>Project Income Sub -Total</b>		<b>257111</b>	<b>147423</b>	<b>152806</b>
Outreach Services Funding	LGA SA	70000	0	50000
Reimbursed Income	LGA Asset Management Advisory Cmtee	0	9000	0
Interest Received		9000	7500	6500
Membership Subs		151424	157588	167043
<b>Admin Sub - Total</b>		<b>230424</b>	<b>174088</b>	<b>223543</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>487535</b>	<b>321511</b>	<b>376349</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b><u>Exec Officer Employment Costs</u></b>				
Salary	(Including \$15k for own Vehicle)	118132	118500	118500
Work cover		2599	2607	2607
Employer Super		11813	11850	11850
<b><u>Admin &amp; Office Expenses</u></b>				
Admin General		4150	2500	2500
Audit		2400	1500	1500
Bank Charges		825	500	500
Insurance		5878	5825	6050
IT		5000	1500	1500
Meeting Expenses - Board		7000	7000	7000
Office Rental & Other costs- RDA		9105	9250	9500
Reimbursable Expenses		0	0	0
President's Allowance		2000	2250	2250
Secretarial Services - RDA		17680	18000	18250
Telephone		950	1000	1100
Training & Professional Development		500	0	0
Travel other than Private Vehicle	President & EQ plus LGA Cmtee	10000	11500	10000
<b>Admin Sub - Total</b>		<b>198032</b>	<b>193782</b>	<b>193107</b>
<b><u>Projects</u></b>				
Projects - LGA Funded		25000	10000	10000
Projects - Council Funds		120472	110469	114274

Projects - EPLGA Regional Capacity	55500	25000	25500
Projects - EPLGA Board Funded	80000	40000	30000
Projects - Other	73334	0	0
<b>Project Sub - Total</b>	<b>354306</b>	<b>185469</b>	<b>179774</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>552338</b>	<b>379251</b>	<b>372881</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>487535</b>	<b>321511</b>	<b>376349</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-64803</b>	<b>-57740</b>	<b>3468</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Opening Balance	3895	3895	3895
Retained Earnings	249347	118792	64947
Net Income	-69647	-57740	8468
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>183595</b>	<b>64947</b>	<b>77310</b>
<b>Project Funding Break Downs</b>			
		<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
LGA of SA	Regional Capacity	38305	39454
	Mining Taskforce	10000	10000
	CWMS Users Group	15000	0
		<b>63305</b>	<b>49454</b>
Joint Project Income - EP Councils	CWMS Users Group	15000	15000
	Emergency Management Plans	33000	6875
	Tourism	72472	76094
		<b>120472</b>	<b>97969</b>
Grants - Other	Emergency Management Plans	73334	0
<b>Total Project Income</b>		<b>257111</b>	<b>147423</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
LGA of SA - Project funds	Shared Services	0	0
	Mining Taskforce	10000	10000
	CWMS users Group	15000	0
		<b>25000</b>	<b>10000</b>
EPLGA - Joint Project Funds	Procurement Road Map	0	0
in addition to subscription funds	CWMS Users Group	15000	15000
	EPICCA	0	12500
	Emergency Management Planning	33000	6875
	Tourism	72472	76094
		<b>120472</b>	<b>110469</b>



Regional Capacity Funded	Special Local Roads Prioritisation	10000	7500	8000
	Regional Roads Strategy/ Hierarchy	38000	10000	10000
	EPLGA Committees & Groups Mtgs	7500	7500	7500
		<b>55500</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>25500</b>
EPLGA Board Funded projects From Subscription funds	Mining Taskforce	50000	25000	25000
	Regional Strategic Planning	30000	10000	5000
	Regional Waste Strategy Review	0	0	0
	Regional Sport & Rec Strategy Review	0	0	0
	Emergency Management Plans Review	0	5000	0
		<b>80000</b>	<b>40000</b>	<b>30000</b>
Projects - Others	Emergency Management Planning	73334	0	0
Total Project Expenses		354306	188469	179774
Balance		-97195	-38046	-26968

**EPLGA COINCIL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 - 16**

District Council of Ceduna	\$ 12,491
City of PT Lincoln	\$ 24,386
City of Whyalla	\$ 32,197
District Council of Cleve	\$ 11,108
District Council of Elliston	\$ 9,583
District Council of Franklin Harbour	\$ 9,748
District Council of Kimba	\$ 9,613
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	\$ 15,547
District Council of Streaky Bay	\$ 11,443
District Council of Tumby Bay	\$ 11,739
Wudinna District Council	\$ 9,732

**INDIVIDUAL COINCIL TOURISM CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 - 16**

City of Whyalla	11375
District Council of Cleve	3565
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	9909
District Council of Tumby Bay	4056
District Council of Ceduna	8270
District Council of Franklin Harbour	5096
District Council of Kimba	2922
District Council of Streaky Bay	6471
District Council of Elliston	4727
Wudinna District Council	3066
City of Port Lincoln	16637

**INDIVIDUAL COINCIL RDAWEP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 - 16**

City of Whyalla	142,591
District Council of Cleve	18,850
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	23,789
District Council of Tumby Bay	20,706
District Council of Ceduna	23,789
District Council of Franklin Harbour	14,979
District Council of Kimba	14,979
District Council of Streaky Bay	18,850
District Council of Elliston	14,979
Wudinna District Council	14,979
City of Port Lincoln	59,031

**INDIVIDUAL COINCIL CWMS USER GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 – 16**

District Council of Ceduna	2,733
District Council of Cleve	1,309
District Council of Elliston	787
District Council of Franklin Harbour	1,461
District Council of Kimba	1,153
District Council of Lower EP	2,700
District Council of Streaky Bay	1,403
District Council of Tumby Bay	2,403
Wudinna District Council	1,051

**INDIVIDUAL COINCIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL LICENCE 2015 – 16**

\$625 per Council

All Councils were notified of the estimates via email on 12 March 2015 to assist with their budget preparations.

Any queries about this management plan should be directed to:

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### **3.2 Executive Officer's Report cont.**

#### **3.2.2 General Update**

To: President and EPLGA Board Members  
Date: 26 June 2015  
Topic: General Update  
Report No: 2-0615

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#### **PROPOSAL:**

That the EPLGA Board notes the information provided on various topics.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Executive Officer will from time to time provide a report on matters he considers needs to be brought to the attention of the EPLGA Board.

#### **DETAIL:**

##### **1. Special Local Roads Funding Applications for 2015**

It is hoped that correspondence has been received on the outcomes of our SLRP funding applications by the time the EPLGA meeting takes place to enable the response to be put forward on the day. Alternatively the document/s will be sent out to Councils as soon as the information is received.

##### **2. Health Matters**

The Executive Officer received the following email from the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Kimba following a recent visit to the Council where the issue was discussed.

*Tony*

*As discussed yesterday council is writing to seek assistance with ongoing discussions with SA Country Health with how the emergency aspect of the new doctor's model for Kimba, Elliston and Cleve is having to be carried out as part of the agreement between the doctors and Country Health. The agreement basically says that whether the doctors are based in any of the 3 towns that they must work out of Cleve for one week a month (based on the model having 4 doctors). We have consistently argued that while the model is working well we see no reason why a doctor based in Kimba or Elliston cannot work when it is their turn to be on call operate from the town they live in. Our community are extremely frustrated as to why Country Health will not budge on this issue. If you want any further information on this issue please contact the Mayor Dean Johnson or myself.*

*All the Best*

*Daryl*

This issue has had previous debate at the EPLGA Board level, whilst not specific to this issue.

Consideration should be made for the President and affected Council's Mayor and/or CEO's to meet with Country Health face to face to see if they can alter their views on what may be best for this situation.

Members are requested to provide direction on this matter.

### 3. Changes to Training Funding

The Executive Officer has received feedback from some Councils regarding the changes to the funding provided to regional training providers.

This is a very complex and difficult issue to judge from a future strategy perspective. I have been hesitant in entering into the debate, as we could be seen to be supporting private companies who deliver training – some good and some below average; some are more expensive than TAFE and others less expensive; some deliver programs TAFE currently does not deliver and so on.

TAFE's Regional Manager, Richard Horgan sits at the CEO Committee table plus comes to the EPLGA Board meetings and I have invited Richard to address the CEO's on the transformation.

Eyre Peninsula does not have a RTO (apart from TAFE), which was highlighted during the Agrifoods program, whereby we were required to procure RTOs from other areas where TAFE did not deliver the required programs. Through the Agrifoods Program I also witnessed the huge cost differential in the RTO's to deliver training in our region, with travel costs being the main issue.

To a degree RDAWEP is also in the same predicament and has been watching the debate closely.

I would suggest that any correspondence addressed to the individual Council would need to be treated by the Council. However if a direction comes from the EPLGA Board then it must be acted upon. Therefore this report provides an opportunity for debate and a resolution from the EPLGA Board.

The outcome of the debate will probably be determined at a Federal level and an opportunity may arise to influence this at a regional level, if the Australian Government chooses to redirect some of the funding away from the State departments.

### 4. Speed Limit Debate

This debate has been an ongoing, with various surveys being generated, etc. No-one likes to see road deaths or serious injuries due to road trauma however a reduction to zero fatalities/road trauma is not realistic. I believe that the issue centres on the amount of risk management attributed to the speed limit debate. It would also be useful to know what the economic and social impacts would be if there was a reduction in speed limits in our region.

I will not expand on this section of my report as it has been well debated in the past in this forum and it can be categorically stated that all previous debate has been unanimously against any reduction in speed limits, particularly where it is seen as an answer to reduced road maintenance funding resulting in a deterioration in the standards of our regional roads and highways.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

***That the President of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association writes to the Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock, advising of the Association's view that there should be no speed reductions in rural/regional areas and formally seek Minister Brock's support for the Association's position on the issue.***

## 5. TV Footprints

This matter has also been debated at EPLGA Board level in the presence of Rowan Ramsay, Federal Member for Grey. However I received the following email from the District Council of Elliston, requesting placement on the agenda for discussion again.

*Good morning Tony*

*Can the following matter be listed for discussion at the next EPLGA meeting?*

*At its meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the Elliston Council resolved:-*

***That the CEO and Chairman investigate with the Federal Minister for Communications, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and the EPLGA, about the possibility of the West Coast area (in particular Elliston) having its television footprint changed to allow it to receive South Australian and local TV programs.***

### ***Background***

*The township of Elliston and other remote locations within the Council area currently receive free to air TV programs via Imparja TV which services remote Eastern and Central Australia mainly via a satellite uplink facility - the vast box. The township of Lock receives the Southern Cross service.*

*The current system does not cater for the display of local SA news and football games. Elliston township locals are disappointed that they cannot watch any football games which are played in Adelaide or any SAFNL matches that are televised by Adelaide Channel 7.*

*The only solution to watch all the AFL football games live would be to subscribe to Foxtel which is not free to air.*

*Also of concern is that locals cannot watch the Adelaide or other SA news and they are bombarded with advertising that has no relevance to the West Coast unless you want to drive to Mt Isa to buy a pizza?*

*Elliston Chairman Kym Callaghan and I did attend a recent forum held in Port Lincoln on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 where the Federal Communications Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull was present to talk about the NBN rollout etc. The above issue was raised at the forum; however Rowan Ramsey Member for Grey did indicate that previous discussions with Imparja have not provided any positive solutions to date.*

*Council is keen to have all options explored to find out whether anything can be done so that all residents on the West Coast can enjoy the same quality of watching a free to air TV service which provides at least the local Adelaide news service and football programs. This could either involve talking with Imparja or seeing if the Southern Cross service could be expanded to all the West Coast locations.*

*Council also notes that there are other remote communities located on the West Coast who maybe also keen to have the same quality TV service that the rest of SA enjoys and takes for granted.*

*If you require any further information then please contact Kym or myself.*

*Kind regards,*

*Phil Cameron*  
***Chief Executive Officer***

The EPLGA Board received correspondence at the December 2014 EPLGA Board meeting after requesting a response into the very same question asked by the District Council of Kimba in June 2014.

Refer the motion in those minutes and the correspondence received below:

**6/1214 Department of Communications – Viewer Access Satellite Television service**  
***412/14 Moved Mayor Johnson, seconded Chairperson Scholz that the EPLGA Board notes the response from the Department of Communications (Australian Government) in relation to some areas of the region being transmitted interstate based television programmes.***  
**CARRIED**

Refer the correspondence received leading to the above resolution on pages 31-32.





**Australian Government**  
**Department of Communications**

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Our reference: MC20140700462

Mr Tony Irvine  
Executive Officer  
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association  
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Dear Mr Irvine

**Programming on the Viewer Access Satellite Television service**

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association about the programming provided on the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

As the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is responsible for the regulation of broadcasting services, its advice was sought on the matters you have raised.

The ACMA has advised that the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* mandates that commercial broadcasting services are licensed to serve specific geographic areas (licence areas). Television services in some parts of the Eyre Peninsula fall within the Spencer Gulf TV1 licence area while other parts are included in the Remote Central and Eastern (RCEA) TV1 licence area. The division is based on the original extent of the commercial television terrestrial transmission signals.

The RCEA TV1 licence area is a large licence area covering much of the Northern Territory, rural South Australia, and far western NSW and far western Queensland, outside of the reach of the terrestrial signals broadcast by the regional commercial television broadcasters. The RCEA TV1 licence area is served by three commercial broadcasters. These broadcasters provide a terrestrial service at 28 locations and also supply programming for the VAST service. VAST is the most common mode of television delivery in this region.

The VAST service was established to ensure that viewers unable to receive adequate television services via local transmitters would be able to receive a suite of television services equivalent to that available in metropolitan areas. The VAST service also includes dedicated news channels. For example, South Australian local commercial news is available on VAST channel 411. This channel carries Southern Cross Austereo Spencer Gulf, Tasmanian and Broken Hill news on a 'rotating' basis throughout the day. The ABC also provides its state and territory based television news bulletins on VAST, including its South Australian news bulletin.

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I note your comment about the lack of regional SA sporting content. Given the extensive geographical area served by VAST, the commercial licensees make business decisions about the programming (including sports content) that they carry. You may wish to contact the licensees, Imparja Television Pty Ltd and Regional Television Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Southern Cross Austereo), to discuss concerns regarding the provision of programming relevant to regional South Australia on VAST.

The suggestion has been made that the ACMA could extend the licence area boundary of Spencer Gulf TV1 to include more of regional South Australia currently within RCEA TV1. While it is open for the ACMA to do so, generally the ACMA regards licence areas as fixed media markets. It should also be noted that changing the licence area may not result in the desired outcome. Provision of commercial terrestrial television services in any location is a business decision for a broadcaster. Even if a town was included in the Spencer Gulf TV1 licence area there is no obligation on the broadcasters to provide transmission coverage across their entire licence area.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to the Minister's attention. I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Brian Kelleher  
Assistant Secretary  
Spectrum Branch

29 October 2014

I am not sure what more can be achieved by continuing this debate when I believe that it was very clear after Rowan Ramsay's address to the EPLGA Board, that the decisions are based on commercial reality of those who hold the television broadcast licences.



## 6. GST Ruling

The District Council of Tumby Bay raised the issue of a recent change to the GST rulings, which may mean some Councils could be entitled to a refund of GST paid. I referred the matter from the Tumby Bay Council to the LGA of SA and received the following response via email:

*Tony*

*Re class action on behalf of Councils seeking overpaid GST*

*This refers to Federal Court case and Melton Council that the Federal Govt cannot tax the assets of the state and Local Govt is considered to be part of the State and a Sydney accountancy firm is preparing a no win no fee but 25% fee if win High Court challenge.*

*The question has been asked will the LGA do this. I have had an internal discussion here with policy people and the reality is we don't identify this as being a strategic issue which we would have to divert resources to.*

*I do understand some interest in Councils, however on face value at the SA level it appears a narrow space in which to seek refunds i.e. where Councils have sold Council land to developers seems the main one and a low pool of SA councils that it might apply to and there is material work and resource requirements in setting up mechanisms for lodging a high court challenge.*

*Notwithstanding comments above there is no reason why after due consideration those Councils who wish to take advantage of any class action could not do so.*

**David Hitchcock**  
**Director Infrastructure**  
**Local Government Association of South Australia**

There are conflicting positions by EP Councils on this matter. I personally do not see this as a matter for the EPLGA but an individual Council matter to be pursued. The LGA of SA also from the above response sees it as an individual Council matter.

## 7. LGA Asset Management Advisory Committee

Recently I accepted a role on this 3-person committee after consulting with the EPLGA Executive Committee. Refer John Comrie's notes below to explain the committee's purpose.

### ***LGA Proposed Asset Management Advisory Committee - J Comrie Notes 18 May***

The following notes were prepared following general discussions regarding the above held with David Hitchcock and Shane Sody on Wed 6 May.

1. LGA Board has agreed to establish above.
2. It is envisaged a small committee (possibly 3 members) will be formed and that the committee will have a relatively short life (possibly up to 6 months duration). Its purpose will to explore the means and opportunities by which the LGA could further support councils in the fulfilment by councils of provision of services through assets and in their asset management responsibilities. Areas of investigation are not limited and could include activities that:
  - a. Help councils to satisfy their legislative obligations (eg additional guidance material)
  - b. Build councils capacity to achieve above (eg resource sharing / collaboration and skills development initiatives)

- c. Generate cost-efficiencies and capability for service level improvements (if and as warranted). (This could include commissioning further research and possible feasibility studies.)
3. The committee will look at issues both holistically and for particular classes of assets. Classes of assets that might lend themselves to consideration could include:
  - a. Airports
  - b. CWMS
  - c. Public Lighting (street lights are not council assets but councils currently pay for the service provided by SA Power Networks-is there potential for better arrangements?)
4. Committee membership is to include J Comrie and two others with a view to achieving an overall good mix of knowledge and expertise in financial, engineering and local government management in both rural and urban environments.
5. It is unclear how much research related work the committee will generate. The LGA may be able to provide some limited support in this regard (I assume through Shane Sody). Committee members too may be able to do some research between meetings. (I think it's envisaged that committee members not currently employed in LG would be paid for their time.) It was suggested that funds of up to \$25,000 may be available to progress the committee's objectives.
6. The LGA is willing to consider committing funds to pursue initiatives that come out of the Committee's work. I.e the committee's purpose is effectively to identify where and what should happen post its limited lifespan.

The Executive Officer's time and travel costs will be met by the LGA so there will be no cost to the EPLGA through this involvement.

**STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

N.A.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

N.A.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

N.A.

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

N.A.

**RECOMENDATION(S):**

**Speed Limit Debate:**

*That the President of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association writes to the Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock, advising of the Association's view that there should be no speed reductions in rural/regional areas and formally seek Minister Brock's support for the Association's position on the issue.*

## 3.2 Executive Officer's Report cont.

### 3.2.3 Outreach Services Update

To: President and EPLGA Board Members  
Date: 26 June 2015  
Topic: Outreach Services Update  
Report No: 3-0615

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#### **PROPOSAL:**

That the EPLGA notes the Outreach Services update report.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Local Government Association of SA allocated \$70,000 pa over 2 years to allow a 0.4 FTE commitment from the Executive Officer to undertake the "Outreach Services" pilot. This funding also allows for a sharing of the other costs associated with the pilot outside of wages and on costs.

#### **DETAIL:**

The current Outreach Service projects status/ summaries are below:

##### **1. Mining Taskforce**

Included in this agenda – a copy of the Taskforce's #3 Meeting Minutes and a summary of activities for the 12 month period (as per the TOR – reporting to the EPLGA Board). A copy of the protocol will be provided under separate cover due to its content and size.

There is an offer of \$30,000 for a regional LGA to test the protocol in their region. As this fundamentally emanated from the deliberations of the local Mining Taskforce, I will seek endorsement from the EPLGA Board to submit an expression of interest to carry out the pilot testing of the protocol. A prime opportunity to test the protocol could be the Archer Graphite project between Cleve and Kimba, or the Iron Road project at Warrambo. The implementation would require external expertise, hence the grant offer of \$30,000.

Skana Gallery (LGA) and I presented to the SACOME Community Engagement Seminar on this issue and further information will be provided at the EPLGA Board meeting on request.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board endorse the submission of an expression of interest by the Executive Officer to pilot test the draft mining protocol in the region of Eyre Peninsula for a sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), exclusive of GST.**

##### **2. Outreach Service Funding Assistance and the Future**

Included with this agenda under separate cover is a document containing the results of the independent survey undertake on this program by John Coombe.

The Executive Officer has also submitted an invoice and the work plan (as included in this agenda as part of the 2015 -16 Management Plan – Report #01-0615). The LGA of SA has agreed to provide \$50,000 for 2015 -16 for all regions to deliver an outreach service based on the success of the pilot undertaken in this region.

The Executive Officers of each regional LGA are currently developing a regionalisation focus set of projects to apply for funding from LGA programs that are focussing on regionalisation aspects that were highlighted in the Future Councils document.

The current application development has the following regional focus:

### 3. LGA Outreach Services – Regionalisation Grant

Region	Focus	Comment Description
EPLGA	1. Economic Development	<b>Regional Economic Development Planning</b> - Develop 11 regional Councils Economic Development Plans or sub regional plans, then escalate up to a master Regional Economic Development Plan with priorities ranked. Main priority is for a regional economic plan.
	2. Strategic Planning	<b>Regional Strategic Plan</b> – develop a framework linking all State, Australian Governments and regional Council objectives. Picking up NRM, RDA, Social and 11 regional Council strategic plan objectives to develop a high level regional strategic plan.
SELGA	1. Planning reform	<b>Planning Reform:</b> Limestone Coast Regional Planning Alliance Project. Stage 1 complete 2014. Stage 2 is developing business cases for: harmonisation of development plans toward regional plan; Regional Development Assessment Panel; and regional planning authority (legislative reform required).
	2. Service Delivery	<b>Service Delivery:</b> regional waste management, corporate services, regional trails, heritage advisory service;
	3. Economic Development	<b>Economic Development:</b> Limestone Coast Economic Diversification Group – SELGA, NRM, RDA, PIRSA, DSD and out posted Australian Government reps – sets regional economic development direction. SELGA runs regional tourism program. Tourism focus.
S&HLGA	1. Financial Sustainability- Benchmarking	<b>Sustainability</b> – Facilitate the LGA R&D Fleurieu Futures Project which will be seeking to define what a regional Council means in the context of the Fleurieu Peninsula - boundaries, governance and long term financial sustainability,  <b>Training</b> – Focus on a rollout of DAP training program for elected members in the region.
	2. DAP and Planning Training	
MMLGA	Regional Collaboration/Tourism Delivery/Governance and Structural models	
Central Region	1. Procurement	<b>Structural review</b> – Move to the implementation phase of the Central Region future directions report.  <b>Procurement</b> – Research and implement o regional procurement project
	2. Structural Review/Service Delivery models	
Spencer Gulf Cities	1. Research Collaboration	1. To progress the SAROC Strategic Plan action to “....Drive a South Australian focused, independent research agenda with the aim of identifying solutions that enhance the prosperity and sustainability of regional Australia.....”
	2. Regional MOU and Governance	2. To review and update the Upper Spencer Gulf Memorandum of Understanding as a model of political commitment to tri-government regional collaboration.

It was felt that it was more effective if the regions worked together and allocated the Future Councils document priorities to avoid competition and duplications.

As highlighted in the work plan, priorities for economic and strategic planning at a regional level were the priorities I bid for. I believe the EPLGA certainly needs a new Strategic/ Management Plan, as the current one has not been reviewed thoroughly by the EPLGA Board since commencement of my employment.

The regional Strategic Plan would have EPLGA lead components that would constitute its strategic plan. This is an opportunity for external funding to assist in the development of overall economic and strategic planning for our region.

#### **4. Council Emergency Management Planning**

The implementation phase of this project in the individual Councils continues. At the time of writing this report I am still waiting for status reports from some Councils to enable me to coordinate a visit by Mark Richards (Ark Risks), the Emergency Management Planning software developer to assist Councils on the ground with setting their Emergency Plans.

The completion of the implementation of this project is now being driven by the needs of the Eyre and Western Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC), which needs the Council information to assist in the review of regional planning.

Understandably Councils are very busy at this time of the year with budgets and Business Plan consultation, end of financial year planning and preparation, etc. However this request for feedback is about seeking ways in which, we as a region, can have all Councils addressing their risks in at least the following areas:

1. Bushfire.
2. Storm
3. Extreme heat.

The ZEMC is planning to have all the Council information prior to its next meeting in early September 2015.

I wish to highlight that the very early notice of seeking status information will allow me time to assist those Councils who are struggling to find the time and resources to undertake this planning. I am confident this can be achieved by engaging Mark Richards (Ark Risk) to manage the tasks with the relevant Council staff and after all Councils are compliant in the 3 areas, we then can request Mark to provide a collated report from all 11 Councils so the Eyre and Western Region Zone Emergency Management Committee can seek funding/ assistance to address any high priority risks if required. In addition it will also allow the ZEMC to update the Eyre and Western Zone Emergency Management Plan.

Without all Councils having completed implementation, the ZEMC will be unable to fully understand the high priority risks that need addressing prior to the forthcoming bushfire, extreme heat and storm season.

#### **5. CWMS Users Group**

Refer the most recent meeting minutes included in the agenda on pages 122-123.

#### **6. Internal Controls Working Group**

A meeting of relevant Council staff was held in Wudinna on 22 August 2014 to initiate the working group in an attempt to have all Councils compliant with Section 125 of the Local Government Act by 30 June 2015. Since the first meeting another workshop was held and the outcomes of that has seen Councils working in collaborative cluster groups except the larger Councils, who need to undertake far more extensive work than the smaller Councils. John Wright (LGA) and Pascal Marrotcastellat have also been assisting Councils with their Risk Management Frameworks as a part of this project.

Advice from Councils is required regarding compliances in this area or if more assistance is necessary via another meeting of the cluster group. If all Councils are compliant, then COMPLETED can be assigned to this project.

**STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

**OBJECTIVE 6:**

UNDERTAKE A TWO YEAR "OUTREACH SERVICES" PILOT PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LGA OF SA.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

N.A.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

Refer to budget contained within the agenda on pages 130-131.

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

Ongoing.

**RECOMENDATION(S):**

*That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board:*

- 1. receives and notes the Outreach Services Update; and*
- 2. endorses the submission of an expression of interest by the Executive Officer to pilot test the draft mining protocol in the region of Eyre Peninsula for a sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), exclusive of GST.*

## 3.2 Executive Officer's Report cont.

### 3.2.4 Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement [EPICCA]

To: President and EPLGA Board Members  
Date: 26 June 2015  
Topic: Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement  
Report No: 4-0615

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#### PROPOSAL:

That the EPLGA Board endorses the signing of the extended and reviewed Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (a sectorial agreement).

#### BACKGROUND:

As a means to providing members with background on this issue, the briefing paper generated by Susan Stovell has been included.

The following resolution was passed at the EPLGA Board meeting held on 5 December 2014:

***397/14 Moved Mayor Green, seconded Mayor MacKenzie that the EPICCA group be retained on the following conditions:***

- ***EPICCA Members to be Chairs and CEO's of EPLGA Board, RDAWEP Board and EPNRM Board and chaired by Mr Brian Foster, Member of the Premiers Climate Change Council plus two relevant State agency persons (e.g. DEWNR and PIRSA or others).***
- ***EPICCA meetings only be held when necessary or called by two of the three member regional organisations.***
- ***At the first meeting of the newly structured EPICCA Group meeting procedures and secretarial services for the group be established.***
- ***That the industry sector agreement be extended or renewed with the State Government as soon as possible.***
- ***That agendas and minutes of all meetings be forwarded to the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards.***
- ***That any projects or other activities requiring financial commitments be considered and signed off by the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards prior to commencement.***
- ***Grant applications require sign off by the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards.***
- ***That annually the EPICCA group reports to the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards on any achievements.***
- ***That the EPICCA group and related operations be reviewed on or before 30 June 2017 by the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards for effectiveness and as to whether the group continues.***

#### DETAIL:

The included agreement has been amended and aligned with the current status of EPICCA. This work was undertaken by the stakeholder's staff – RDAWEP, EPNRM and EPLGA. Endorsement for the signing of the agreement is being sought from the EPLGA Board.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

The agreement requires the provision of seed funding (\$12,500) from each party for the first financial year – seed funding for subsequent years of the agreement will be negotiated annually following the review.

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

That the EPICCA group and related operations are to be reviewed on or before 30 June 2017 by the EPLGA, RDAWEP and EPNRM Boards for effectiveness and continuation of the group.

**RECOMENDATION(S):**

***That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board endorses the signing of the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement.***

Enclosures:

EPNRM Board briefing paper by Susan Stovell – refer page 41

Sector Agreement – refer page 43



## BRIEFING / REPORT TO BOARD

TO: Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board  
FROM: Susan Stovell, Manager Strategy and Knowledge  
THROUGH: Regional Manager  
DATE: June 2015  
RE: EPICCA Sectorial Agreement



**Government  
of South Australia**  
Eyre Peninsula  
Natural Resources  
Management Board

### PROPOSAL / ISSUE

This briefing paper relates to the Boards past commitment to the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) and the progress made on the development of a new 3 year agreement.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As members will know, the Board has been a driving force behind EPICCA, which has been successful in raising awareness of climate change on EP and increasing the capacity of target groups.

This work culminated in the release of the *Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Eyre Peninsula*<sup>1</sup> (RCCAPEP) in February 2014 and has also established a platform for sectors to develop adaptation strategies specific for their circumstances and value set.

At the August 2014 meeting, a commitment to continue to support the work of EPICCA was made and to this extent, a small working party was established to progress the development of the new Sectorial Agreement. This working party was comprised of the following representatives:

- Brian Foster – existing Independent Chair of EPICCA
- Tony Irvine – Chief Executive Office of the EPLGA
- Dion Dorward – Chief Executive Officer of RDA WEP
- Susan Stovell – Manager Strategy and Knowledge, EPNRM Board

The working group has also been engaging with Michelle English, Manager of the Climate Change Unit within DEWNR, as the agreement proposes that DEWNR be a fourth party to the agreement.

### DISCUSSION AND DETAIL

The agreement is consistent with the previously signed agreement, with the following changes/additions:

- General editing and updating of information e.g. the Ministers title, regional information and the reflection of past achievements by the group.
- The term of the agreement is for a three year period, July 2015 to June 2018, with annual reviews undertaken.
- The agreement requires the provision of seed funding (\$12,500) from each party for the first financial year – seed funding for subsequent years of the agreement will be negotiated annually following the review.
- Executive and administrative support will be provided by the EPNRM Board for the first year of the agreement and this again will be reviewed annually.
- All parties to the agreement will commit to provide in-kind support to the agreement by covering the costs of their representatives attendance at meetings
- Each party to the agreement will commit to working within their own sectors to build awareness of climate change mitigation and adaptation; and where possible will actively seek

<sup>1</sup> Siebentritt, M.A., Halsey, N. and Stafford Smith, M. (February 2014). Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Eyre Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement Committee (EPICCA).

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out funding or other resources to undertake activities with these sectors. For example the EPNRM Board has developed the Adapt NRM Grant program and has committed \$250,000 in the 2015-16 period to progress climate change adaptation.

- The Governance Arrangements have been strengthened and formalised, with a two tier approach which includes the:
  - EPICCA Steering Group – responsible for strategic implementation and review of agreement, that meets annually.
  - EPICCA Working Group – responsible for operational implementation of agreement, that meets on a quarterly basis.
- The Key Focus Areas and the schedule have been completely updated to reflect the direction that the agreement needs to take over coming years, which includes strategies such as:
  - Regional Leadership and Collaboration
  - Implementation of the Adaptation Plan
  - Supporting Sector Adaptation
  - Knowledge – Science and Research
  - Education and Communication.

The draft Sectorial Agreement (attached) is provided to gain the Boards 'in principle' agreement to enter into the new three year term, conditional on the other parties also agreeing to the arrangement.

**COST IMPLICATION/ BUDGET**

The amount of \$15,000 per annum for the 2015-16 period has been proposed. This is comprised of a \$12,500 commitment to the Sectorial Agreement and a further \$2,500 to cover other costs associated with the management of the agreement.

**LINK TO EPNRM PLAN**

This initiative will support the achievement of all five goals identified in the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board

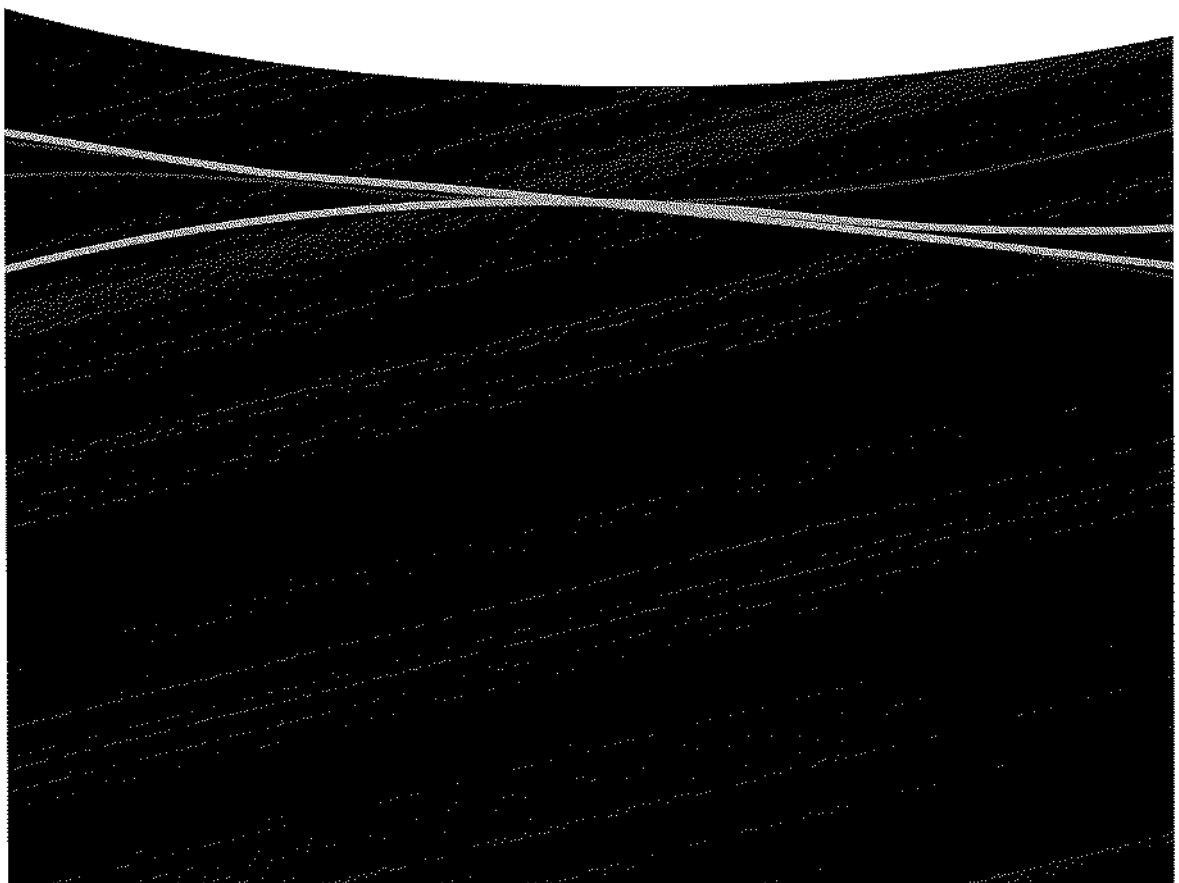
- Authorise the Presiding Member to sign off on the proposed Sectorial Agreement, subject to:
  - Negotiation of any changes to the agreement identified at the meeting, and
  - Confirmation that the other three parties intend to sign off the agreement and provide the necessary seed funding for the 2015-16 period.
- Endorse the Presiding Member and one other Board Member to represent the organisation on the EPICCA Steering Group.
- That the Board approve the budget allocation of \$15,000.



# *Eyre Peninsula Regional Sector Agreement*

*Pursuant to the Climate Change and  
Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act  
2007*

**July 2015**



SECTOR AGREEMENT  
ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS  
REDUCTION ACT 2007  
FOR THE  
EYRE PENINSULA REGIONAL SECTOR AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND  
THE EYRE PENINSULA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
BOARD  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHYALLA AND EYRE  
PENINSULA INC.  
EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [     ] day of [     ] 2015

**BETWEEN**

- (1) the Minister for Climate Change ("the Minister") and
- (2) The Eyre Peninsula Region consisting of the following bodies - Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc., Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (referred to as the "EP Region")

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To build upon the previous Agreement between the State Government and the Eyre Peninsula Region that acknowledges the importance of cooperative work on climate change and sustainability within the activities of the participating bodies, based around the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Eyre Peninsula (the Adaptation Plan).

**THE REGION**

Geographically the region is a triangular shape and covers over 80,000 km<sup>2</sup>. It is bounded in the north by the Gawler Ranges, the east by Spencer Gulf, the south by the Southern Ocean and the Great Australian Bight. The geographical relief of the region is gentle and low, and is mostly less than 150 m above sea level. The geographical makeup of Eyre Peninsula leaves it particularly vulnerable to a southerly tracking of climate zones reflecting a movement of rainfall, temperature and associated impacts.

Eyre Peninsula has a characteristic Mediterranean climate with warm to dry summers and cool, wet winters. The southern areas experience a milder, moister climate influenced by the proximity to the coast. Inland to the north and northwest the climate is warmer and drier. Mean annual rainfall ranges across the region from 250 mm in the north and northwest to more than 500 mm in the south.

Eyre Peninsula is a significant ecotone, being the western limit to a range of eastern Australian species and the eastern limit to many western Australian species. The relative isolation of Eyre Peninsula (by sea and by arid lands to the north) has allowed a high degree of endemism and species diversity to develop.

The region is inhabited by approximately 55,000 people in both urban and rural communities. Over half of the region's population lives in the two cities of Whyalla and Port Lincoln. The region includes the 11 local government areas of Whyalla, Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Franklin Harbour, Kimba, Wudinna, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Port Lincoln, Streaky Bay, and Tumby Bay. This comprises the region known as "Eyre and Western" in the South Australian Government regions.

Socially, the region is characterised by small settlements primarily coastal in nature and of between 500-1500 people. At the "points" of the triangle are the cities of Port Lincoln and Whyalla as well as the township of Ceduna, the next largest settlement. Consistent with the national trend, the ageing population is showing slight movement

from the central areas of the region to coastal settlements with coastal towns and cities showing growth. The preference of living and retiring to coastal regions is reflected in development proposals around the region, often resulting in essential infrastructure being impacted by coastal inundation. Whyalla is one of the largest cities in regional South Australia with a permanent population in excess of 22,000 and both Whyalla and Port Lincoln are key centres for medical, specialist retail, professional and other services as well as their economic role.

Culturally, the population is richly diverse and, according to the 2006 ABS census, Ceduna had a 24% indigenous population. Both Port Lincoln and Whyalla also have significant indigenous populations.

The economy of the region is based on substantial agricultural, mining, mineral processing, tourism, aquaculture and fishing industries. The value of these industries, including value-adding components, associated industry and marketing, is estimated to be in excess of \$ 2.5 billion per year.

The agricultural area of Eyre Peninsula has one of the highest levels of remaining natural vegetation cover in South Australia, with 45% of original vegetation still intact. Clearance of vegetation to allow agriculture and pasture development ranges from 14% cleared in the far west to 72% cleared in the south. About 15% of the region, used mainly for grazing, is covered with scattered vegetation.

For the most part, the soils of Eyre Peninsula have typically low fertility, low water-holding capacity and are deficient in plant nutrients. Despite their relative infertility, the soils of Eyre Peninsula, combined with improvements in farm management and practices, provide significant economic returns through dryland cereal cropping and grazing. On average the region produces about 40% of South Australia's wheat, 24% of barley and 22% of canola.

The minerals of Eyre Peninsula that are currently mined include iron ore, dolomite, graphite, lime sand, gypsum, silica, granite, nephrite jade, talc and salt. Historically, copper, lead, silver and gold have also been mined. The mining sector in the region is experiencing growth and optimism, and has the potential to become a significant contributor to the region's economy.

Water resources are characterised by isolated local systems, with groundwater providing the bulk of the region's potable supply. The two major groundwater basins of the region lie within the Southern Basins Prescribed Wells Area and Musgrave Prescribed Wells Area. Many other localised lenses throughout the region produce varying quality and quantity of yield. The Tod River is the only annual flowing system on Eyre Peninsula. There are 10 water protection areas within the catchment.

The 1800 km coastline supports a number of major centres and plays an important role in tourism, and the fishing and aquaculture industry. 65% of South Australia's seafood harvest is taken from the waters of Eyre Peninsula.

While direct impacts of climate change on populations of native species, such as rising temperature, extreme weather events and declining rainfall, are more easily understood, indirect impacts will also place pressure on these populations. These indirect impacts include the exacerbation of existing threats such as fires, pest species and pressures from human migration into current intact ecosystems. In semi-arid areas such as much of the Eyre Peninsula these threats may include more frequent and hotter wild fires, further reduction in connectivity between already



fragmented habitats, and expansion of pest species. As humans respond to changes in climate, agricultural expansion could mean old threats to species in new places.

## 1 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 This Agreement acknowledges a joint commitment on the part of the State Government and the Eyre Peninsula Region to respond to climate change by focusing on adaptation and identifying economic opportunities.
- 1.2 This Agreement will be guided by a high level integrated approach of all signatories to provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change.
- 1.3 The Agreement will be underpinned by an action plan that will map out strategies for the region over the next three years in tackling climate change in addition to longer-term aspirations.
- 1.4 The action plan underpinning the Agreement will be based on scientific research and will be evidence based. This research will be consistent with the National Adaptation Framework.
- 1.5 It is expected that the strategies outlined in the action plan will be coordinated and resourced, with seed funding provided equally by all signatories to the Agreement, whilst actively seeking out alternative funding.
- 1.6 The agreement will see the further promotion, implementation and adoption of the *Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Eyre Peninsula* (the Adaptation Plan) and the adaptation methodology on which the plan is based.
- 1.7 The agreement will provide a vehicle to build awareness of climate change mitigation; encouraging industries and communities to reduce greenhouse emissions; switch to low-carbon energy sources or develop carbon sinks (e.g. carbon farming) to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
- 1.8 The parties recognise that the Agreement is complementary to, and supports, existing policies and programs, including *Tackling Climate Change: South Australia's Greenhouse Strategy*, the Local Government Association's *Climate Change Strategy*, the current Sector Agreement between the LGA and the State Government, the Commonwealth Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and National Adaptation Framework, State Natural Resources Management Plan, South Australia's Strategic Plan and local regional strategies (refer section 2).
- 1.9 The Agreement will link in to existing regional, state and commonwealth engagement programs, plans and structures to ensure the impacts of climate change on the Indigenous Communities and industry sectors on the Eyre Peninsula are identified and effective adaptation strategies developed.



and the development of the Adaptation Plan. This body plays a key role in providing regional intelligence, encouraging regional scale planning initiatives and in building awareness of climate change impacts and adaptation requirements across the sectors.

- 2.7 The Minister and the Presiding Member, EP NRM, Chair of the EPLGA, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc seek to enter into a Sector Agreement under the Act in order to:

2.7.1 identify and promote low carbon economic opportunities in the energy, water, transport and infrastructure industry sectors

2.7.2 recognise differences across the region and facilitate geographically specific responses to climate change

2.7.3 collaborate to support a better understanding of climate change risks and issues for communities

2.7.4 collaborate in a regional approach to further implement the adaptation plan

2.7.5 facilitate and grow community engagement, and industry participation in programs designed to promote behaviour change

2.7.6 explore potential for joint projects; and State and Commonwealth funding opportunities

2.7.7 promote and showcase achievements as a template for other regional areas of South Australia.

- 2.7 This Agreement and its schedule identifies reciprocal actions that are to be undertaken by the parties to achieve outcomes within the areas of focus set out in Clause 4.

- 2.8 It is recognised that the parties will consider and provide input to the national and state adaptation frameworks. Any activities undertaken relevant to this Agreement will be consistent with these frameworks.

### **3 THIS SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS**

- 3.1 This Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.

- 3.2 The Parties may amend any Schedules by agreement at any time. The Schedule, when revised, shall address at least the following areas of focus set out in Clause 4 (although it may also identify other areas) and shall identify clearly relevant and measurable outcomes.

### **4 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS**

#### **4.1 Regional Leadership and Collaboration**

- Demonstrating and encouraging regional leadership in regard to climate change mitigation and adaptation; ensuring effective and

efficient regional collaboration and the importance of regionalised and integrated planning.

- Providing the opportunity for regional leaders to further develop their knowledge and understanding of climate change mitigation and adaptation science and best practice; building their capacity to be able to respond to change.
- Linking in and networking with existing engagement structures (e.g. RDAWEP Health and Community Services Advisory Group) or peak regional community or industry groups within the region to strengthen knowledge bases and support sectorial uptake of adaptation and mitigation strategies.

#### **4.2 Implementation of the Adaptation Plan**

- The Adaptation Plan has been developed and implementation will be progressed through the terms of this agreement, with specific projects or promotional activities identified to ensure effective and efficient implementation. This will be detailed in an implementation plan.
- Strategic partnerships, networks and relationships will be formed to ensure broader awareness of the Adaptation Plan, its underpinning science and the adaptation assessment methodology. Wherever possible these relationships will be formalised and reflected in the implementation planning process to ensure clarity in roles and responsibilities of all parties.
- Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement will also be a key consideration in the development of the implementation plan; ensuring a sound framework is developed to monitor the effectiveness of implementation, capture outcomes, share successes and to ensure continuous improvement.

#### **4.3 Supporting Sector Adaptation**

- Existing adaptation strategies across sectors will be promoted and opportunities identified to support sectors in implementing appropriate adaptation activities in line with the planning framework.
- A sector gap analysis will be undertaken to:
  - Capture the level of uptake to date within existing sectors – identifying relevant current or completed adaptation activities that have been undertaken since the original adaptation assessments were undertaken, and
  - Identify other key industry or community sectors within the region that will require adaptation assessments in the future.
- Support targeted industry and community groups to undertake adaptation option assessments for their sectors and to continue to progress identified pathways; by providing access to planning tools, guidance and support funding applications if available (e.g. EPNRM Adapt NRM Grant Program).

- Further promote the integrated regional adaptive option assessments for the Eyre Peninsula to provide a template for other regions across the State.

#### **4.4 Knowledge - Science and Research**

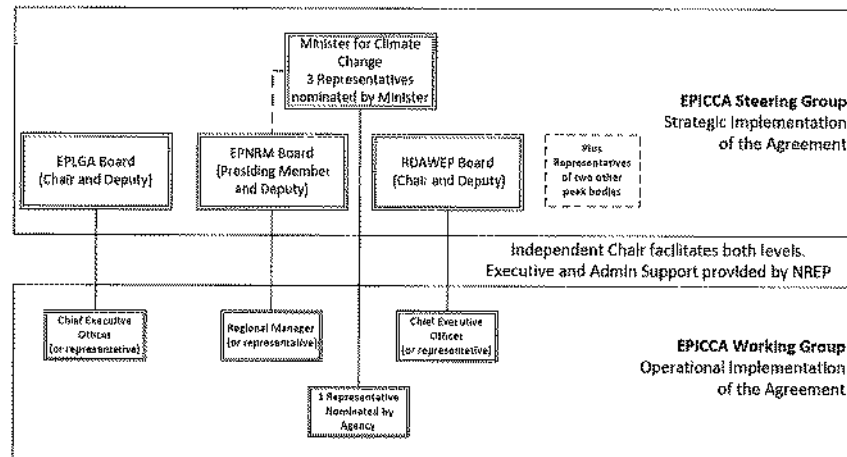
- Facilitate and coordinate opportunities to share scientific research across the region, to expand on the regions knowledge of climate change adaptation and mitigation, and improve regional resilience to climate change impacts of the future.
- Coordinate at least one regional forum per annum, encouraging the broader climate change discussion through the region, championing climate change research to fill our knowledge gaps and identifying future research requirements.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet will consult with the Premier's Climate Change Council, Natural Resources Management Council, Premier's Science and Research Council, CSIRO, NRM Research Alliance, local research facilities (Whyalla - Regional Sustainability Centre, Minnipa Agricultural Centre and Pt Lincoln Marine Science Centre), the steering committee of the University Sector Agreement and the National Adaptation Facility to determine the science and research needs of this Agreement.

#### **4.5 Education and Communication**

- Build awareness of the adaptation assessment methodology and wherever possible encourage integration with mainstream planning across the region and its various community and industry sectors.
- Continue to develop education and communication initiatives focusing on promoting the Adaptation Plan, the adaptation approaches required for specific sectors and raising the profile of climate change, as well as promoting economic opportunities that can be generated as a result of climate change adaptation.
- The parties to this agreement will all play a key role in identifying and coordinating education and communication opportunities within their own sectors and networks outside of this agreement.

## 5 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Effective and efficient governance for the Agreement will be achieved through the following governance structure:



### 5.2 Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) Steering Group:

- The Minister and the EP Region undertake within three months of the commencement date of this Agreement to re-establish the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) Steering Group to review progress of this Agreement on an as required basis.
- Steering Group Meetings will be held on an annual basis and in line with the State Government's commitment to being *Digital by Default*, meetings may include a combination of physical and virtual attendance utilising digital technology to link to participants based in Adelaide or regional communities as required.
- The Steering Group will appoint its own chairperson and decide its own meeting procedures, and may, as approved by the Minister and the EP Region, have observers at its meetings.
- The Steering Group will be comprised of:
  - An independent chair appointed by the Group,
  - Three nominations by the Minister (representatives), and
  - Eight nominations by the EP Region (Chairs and a deputy from each regional stakeholder, plus representatives of two other peak regional bodies).
- Chief Executive Officers of three regional parties (or their representatives) will be observers. Additional observers can be nominated as required by the Steering Group.

- Executive, administrative or secretariat support to the Steering Group will be provided by the NREP.
- The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group include:
  - Reviewing the Agreement on an annual basis, and providing recommendations to the Minister and to the EP Region.
  - Providing strategic input in to the development and implementation of the action plan as set out in the attached Schedule, which shall be revised each year and other planning frameworks, such as the development of the implementation plan.
  - Providing regular progress reports to the Minister for Climate Change, the Premier's Climate Change Council and other regional stakeholders.
  - Establish working parties as required to support the specific objectives of the Agreement.
  - Identifying strategic opportunities to promote the work undertaken through the EPICCA Agreement.
  - Acting as the primary source of contact with the region in relation to the State Government's Climate Change initiatives.

**5.3 Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) Executive Working Group:**

- The Minister and the EP Region undertake within two months of the commencement date of this Agreement to re-establish the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) Executive Working Group to review operational progress of this Agreement on a regular basis.
- Executive Working Group meetings will be held on a quarterly basis, and in line with the State Government's commitment to being *Digital by Default*, meetings may include a combination of physical and virtual attendance utilising digital technology to link to participants based in Adelaide or regional communities as required.
- The Working Group will be comprised of the:
  - Chair of the EPICCA Steering Group
  - One State Government (Agency Representative), and
  - Chief Executive Officers of the three regional parties (or their representatives).
- Additional observers can be nominated as required by the Working Group.
- Executive, administrative or secretariat support to the Steering Group will be provided by the NREP.
- The Terms of Reference for the Working Group include:
  - Reviewing the Agreement on an annual basis, and providing recommendations to the Steering Group.



- Operational development and implementation of the action plan as set out in the attached Schedule, which shall be revised each year and other planning frameworks, such as the development of the implementation plan.
- Providing regular progress reports to the Steering Group, to enable them to report to the Minister for Climate Change, the Premier's Climate Change Council and other regional stakeholders.
- Establishing and supporting working parties as required to support the specific objectives of the Agreement.
- Coordinating and facilitating opportunities to promote the work undertaken through the EPICCA Agreement.
- Acting as the secondary source of contact with the region in relation to the State Government's Climate Change initiatives.

**6 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (EP LGA), NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD (EP NRM) AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHYALLA and EYRE PENINSULA BOARD.**

**6.1. Pursuant to this Agreement, the EP NRM Board undertakes to:**

- give priority to the projects identified as part of this Agreement in line with the EP NRM Plan
- continue to provide a strategic and policy framework for the region to encourage and support leading practice in climate change initiatives outlined in this Agreement
- co-ordinate the results of the adaptive option assessments for the region
- facilitate and coordinate the scientific research undertaken in the region
- co-ordinate, publish and promote an annual report of mitigation and adaptation actions or programs implemented by the Board
- provide information and advice to the parties of this Agreement regarding initiatives, actions, concerns and perspectives from the Board.

**6.2. Pursuant to this Agreement, the EP LGA undertakes to:**

- give priority to the projects identified as part of this Agreement
- continue to provide a strategic and policy framework for the region's councils to encourage and support leading practice in climate change initiatives outlined in this Agreement
- co-ordinate, publish and promote an annual report of mitigation and adaptation actions or programs implemented by the councils

- provide information and advice to the parties to this Agreement regarding initiatives, actions, concerns and perspectives from Local Government.

6.3. Pursuant to this Agreement, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc. undertakes to:

- give priority to the projects identified as part of this Agreement
- continue to provide a strategic and policy framework for the region to encourage and support leading practice in climate change initiatives outlined in this Agreement
- co-ordinate the results of the economic opportunity assessments for the region
- facilitate and coordinate the economic assessments undertaken in the region
- engage with business and industry leaders in the region regarding the initiatives and programs undertaken as part of this Agreement
- provide relevant information and advice to the parties of this Agreement regarding its initiatives, actions, concerns and perspectives.

## **7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MINISTER**

7.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Minister undertakes to:

- give priority to the projects identified by the Steering Group as part of this Agreement
- co-ordinate programs and projects under this Agreement to ensure consistency with the State and National Adaptation frameworks
- support the development and/or co-ordination of any relevant funding proposal to the Commonwealth Government relating to this Agreement
- ensure relevant information is provided to the EP Region as appropriate
- co-ordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers a whole of government response to the EP Region regarding issues related to this Agreement
- ensure that South Australian Government agency support described in Schedule 1 is provided to the EP Region
- ensure regular briefings are provided to the EP Region on State and national developments and discussions relevant to this Agreement
- publicly acknowledge the achievements of the EP Region relating to this Agreement.

## **8 DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

- Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2018. The parties acknowledge that the term of this Agreement can be extended.

## 9 RESOURCING COMMITMENTS

To ensure efficient and effective delivery and resourcing of this agreement the parties agree to provide:

- In-kind support
  - All parties will commit to covering their representatives time, travel and accommodation costs associated with attendance at EPICCA Steering Group and Executive Working Group meetings.
  - NREP agrees to provide Executive and Administrative support to the EPICCA Steering Group and Executive Working Group meetings.
- Seed funding - to cover operational costs of the governance model, independent chair expenses, implementation of the agreement, coordination of an annual climate change forum and strategic initiatives (e.g. sponsoring key leaders from the region to attend state or national conferences). This is to be comprised of equal funding from all four parties to the agreement:

Parties to the agreement	Funding
Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board	\$12,500
Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc.	\$12,500
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association	\$12,500
Minister for Climate Change	\$12,500
<b>TOTAL (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

Note funding above

- Funding proposed is for the 2015-16 period
- Seed funding for subsequent years of the agreement will need to be negotiated on an annual basis.
- Project funding - through the delivery of the agreement, emphasis needs to be on supporting sectors to progress adaptation and mitigation strategies. Each party to the agreement will work with its own sectors to pursue additional project specific funding opportunities that, through agreement with the other parties can be linked or promoted through EPICCA.
  - EPNRM have already committed \$250,000 for the 2015-16 period to assist in this aim, and have established the Adapt NRM Grant, which will provide a catalyst for six projects to be delivered throughout the region.

## 10 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 10.1 In the event of any of the bodies convened to address issues of mutual interest under this Agreement being unable to reach a

common position on any matter(s) before them, following appropriate communication collaboration and co-operation, the matter(s) will be referred to the Deputy Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Chief Executive Officers of the EP Region for a determination.

- 10.2 In the event of an issue, having been referred in accordance with 10.1 above remaining in contention, either party may refer it to the Minister and the Chairs of the EP Region for a final determination.
- 10.3 The decision of the Minister and the Chairs of the Region shall be binding on all parties.

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING MEMBER  
EYRE PENINSULA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CHAIR  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHYALLA AND EYRE PENINSULA INC.

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CHAIR  
EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**SCHEDULE 1**  
 Action Plan under the Eyre Peninsula Sector Agreement  
 This draft action plan will be reviewed by the STEERING GROUP at its first meeting, and will be finalised and adopted as soon as practicable thereafter.

Sector Agreement Element	Key Actions	Date
1. SECTOR AGREEMENT GOVERNANCE/ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS	The Minister and the EP Region will re-establish the EPICCA Steering Group and the EPICCA Executive Working Group to review progress of this Agreement on a regular basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPICCA Steering Group established by 30 September 2015</li> <li>• EPICCA Executive Working Group established by 30 September 2015</li> </ul>
2. REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The Steering Group (through support of the Executive Working Group) will provide annual progress reports to the Minister and the Premier's Climate Change Council and other regional stakeholders.</li> <li>◦ The Steering Group will review this agreement on an annual basis and provide recommendations to the Minister and the EP Region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First report due 30 June 2016</li> </ul>
3. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The parties will demonstrate and encourage regional leadership in regard to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</li> <li>◦ The parties will promote and showcase regional achievements as a template for other regional areas of South Australia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>
4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADAPTATION PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Development of an implementation plan, which will guide the work to be undertaken in progressing the regional climate change adaptation plan (incorporating a MERI component)</li> <li>◦ Wherever possible strategic relationships will be formalised and reflected in the implementation plan to ensure clarity in roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>◦ Provide a mechanism for sponsoring key leaders from the region to attend state or national climate change conferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By December 2015</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>
5. SUPPORTING SECTOR ADAPTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A sector gap analysis will be undertaken to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capture the level of uptake to date within existing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 June 2016</li> </ul>

	<p>sectors – identifying relevant current or completed adaption activities that have been undertaken since the original adaptation assessments were undertaken, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify other key industry or community sectors within the region that will require adaptation assessments in the future.</li> <li>Support targeted industry and community groups to undertake adaptation option assessments for their sectors and to continue to progress identified pathways; by providing access to planning tools, guidance and support funding applications if available (e.g. EPNRM Adapt NRM Grant Program).</li> <li>Promotion of the integrated regional adaptive option assessments for the Eyre Peninsula to provide a template for other regions across the State.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
6. KNOWLEDGE SCIENCE AND RESEARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate at least one regional forum per annum, encouraging the broader climate change discussion through the region and championing climate change research to fill knowledge gaps.</li> <li>The Department of the Premier and Cabinet will consult with the relevant bodies listed in this Agreement, to determine the science and research needs relating to this Agreement.</li> <li>Continue to build awareness of the adaptation assessment methodology and encourage integration with mainstream planning.</li> <li>Develop educational and promotional initiatives promoting the adaptation plan, the approaches required for specific sectors and promoting the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation to the region.</li> <li>Identifying and coordination education and communication opportunities within each parties own sectors and networks outside of the agreement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 June 2016</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
8. EXTERNAL SUPPORT	<p>The parties will explore potential opportunities for joint projects and Commonwealth and other funding opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>

## **3.2 Executive Officer's Report cont.**

### **3.2.5 Executive Officer's Employment Status**

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members

**Date:** 26 June 2015

**Topic:** Executive Officer's Employment Status

**Report No:** 5-0615

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#### **PROPOSAL:**

That the EPLGA Board endorses the EPLGA's Executive Committee's renewal of the Executive Officer's employment agreement on a one year rolling basis (renewable contract), subject to satisfactory performance.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Executive Officer commenced on a 2 year fixed term agreement in March 2013, extended to 30 June 2015 to align with the annual budget and the conclusion of the Outreach Two Year Pilot Program. As per that agreement certain actions were required to be undertaken prior to 30 June 2015.

#### **DETAIL:**

All Councils and others were invited to participate in the Executive Officer's performance review, which was used as evidence to the Executive Committee of satisfactory performance.

The President may wish to add comments to this report as required.

Included is the new one-year renewable (rolling) employment contract as signed by the President and Executive Officer. The intent is to offer the Executive Officer one-year contracts/ agreements until:

- › there is an overall unsatisfactory performance rating attained by the Executive Officer as determined by the annual performance review; and
- › the Executive Officer indicates he does not wish to extend the contract/ agreement.

Copies of the performance review can also be emailed to those interested in the results.

#### **STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

N.A.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

As per the employment agreement.

#### **BUDGET REFERENCE:**

The Executive Officer's salary package has been adjusted as such:

	Current	2015/16
Salary (including \$15k for own Vehicle)	118132	118500
Work cover	2599	2607
Employer Super	11813	11850

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

To be reviewed annually as per the employment agreement including a performance review.

**RECOMENDATION(S):**

***That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board endorses the new annual renewable employment agreement for the Executive Officer, noting that the employment agreement has been signed by the President and Executive Officer.***

Enclosures:

Executive Officer Employment Agreement – refer page 62.

Correspondence from the President is contained on page 70.

## **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made on the First Day of July 2015

**BETWEEN** the EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION of PO BOX 2010, PORT LINCOLN, South Australia ('the Association')

**AND** TONY IRVINE of 8 Roslyn Street, Port Lincoln South Australia ('the Employee')

### **CLAUSE 1. RECITALS**

- 1.1. The Association is the peak organisation representing Local Government on the Eyre Peninsula.
- 1.2. The Association has agreed to employ the Employee on the following terms and conditions.

### **CLAUSE 2. ARRANGEMENT**

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### CLAUSE 3. SERVICES

- 3.1 The Employee will provide services to the Association during the life of this Agreement and will:
- 3.1.1 devote the whole of his work time, attention and skills to the performance of the key responsibilities specified in the Position Description attached as Schedule 1;
  - 3.1.2 not be engaged in other remunerative work without the prior consent of the Management Committee of the Association;
  - 3.1.3 use his best endeavours to promote the business and reputation of the Association;
  - 3.1.4 comply with resolutions and adopted policies of the Association;
  - 3.1.5 perform all duties to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and requirements on the part of the Association.
- 3.2 For the purposes of this Agreement 'services' means his duties under this Agreement as the **Executive Officer**

### CLAUSE 4. REMUNERATION PACKAGE

In consideration of the services and the Employee complying with the obligations under this Agreement, the Association, will pay the Employee a remuneration package of not less than \$103,500.00 per annum, to be reviewed annually in accordance with clause 13. In addition, the employee will receive a car allowance of \$15,000 per annum plus 10% superannuation on the combined total bringing the entire salary package to \$130,350 per annum.

### CLAUSE 5. FIXED TERM CONTRACT

- 5.1 The Association shall employ the Employee and the Employee shall serve the Association in the position of **Executive Officer** for the period commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 for a one year renewable contract subject to satisfactory performance pursuant clause 13.
- 5.2 This clause is not applicable.
- 5.3 Except as provided for in Clause 5.4 the Employee's employment or appointment will not be continued beyond the expiry of the Term unless the Association offers and the Employee accepts a new Agreement.
- 5.4 The parties expressly acknowledge that:
- 5.4.1 prior to the conclusion of this Agreement this position may, at the Association's discretion:-
    - a) be advertised before the expiry date with the Employee being eligible to reapply, or


- b) be offered to the Employee under a new Agreement without advertising, or
  - c) not be offered to the Employee.
- 5.4.2 the Association must notify the Employee of its decision regarding this position at least one month before the expiry date of this Agreement;
- 5.4.3 If the Employee seeks re-appointment within the time frame specified in the advertisement, the Employee must be told no later than 2 weeks before the expiry date whether the Employee has been successful;
- 5.4.4 If the Employee is successful after advertising or is offered a new agreement without advertising and agrees to re-appointment, the terms and conditions of the Employee's new agreement must be agreed upon before the expiry date;
- 5.4.5 this clause is not applicable;
- 5.4.6 If the Employee is not re-offered this position either by application through an external selection process or by a new agreement without advertising then the agreement will expire.
- 5.5. The substantive position of Executive Officer is a 0.6FTE position which has been made a full-time position by virtue of additional funding by the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) to undertake a range of supporting projects on behalf of the LGASA. The parties agree that in the event the funding from the LGASA is withdrawn, this contract will revert to a 0.6 FTE position with proportional salary entitlements upon 28 days' notice in writing.
- 5.6 This clause is not applicable.
- 5.7 The Association shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement and the Employee's employment in accordance with clause 9 of this agreement.

#### **CLAUSE 6. PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

No probation applies to this position.

#### **CLAUSE 7. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- 7.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, confidential information means:
- 7.1.1 Information relating to the business affairs of the Association and the clients of the Association;
  - 7.1.2 matters of a technical nature, proposed legislation, technical data pertaining to Councils or the Association, internal procedures and information, financial information, salary and like information relating to the business of the Association;



- 7.1.3 other information which the Association tells the Employee is confidential or which, if disclosed, the Employee knows or ought reasonably to know would be detrimental to the Association;
  - 7.1.4 all other information which is imparted to the Employee in circumstances which the Employee knows or ought reasonably to know that the information is confidential to the Association or any other persons with whom the Association is concerned, but excludes any information that is public knowledge other than as a consequence of a breach by the Employee of obligations under this Agreement or breach by some other person of a duty of confidence to the Association.
- 7.2 The Employee:
- 7.2.1 may use confidential information solely for the purposes of performing the duties of this position for the Association;
  - 7.2.2 must keep confidential all confidential information; and
  - 7.2.3 may only disclose confidential information to persons who are aware that the confidential information must be kept confidential and who have a need to know (but only to the extent that each person has a need to know).
- 7.3 The Employee's obligation of confidentiality does not extend to confidential information that the law requires to be disclosed.
- 7.4 At the end of the Employee's employment, the Employee must return to the Association:
- 7.4.1 all confidential information in material form;
  - 7.4.2 those parts of all notes and other records based on or incorporating confidential information;
  - 7.4.3 all copies of confidential information and notes and other records based on or incorporating confidential information; and
  - 7.4.4 all of the Association's property, in the Employee's possession or control.
- 7.5 The Employee's obligation of confidentiality under this clause will continue after the end of the Employee's employment in respect of all confidential information other than information forming part of the Employee's stock of general skill and knowledge.

## **CLAUSE 8. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **8.1 Hours of Work**

The ordinary hours of work shall usually be 38 hours per week, however the Employee shall work such hours as the demands of the position reasonably require, which may be in addition to ordinary hours. No overtime will be authorised or paid



during the life of this Agreement as the salary package takes account of additional time which may be worked.

## **8.2 Annual Leave**

The Employee shall accrue 4 weeks annual leave exclusive of public holidays for each 12 months continuous service within the Agreement. Annual leave shall be given and taken at a time mutually convenient to the Association and the Employee but not exceeding 12 months from the date when the right to such leave accrued. By mutual agreement, the Association may approve leave or any part thereof being deferred or taken before the accrual date.

## **8.3 Sick Leave**

The Employee will be entitled to sick leave at the rate of 10 days per year. Untaken sick leave will accrue from year to year but is not redeemable at the termination of this agreement.

## **8.4 Long Service Leave**



Long service leave will accrue and be taken in the accordance with the *Long Service Leave Act (1987) South Australia*. Accrued Long Service Leave entitlements are as provided for by the Local Government Act 1999, as amended.

# **CLAUSE 9. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

## **9.1 Summary Termination**

The Association may terminate the Employee's employment summarily at any time if the Employee:

- 9.1.1 fails to carry out the duties of this position under this Agreement in a competent and satisfactory manner provided that the Employee has been formally notified by the Association of any concerns regarding his performance and had reasonable opportunity, including relevant training, to remedy such concerns and has failed to improve his performance to the required standard;
- 9.1.2 is found guilty of wilful misconduct; or neglect of duty;
- 9.1.3 fails to rectify any breach of this Agreement within 14 days of written notice being served by the Association setting out the details of the breach and which requires rectification;
- 9.1.4 engages in any conduct warranting summary dismissal at common law;

9.1.5 is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty or any other serious offence (except for a traffic offence) which is punishable by imprisonment (whether imprisoned or not);

9.1.6 uses or abuses drugs or alcohol to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of the Association, the Employee's performance is materially impaired.

## **9.2 Termination on Notice**

9.2.1 Notwithstanding Clause 9.1 (above) the Association may terminate this Agreement with thirteen (13) weeks notice, or payment in lieu of, in response to changes in organisational needs in which case the Association shall pay the Employee any accrued leave entitlements.

9.2.2 The Employee may terminate this Agreement by giving a minimum of 4 weeks written notice in which case the Association shall only pay the employee for the period worked and any accrued leave.

## **CLAUSE 10. VARIATION CLAUSE**

This Agreement may be varied by written mutual agreement between the parties.

## **CLAUSE 11. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS**

The expiry or termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever will not affect the operation of clause 7 which will remain in full force and effect irrespective of that termination.

## **CLAUSE 12. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

12.1 This Agreement is to be read in conjunction with any Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Human Resource Management Policy Manual, as amended from time to time. Should there be any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Human Resource Management Policy Manual, then this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.

12.2 The Employee shall adhere to the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) policy of the Association and all relevant OH&S legislation and take reasonable care to ensure that they and their work colleagues do not act in a manner or an environment that could cause unnecessary risk of injury to themselves or others.

## **CLAUSE 13. PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

13.1 The Association will review the performance of the employee on an annual basis.


- 13.2 The performance review will focus on but is not limited to the attached position description.
- 13.3 The Association will consult the Employee in relation to the parameters of the performance review.
- 13.4 A salary review will be undertaken annually. The salary review will have regard to the Employee's performance, the Association's salary levels and related criteria and any other factors considered appropriate by the parties.

#### **CLAUSE 14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties as to the subject matter, unless any variations are in writing, signed by the Association and the Employee and are expressed to be variations of this Agreement.

#### **CLAUSE 15. ENFORCEABILITY OF AGREEMENT**

In the event that any part or provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable or contrary to law, that fact shall not affect the enforceability of any other part or provision of this Agreement.

**EXECUTED** as an Agreement.

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association:

  
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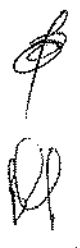
**Mayor Bruce Green – President**

In the presence of:

  
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Witness

**SIGNED** by the Employee:  
  
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**Tony Irvine**





In the presence of:

*Bob Ramsay*  
.....  
Witness

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Executive Officer  
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA)  
Mr. Tony Irvine

Dear Tony,  
I write as President of EPLGA and on behalf of the executive committee, Mayor Julie Low, Mayor Sam Telfer and Port Lincoln Council CEO Rob Donaldson and myself.

This confirms that your job performance review has been concluded and that we offer you a contract for employment for the next twelve months. Terms and conditions are set out in the contract dated July 1 2015.

The review was informed by a "Survey Monkey" tool whereby a questionnaire was sent to all member councils and asked for comment on your performance from mayors, chairs and CEOs.  
These responses were collated and presented to you at our meeting on June 16 2015.

It is pleasing to report that feedback received was strongly positive.

Specifically in the areas of  
strategic thinking and planning  
innovative thinking and decisiveness  
presents ideas persuasively  
high level of input and advise  
supports elected members mayors chairs and senior management  
creates positive impression leads by example  
motivates and inspires  
committed to continual improvement  
represents professionally

Areas where the executive committee thought could be improved  
development of long term strategic directions for EPLGA  
enhanced communication with elected members, for suggestion, a fortnightly  
communique  
ensure CEO forum reflected strategic direction of EPLGA.

After discussing the above issues I recognise that member councils have to take an active interest in formulating strategic directions. I also recognise the value of the CEO forum and congratulate you on that initiative.

The committee wishes to place on record our appreciation for your efforts, your enthusiasm, your flexibility when it comes to managing your work load, your positive results for the LGA Outreach program and your ongoing commitment to local government on Eyre Peninsula.

Regards

Bruce Green

President EPLGA.

## **3.2 Executive Officer's Report cont.**

### **3.2.5 Meeting Actions Report**

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members  
**Date:** 26 June 2015  
**Topic:** Meeting Actions Report  
**Report No:** 6-0615

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#### **PROPOSAL:**

That the EPLGA Board notes the Meeting Actions Report.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

With regard to good governance a meeting action report will be maintained and presented at each EPLGA Board Meeting to allow the status tracking of all action based resolutions made by the EPLGA Board. Once completed the resolution/task will be deleted from the report, but will be maintained in the file for any future reference.

#### **DETAIL:**

The report is relatively self explanatory.

#### **STRATEGIC REFERENCE:**

N.A.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:**

N.A.

#### **BUDGET REFERENCE:**

N.A.

#### **REVIEW PERIOD:**

Each EPLGA Board Meeting on a quarterly basis.

#### **RECOMENDATION(S):**

***That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board notes the Meeting Actions Report.***

Enclosures:  
Meeting Action Report – refer page 72.

Meeting Date	Motion No.	Task	Responsibility	Comment	EPLGA Status
6th Sept 2013	299/13	EP Regional Roads Database & Action Plan	Roads Working Group	Met at Wudinna on 14 Oct 2013. SMEC sent out work to be completed by Councils. 3 Councils not responded - Smack now assisting them and others.	Hoping to have draft plan at the June 2015 meeting.
6th Dec 2013	312/13	Outreach Services - Procurement Road Map Project	EO	Pilot study completed. Procurement Group set up. RDAWEP trialed regional procurement - not successful. Meet the Buyer & other strategies being looked at.	In Progress
23-Feb-2014	350/14	NHV Regulator - seeking explanation of differences between old & new legislation in regards to Agric Industry	EO	Emailed NHV Regulator 11 Feb 2014. LGA undertaking a session at CEO GROUP MEETING 13 June 2014	No response received
5-Sep-2014	381/14	Raise DPTI Operating Instruction 20.1 issues to SAROC around ability of Commissioner of Highways to direct Councils to undertake work within road vested with Commissioner	EO	Tabled at SAROC, LGA working party including EO, LGA, DCLEP & DC Tumbly Bay & DPTI 9EP Reps) meeting on this.	In Progress
5-Dec-2014	396/14	EO directed to work with RDAWEP on developing Regional Economic & Strategic Plans	EO	\$30k budget available from EPLGA, Economic Plan to be developed first (Tender brief being prepared), other funding being sought. 8 - 10 Months to completion then commence Regional Strategic Plan.	In Progress
5-Dec-2014	403/14	Adopted Mining Taskforce recommendations for development of Regional Economic Policy, Protocol for community engagement, change of ToR & name change.	EO	Regional Economic Policy - complete. Protocol in draft to be pilot tested - EPLGA submitting EOI & funding. ToR amended & name amended	In Progress - Protocol only outstanding matter.
22-Feb-2015	437/15	DC Cleve - Doctor shortages in the regions - raise with LGA & seek RDAWEP assistance. Also keen to learn of Country Health Transforming Health plans	EO	Discussed at SAROC. & email sent to Maree Geraghty. RDAWEP working on issues around aged care & other strategies to keep local health facilities active. Transforming Health Plans consultation to occur in the future.	In Progress

### 3.3 Local Government Association of SA



#### LGA Regional Topical Report

LGA representative	Adam Gray
Date	June 2015
Purpose	The Regional Topical report is provided as an information update for Regional LGA meetings and is current at the time it is supplied to the Region
Recommendation	That the item be noted

#### Priorities

##### 1. Local Government Act

The Local Government Minister is currently consulting on amendments to the Local Government Act 1999. Many of the proposals in the draft Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Bill 2015 were initiated by the LGA in consultation with Councils. LGA's consultative process is now closed and it is expected the Bill will be before the Parliament by the end of June. At its May meeting the LGA Board delegated responsibility to the Executive Committee to complete and submit the LGA's submission. Please refer to LGA Circular 17.7 for background information <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=64646>

##### 2. Pensioner Concessions

South Australian pensioners and low-income earners will receive relief of up to \$200 a year to replace cuts to concessions on council rates. This will apply to pensioners and low-income earners who own their homes but will be means tested for some classifications. Approximately 45,000 South Australians who have not previously received a concession, including pensioners and low-income earners who are tenants, will receive annual payments of \$100. Contact [david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au) for further information or go to <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/pensionerconcessions>

##### 3. Rate Capping

The State Government has announced an Inquiry into Local Government rate capping policies. The Economic and Finance Committee has extended the invitation for submissions for this inquiry to 17 July 2015. For further information visit LGA Circular 22.2 <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=64909> or contact [Bethany.loates@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:Bethany.loates@lga.sa.gov.au)

##### 4. Federal Budget

###### a) FAGS

Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for South Australian Councils are estimated at \$152.0 million in 2015-16 (\$152.7 million in 2014-15). The decrease is attributable to a reduction in South Australia's population share relative to other jurisdictions. Last month's Federal Budget confirmed the three-year pause in indexation of FAGs remains in place. For 2015-16, the lost revenue for South Australian Councils is approximately \$12 million and is expected to increase to approximately \$19 million in 2016-17 and thereafter. The LGA continues to lobby for reinstatement of indexation and is working, with other States and Territories and the ALGA, on a national campaign. Councils will have received correspondence from ALGA President Mayor Troy Piccard regarding the ALGA campaign and seeking Council support to lobby Federal MPs on the issue. Contact [david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au) for further information.

###### b) Supplementary Funding

Removal of the Supplementary Funding means there is \$18 million less to South Australian Councils this financial year and collectively there will be a funding hit of \$78 million over the

period 2014/2015 until 2017/2018. As a result, South Australian Local Government initiated a campaign seeking reinstatement of the funding which included correspondence to members of Parliament. As a result of discussions with the LGA, the Hon Warren Truss, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development invited the LGA to provide him with a submission detailing all the known facts. The submission has been sent to Minister Truss for consideration in next Federal Budget.

Despite a sustained LGA lobby campaign and LGA deputations to Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss the Commonwealth's 'Supplementary Local Roads' Program for South Australia was not reinstated in the 2015/16 Federal Budget. For 2015-16, the lost revenue for South Australian Councils is approximately \$19 million. The LGA Board will now develop a longer term strategy to address the inequities of the current formulae for identified local road funding.

## **5. Federal Reform**

### **a) White Paper on the Reform of the Federation**

The Federal Government is well advanced on an 18-month process to re-examine Australia's overall system of Government. A "White Paper on Reform of the Federation" promised by 2016 will seek to clarify roles and responsibilities. LGA members will be consulted at appropriate stages during this process, most likely after the release of a Green Paper in late 2015. Contact [shane.soddy@lga.sa.au](mailto:shane.soddy@lga.sa.au) for further information.

### **b) White Paper on Reform of Australia's Taxation System**

On 30 March 2015, the Commonwealth Treasurer, Joe Hockey released a Discussion Paper as part of the foundation for a promised White Paper on Taxation Reform, due to be released in 2016. The Federal Government encouraged feedback on the issues raised in this document, submissions closed on Monday 1 June 2015.

## **6. State Taxation Review**

The LGA has made a submission to the State Government's Review of the State Taxation system. The submission is available in LGA Circular 16.3  
<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=62583>

## **7. Dog and Cat Management Act**

The LGA Board, at its May meeting delegated authority to the LGA Executive Committee to endorse the LGA's submission to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation in relation to amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Act. The Bill proposes a raft of amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Act, with some key changes that will affect Councils see LGA Circular 17.1 <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=64632> for background information.

## **8. State Government**

The LGA President continues to meet with Minister Brock on a regular basis. The most recent meeting in June 2015 included discussions on the Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Bill, progress with actions arising from the Premier's State/Local Government Forum Executive Meeting of April 29, the review of Local Government elections and the new cost of living concession recently announced by State Government. Meetings with Minister Hunter have included discussions on CWMS, DCM, Waste and Climate Change. Meetings continue with other Ministers dealing with key issues and with the Treasurer. Contact [gwyn.rimington@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:gwyn.rimington@lga.sa.gov.au)

## **9. Planning Review**

The Government has released its response to the Expert Panel on Planning Reform's recommendations for a new planning system. Drafting of a Bill is expected to begin immediately, with the Minister making a commitment that the LGA will be engaged in the drafting process. A Bill is expected to be introduced in the House of Assembly in July and laid on the table for consultation over Parliament's winter break. A program of LGA consultation workshops will be



circulated to Councils soon. Visit [www.lga.sa.gov.au/planning](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/planning) for copies of relevant LGA submissions and papers. Contact [lisa.teburea@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:lisa.teburea@lga.sa.gov.au) for more information.

## Other Issues

### 10. LGA Procurement (LGAP)

**Contracts under development** - LGAP will shortly issue a tender for casual labour hire. This includes white and blue collar staff and professional services including aged care and nursing. The sector spends in excess of \$15M on hiring temporary staff and our research indicates very few Councils have contracts in place. There are opportunities for considerable cost savings and efficiency gains by improving transparency and management of the recruitment of temporary staff.

**Training and consulting** - Procurement training can be delivered for individual Councils or groups of Councils and regionally. The benefit for Regional Councils is the reduced accommodation, travel, time and costs associated with attending training in Adelaide.

### 11. New Minister's Specification for Farm Buildings

A revised Minister's Specification for Farm Buildings came into effect from 1 May 2015. The new Specification was developed in consultation with the LGA, AIBS and primary production industry groups and introduces further building code concessions relating to fire safety requirements for farm buildings. The revised specification aims to achieve a better balance between fire safety and economic development and responds to concerns raised by Councils that previous requirements were too onerous and restricted investment. LGA Circular 18.2 <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=64669> (28 April 2015) provides further information. Contact Lisa Teburea [lisa.teburea@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:lisa.teburea@lga.sa.gov.au)

### 12. Human Resources and Industrial Relations Service

The LGA Human Resources and Industrial Relations panel is receiving excellent feedback from Councils that have engaged the various practitioners. Further details of the panel and contact details for the firms are in LGA Circular 40.12 of 2014. Contact [andrew.haste@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:andrew.haste@lga.sa.gov.au)

### 13. Water Management

The LGA has been working with ESCOSA on the regulatory framework imposed on Councils through the Water Industry Act 2012. A review of reporting requirements is underway with likely simplification for the next reporting period. The LGA continues to work with relevant Government agencies regarding the increasing cost of water to Councils, particularly in respect of irrigating public open space. Contact [simon.thompson@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:simon.thompson@lga.sa.gov.au)

### 14. LGA Marketing Review

The LGA's marketing review and survey, distributed to Council Members and Officers to gain their views about LGA performance and ways in which we could improve communication, has now closed and a full report is expected to go to the Board in July. For further information contact [chris.russell@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:chris.russell@lga.sa.gov.au)

### 15. South Australian Public Health Act

Should Councils have any enquiries or require support in the development or implementation of their Public Health Plans, or would like a presentation to Council / Executive, please contact [courtney.bartosak@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:courtney.bartosak@lga.sa.gov.au)

### 16. Waste Management

The LGA has undertaken extensive research to develop a new 2015 work program endorsed at the March 2015 Board meeting. The LGA has provided a submission to the Government on the proposed Green Industries SA agency and the draft 2015 - 2020 State Waste Strategy and discussions are ongoing. Draft GISA legislation is expected after June 2015. The LGA will be further investigating sustainable/green procurement in the sector. For further information contact [simon.thompson@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:simon.thompson@lga.sa.gov.au)

#### **17. i-Responda Emergency Services Support Project**

The i-Responda 'All Hazard' module is being rolled out across the state. Now the fire season is over and trainers are once again available, bushfire support training resumed in May and will continue until August as part of the funded project. The LGA is working on the joint operating guidelines and construction of training material for the Flood and Extreme Weather as part of phase 2 of the project. A Local Government reference group has been set up with members from 13 Councils across the state. Contact [scott.loechel@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:scott.loechel@lga.sa.gov.au)

#### **18. Climate Change**

##### **Science to Solutions (Capacity Building and Implementation)**

The LGA is engaging with Councils to develop the partnerships necessary to successfully undertake the projects detailed in the funding agreement between the LGA and the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) for Stage Two of the Science to Solutions (StoS) Program.

##### **Sea Level Rise Problem Definition Paper**

The LGA has now collated the feedback received from Councils through consultation on the Sea Level Rise Problem Definition Paper. The response to the consultation (including recommendations) can be found on the LGA Website: [www.lga.sa.gov.au/gotoclimatechange](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/gotoclimatechange)

At its May 2015 meeting, the LGA Board requested that the LGA Secretariat undertake further analysis to identify the preferred approach to develop a strategic plan and a governance/ institutional framework for sea level rise management, based on the outcomes of the paper and consultation. An LGA position will be developed and presented at the July 2015 LGA Board Meeting. It is envisaged that to develop the position, the LGA will undertake further discussion with both State and Local Government.

##### **Climate Adaptation Planning Guidelines for Planners**

The Request for Tender (RFT) for the analysis of key policies in the South Australian Planning Policy Library will be released as part of a limited tender process on June 1. The RFT outlines an approach to evaluate the effectiveness of climate related policies as they apply to a) prevention of climatic hazards b) protection from sea level rise and c) maintaining standards in public health. The analysis will begin in July 2015 and is likely to take 6 months to complete. Contact [Victoria.brown@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:Victoria.brown@lga.sa.gov.au)

#### **19. My Local Services App and Unity Content Management System (CMS)**

The Electronic Services Program team continues to support Councils with development of new mobile responsive websites. Additional Councils have requested setup of a Councilors Extranet (Circular 17.11). Final Acceptance Testing has occurred on the 6.14 version of the Unity Content Management System (CMS) which was due for rollout on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This release will assist website administrators to clean-up old content on their corporate websites. The ESP Team has also been working with the internal finance department to deploy a new financial software system for the LGA and is working on the deployment of an upgrade to the LGA's Electronic Document Management System.

#### **20. Online Training: Council Members Essentials and Site Licence**

The LGA Education & Training service has released a site licence option for Councils to undertake online training in Council Members' Essentials and Maladministration online through the myLearning portal. The site licence allows unlimited access to these training courses for 12 months for the subscribing Council. More information on pricing and options can be found in Circular 8.8 (19 February 2015) or email [mylearning@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:mylearning@lga.sa.gov.au)

#### **21. Native Vegetation and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) review**

The LGA has recently approached regional LGA's for representatives to participate in a Reference group to assist the LGA to represent specific native vegetation management concerns of regional Councils. In particular the LGA will focus on roadside vegetation and vegetation within defined town boundaries. The LGA will continue to advocate for changes to both the native

vegetation SEB arrangements and review of the Regulations (due for consultation in mid-2015).  
For further information contact [adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au)

## **22. Local Nuisance Bill**

Further to LGA Circular 10.10 (<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=202&c=28238>) the LGA has been working with the EPA on instructions for the development of a draft Local Nuisance Bill. This Bill is proposed to shift responsibility for the management of community nuisance issues to Local Government. The EPA and the LGA will consult with Councils during mid 2015 on the draft Bill. The EPA intends to have a Bill prepared for introduction to Parliament before the end of 2015. For further information on the Bill contact [andrea.malone@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:andrea.malone@lga.sa.gov.au) or on the policy development please contact [adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au)



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## About the LGA

**Membership:** All Councils are members of the LGA and have been since the late 1970s. Membership remains voluntary and that creates an important "pressure" on the LGA to constantly ensure it is in tune with the needs and priorities of Councils. There are also associate memberships from the Unincorporated Lands.

### LGA

- Approximately 43 staff including the staff of LGA Procurement (formerly LG Corporate Services) which was acquired by the LGA in 2010
- 18 member LGA Board (formerly LGA State Executive Committee) – appointed from Council geographical regions to represent metropolitan, rural and regional Councils.
- LGA Executive Group (formerly Management Group) – 6 members and the Chief Executive Officer – membership includes current President Dave Burgess, Regional Vice Presidents Ann Ferguson and Peter Hunt and Metropolitan Vice Presidents, Jill Whittaker and Lorraine Rosenberg and the Immediate Past President.

### Key LGA Activities:

- Producing guidelines and manuals to assist Councils in areas such as financial sustainability, governance and environmental matters;
- Campaigning to protect and enhance grants provided by the Federal and State Governments (eg local roads and community waste water management);
- Ensuring consultation with Local Government on legislation and related issues;
- Submissions and lobbying on major Federal and State Government inquiries;
- Staging major conferences, education, training workshops and forums on matters relevant and topical to Local Government; and
- Supporting a website content management system and common online services arrangements for Councils to maintain a robust internet presence while sharing costs

### Schemes and what they do:

- **Local Government Research and Development Scheme** – primary source of funding for research in the Local Government sector – The Scheme has approved 557 projects with total approved funding of \$23.9 million and has attracted significant matching funds and in-kind support from other sources.
- **Local Government Finance Authority** - a separate statutory authority established to borrow and invest in bulk for Councils and since inception the LGFA has saved Councils around \$200 million. The LG Finance Authority was established on 26 March 1984 and as at 30 June 2014, had generated a gross profit of \$117 million, paid tax equivalents into LG Research & Development Fund of \$22 million, paid bonuses to Councils of \$34 million, made grants of \$3 million and retained \$58 million. In doing so, it has also paid the State \$25 million in Guarantee fees.
- **Statewide Super** – manages superannuation for Local Government in SA and the Northern Territory – began in 1984 (Local Super amalgamated with Statewide on 1 July 2012)
- **The LGA Asset Mutual Fund** - Formed in 2002, the LGA Asset Mutual Fund protects Local Government for damage to its extensive variety of assets. Protecting all Councils and other local Government bodies in South Australia, the LGAAMF provides broad protection for buildings, infrastructure, machinery, vehicles and numerous other assets. Comprehensive Claims and Risk Management services also provide additional support to Councils. Achieving an accumulated surplus in excess of \$11.192 at 30 June 2014, the LGAMLS is able to deliver back to Member Councils a Special Distribution pool totalling \$2.0m in 2014/15 which replicates the amount paid 12 months ago.

- LGA Workers Compensation Scheme** – The LGAWCS is established via the Local Government Act 1999 and holds the self-insurance licence for workers' compensation on behalf of the LGA. The LGAWCS continues to deliver financial and operational benefits to Councils, assisting Councils to focus on worker's health and safety issues to minimise claims and maintain a more productive workforce via the application of risk mitigation strategies. Injury claim numbers have fallen by 67% in the past 20 years (from 2200 claims to 790 claims in 2012/13) across the sector which employs in excess of 10,500 people. The financial success of the LGAWCS has resulted in the Board delivering a Special Distribution in 2013/14 of \$2m pool and the Board recently supported another Special Distribution of \$1.4 million for 2014/15. LGAWCS has paid performance based rebates to Councils of \$89.2 million (2004-2013). In past three years more than 8,500 skin cancer screenings have been carried out with four people referred for suspected carcinoma (down from 65 in the previous three years 2006-2008) and 142 referrals for other forms of carcinoma (down from 222 in 2006-2008).
- LGA Mutual Liability Scheme** –A voluntary, indemnity scheme established via the Local Government Act 1999, providing civil liability protection for all Councils and other eligible members in South Australia. The LGAMLS fund is supported by the SA Government Treasurer's Indemnity ensuring SA Councils have access to the broadest civil liability protection in Australia, including comprehensive Claims and Risk Management services. Achieving an accumulated surplus in excess of \$26m at 30 June 2014, the LGAMLS is able to deliver back to Member Councils a Special Distribution pool totalling \$1.5m in 2013/14 and another \$1.5m will be paid in 2014/15. This represents a return of funds of 15% for both of the past two years. Council members are encouraged to reinvest these returns in risk mitigation strategies to assist future financial sustainability via civil liability risk reduction.
- LGA Procurement** – wholly owned by the LGA to provide Councils with access to value-added products and services

- 3.4 Office of State/Local Government Relations
- 3.5 Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc
- 3.6 Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)
- 3.7 SA Police (SAPOL)
- 3.8 CFS Report
- 3.9 SES Report



### 3.10 Other Reports

#### 3.10.1 Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce

To: President and EPLGA Board Members

Date: 26 June 2015

Topic: 2014/15 Activities Report

Report No: MT 1-0615

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#### INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA of SA), together with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA), held a Mining Round Table Forum in November 2013 to discuss recommendations from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES) report titled *“Impact of Mining and Resource Development: A Case Study for Eyre Peninsula Councils”*.

The Round Table focused on the following outcomes from the SACES report:

- The importance of the social aspirations of communities, which are directly linked to the economic development of regions.
- The tiers of investment, including:
  - 1) private sector capital investment, eg infrastructure investment – ports, rail, power, etc;
  - 2) government investment to improve public services and community facilities; and
  - 3) government investment to respond to structural shifts in the economy, principally by facilitating investment in human capital, upgrading education, and training and skills formation. People will invest in themselves if the relevant support systems are in place.
- The importance of issues such as population growth and responding to what this brings, eg accommodation and the attraction of skilled workers and their families.
- That individual Councils and mining companies share a common goal.
- Regions that have prospered over the years have focused on raising the skill level of the people at the bottom of the skills ladder rather than the top.
- If community engagement is not undertaken appropriately there are risks that the opportunities of mining activity will be viewed negatively by local and regional communities.

To progress these findings, the EPLGA resolved to establish the Eyre Peninsula Minerals and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) were adopted by the EPLGA and inclusive of the following objectives:

- Provide a single and strengthened strategic forum for information sharing as to the development of mine sites, infrastructure and community impacts.
- Assist Local Government in preparatory strategic planning for housing and support services.
- Provide a focus to all State agencies, eg education, health, police, etc, of activity as a result of mining proceeding and thereby provide support to the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) as they address local strategic issues.
- Ensure strategic actions are being undertaken to address the recommendations and issues raised at the taskforce table.

- Propose strategic ways to build on stakeholder and community engagement with a view to meeting the long term needs of the region.
- Assist in determining the strategic roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in developing a Regional Mineral and Energy Resources Industry. (*As amended 3/11/2014.*)
- Develop strategic recommendations where required to be considered by the mining industry, RDAWEP, the EPLGA, and State and Local Government to encourage sustainable regional economical growth.
- Assist in the regional coordination of State and Local Government and agencies to avoid duplication and unnecessary “red tape” to optimise a quality return for the region.
- Engage with and provide advice to the LGA on projects being undertaken to enhance Local Government’s understanding of its role in mining/extraction, community engagement and relationship building with the State Government, Industry and South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME). (*Added 3/11/2014.*)

### **TASKFORCE MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVERS**

Invitations for membership of the taskforce were extended to various persons who could bring expertise, influence and understanding, as well as have the ability to action the objectives of the taskforce.

#### **The current membership of the Taskforce is:**

Mr Rob Kerin	Chairman
Mr Eddy Hughes	Member for Giles
Mr Peter Treloar	Member for Flinders
Mr Jason Kuchel	CEO, South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy
Vacant	CEO, Local Government Association of South Australia
Mayor Bruce Green	President, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
Ms Diana Laube	Presiding Member, Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board
Ms Eleanor Scholz	Mayor, Wudinna District Council
Mr Peter Peppin	CEO, City of Whyalla
Mayor Jim Pollock	Chair, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula
Dr Ted Tyne	Executive Director, Mineral Resources, Department of State Development

#### **Observers attending Taskforce meetings:**

Mr Tony Irvine	EO, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
Mr Dion Dorward	CEO, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula
Mr Mark Elford	Chair, SA Government Resources Infrastructure Taskforce
Mr Charles Moore	Director, Olympic Dam Taskforce/Resources Energy Group
Mr Peter Short	Project Director, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
Mr Peter Scott	Principle Advisor, Environment Protection Authority

Minutes and agendas of taskforce meetings are also forwarded to the Offices of the Hon Tom Koutsantonis and the Hon Geoff Brock.

The taskforce has conducted meetings on 3 occasions this financial year and the associated minutes, agendas and presentations are made available on the EPLGA website.

### **TASKFORCE WORK PLAN AND OBJECTIVES**

The work plan, as adopted by the taskforce, was sectioned into 4 periods:

#### **Stage 1: Project commencement to September 2014**

- › Ratify membership of taskforce, TOR and the role of the Coordinator.
- › Establish strategies with EPLGA and RDAWEP for taskforce development and framework within the TOR.
- › Meet with State agency representatives, mining companies and Local Governments to establish network contacts and commence identifying issues for tabling with the taskforce.
- › Draft a Taskforce and Coordinator Work and Communication Plan.

#### **Stage 2: September to December 2014**

- › Finalise the agenda pertaining to the taskforce meeting in November 2014. Table the Work and Communication Plans.
- › Distribute meeting minutes and action plan and follow up actions and issues identified.
- › Continue to meet with stakeholders.
- › Compile an agenda for the next meeting of the taskforce.

#### **Stage 3: December 2014 to March 2015**

- › Review the taskforce work plan and budget.
- › Review the membership of the taskforce and amend accordingly.
- › Continue to meet with stakeholders.

#### **Stage 4 March 2015 to June 2015**

- › Frame the Regional Mining Strategy based on issues raised and addressed, and outcomes achieved.
- › Determine ongoing requirements for the taskforce beyond June 2015.
- › Organize the 2015 Mining Round table.

All taskforce actions have been completed or are ongoing with the exception of the organisation of the 2015 Mining Round Table and framing of a Regional Mining Strategy.

Appropriately, a Regional Mining Strategy may be developed and incorporated within a consolidated Regional Strategic Plan by RDAWEP, the EPLGA and EPNRM, with support and input provided by taskforce members.

### **SUMMARY OF TASKFORCE ACTIONS 2014/15**

#### **Economic Development Policy**

Recommendation that a policy supporting local and regional business growth, inclusive of mining, oil and gas development, be drafted for consideration and adoption by EPLGA Member Councils.

- › Economic Development Policy drafted by Coordinator and presented for review by the EPLGA Executive Officer and RDAWEP CEO, which was adopted by the EPLGA at their meeting held on 22 February 2015.

#### **Amendment to Taskforce Objective no. 6**

- › To read *“Assist in determining the strategic roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in developing a Regional Mineral and Energy Resources Industry”*.

#### **Additional Taskforce Objective no. 9**

- › *“Engage with and provide advice to the LGA on projects being undertaken to enhance Local Government’s understanding of its role in mining/extraction, community engagement and relationship building with the State Government, Industry and SACOME.”*

## **Consultation Protocol for Local Government**

Recommended by the taskforce that a protocol be developed for Local Government to assist the community's understanding of significant regional development proposals and that the protocol be annexed to the Regional Economic Development Policy.

- The Legal Services Associate to the LGA drafted a 'Resources Development Project Paper', which outlined the 'touch points' between Local Government and resources development projects through legislation. It was used to inform the development of a Local Government engagement protocol for gas, mining and oil development projects in South Australia.
- Final Draft documents "Local Government and Resources Industry Development in Regional South Australia – Community Engagement Protocol" and "Resources Pack" have been tabled with the taskforce for comment.
- Both documents to be tabled with the EPLGA.

It is envisaged that the protocol and resources pack, developed by Community Engagement Group Australia (cega), will support Local Government in regional South Australia to effectively engage with their communities and other stakeholders in order to better understand and respond to the likelihood of resources industry development being proposed in their region, district and local areas.

## **Review Taskforce Objectives**

- The taskforce conducted a review of its current objectives and resolved that they are appropriate based on the present and foreseeable future regional level of activity planned by mineral and energy exploration and extraction companies. The taskforce is satisfied that actions guided by the current objectives will strengthen the high level network that has been created through the membership of the taskforce.
- There is a sense within the taskforce that the foundations of future regional economic activity will be enhanced by the continuation of the taskforce and through the reach of its members and networks.

## **Activities and Presentations**

The taskforce has conducted 3 meetings to date, being 3 November in 2014, and 11 March and 9 June in 2015. The meetings have been held in the Port Lincoln Hotel and have been concluded within 4 to 5 hours on each occasion.

The format of the meetings has been to have invited guests from industry, government, private enterprise and community present to participants in the pre-lunch session and formal business conducted in the afternoon session.

The presentations to the taskforce have been, without exception, professional and informative, allowing the taskforce members and observers appreciate the activities and dynamic opportunities that can and are being developed in our region.

Most of the presentations are available on the EPLGA website or have been summarized within the minutes of the meetings.

The following is a list of the presentations made to the taskforce to date:

### **Inaugural Meeting 3 November 2014:**

Mr Larry Ingle,	General Manager, Iron Road Ltd
Ms Evelyn Poole	Valence Industries
Dr John Parker	Managing Director, Lincoln Minerals
Mr Dion Dorward	CEO, Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula
Mr Tony Irvine	EO, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

### **Meeting 11 March 2015:**

Mr Mark Elford	Executive Director, Economic Development, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Co-Chair, State Infrastructure Taskforce
Mr Matthew Pinnegar	External Affairs Manager, BP Australia
Mr Ben Hammond	CEO, Centrex Minerals; Director, Eyre Iron
Mr Phil DeCoursey	CEO, Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance
Mr Terry Krieg	Member of the Australian Nuclear Forum

### **Meeting 9 June 2015:**

Mr Gerard Anderson	Managing Director, Archer Exploration Ltd
Mr Jon Bok	Regional Engagement Manager, Nuclear Royal Commission
Mr Brian Foster	Presiding Member, Eyre Peninsula Interim Climate Change Agreement; Member of the Premier's Climate Change Council
Senator Sean Edwards	Liberal Senator for South Australia.

Various reports from the Chair and members, both verbal and written have also been tabled at the taskforce meetings.

### **Taskforce Review**

As mentioned previously in this report, a review of the objective of the taskforce was undertaken by the taskforce members at its June meeting. The self-assessment was framed around the following:

- › *Has the Taskforce been effective in meeting its objectives?*
- › *Are the objectives relevant in the current economic climate?*
- › *Should the objectives be amended, deleted or added to?*
- › *Are the objectives achievable?*

It was the consensus of the meeting that the taskforce has been successful in meeting its objectives and that they are appropriate.

It was sensed from discussion during the review that the taskforce has been productive over the relative short period since inception and that its continuation would be beneficial to the region.

The broad professional experience of the taskforce members and their associated networks was acknowledged as a strength, which will underpin the objectives identified by the EPLGA in the formation of the taskforce.

There is a sense of purpose within the taskforce that the foundations of future regional economic activity will be enhanced by the continuation of the taskforce and through the reach of its membership and networks.

With regard to the structure, membership and purpose of the taskforce, the following scenarios were proposed:

- *Is the taskforce best structured as a committee of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association?*
- *With the dynamic mix of representation on the Regional Taskforce is there an opportunity to broaden the taskforce TOR beyond “Minerals and Energy” to include major regional economic development?*
- *What could be the benefits and risks of broadening the taskforce Terms of Reference?*
- *Could greater effectiveness and economic outcomes be achieved through broader regional representation under an umbrella of regional organizations such as RDAWEP, the EPLGA, EPNRM and DSD?*

It was resolved by the members that they are satisfied that the current structure of the taskforce as a sub-committee of the EPLGA.

The suggestion to broaden the TOR of the taskforce beyond minerals and energy was not supported. It was deemed that the relative narrow focus of the taskforce was appropriate for the resources available.

At this time there is no support from the taskforce membership to change the current model of operation.

#### **Future Activities**

It is my understanding that during the review the members provided strong indication in support of the continuation of the taskforce.

Taskforce members (in particular DSD and DPTI) have provided substantial positive feedback on the taskforce and its activities to date and have committed to providing high level representation from their departments to attend and participate in future meetings.

With the ongoing support of the EPLGA, it is suggested that a revised work plan for the taskforce be developed for the forthcoming financial year.



### **3.10 Other Reports**

#### **3.10.1 Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce – Minutes Dated 9 June 2015 [refer page 88]**

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members  
**Date:** 26 June 2015  
**Topic:** EPMERCD Taskforce - Minutes Dated 9 June 2015 [refer page 87]  
**Report No:** MT 2--0615

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## EP Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce

Venue: Port Lincoln Hotel  
 Commencement Time 10.10am

**Present:**

Rob Kerin	Chair
Geoff Dodd	Coordinator
Eddie Hughes	Member for Giles
Jason Kuchel	CE, SACOME
Helen Thomas	Director, Resource Land Access Strategy, Resources and Energy Group, DSD
Peter Scott	Senior Environment Protection Officer, EPA
Bruce Green	President, EPLGA/Mayor, City of Port Lincoln
Peter Peppin	CEO, City of Whyalla
Tony Irvine	EO, EPLGA
Skana Gallery	Senior Policy Officer - Economic Development & Regions, LGA of SA
Diana Laube	Presiding Member, EPNRM Board
Dion Dorward	CEO, RDAWEP
Aina Danis	Executive Assistant RDAWEP/EPLGA [minute taker]

**Invited Guests:**

Gerard Anderson	Managing Director, Archer Exploration Limited
Jon Bok	Regional Engagement Manager, Nuclear Royal Commission
Brian Foster	Presiding Member, EP Interim Climate Change Agreement
Senator Sean Edwards	Liberal Senator for South Australia
Mark Elford	Executive Director, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Planning, DPTI
Fairlie Taylor	Senior Advisor to Senator Sean Edwards

**Apologies:** Matt Reed, Jim Pollock, Peter Treloar, Eleanor Scholz

### 1.0 MEETING OPENING:

#### 1.1 Welcome/Apologies

Chair Rob Kerin welcomed members and guests to the meeting and explained the procedure for the day's business.

### 2.0 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None tabled.

### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

#### 3.1 Second meeting: 11 March 2015

*Recommendation 02/15:*

*Moved: D Dorward Seconded: B Green*

*That the minutes of the second meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce held in Port Lincoln on Wednesday 11 March 2015, as supplied to members be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.* **CARRIED**

### 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action Items - 11 March 2015 [refer agenda item 6.3.6].

Geoff Dodd stated that he had nothing to table other than the work plan which will be addressed later in the meeting

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## 5.0 PRESENTATIONS

### 5.1 Gerard Anderson, Managing Director, Archer Exploration Limited

Gerard Anderson announced that an application for a mining lease was submitted for the Campoona graphite mine [Cleve] on 14 May 2015, with substantial work undertaken to ensure the required criteria has been met. The company expects to receive a grant to undertake further exploration early in 2016. Gerard went on to present on the following:

- › Corporate snapshot.
- › Board and senior executives.
- › Eyre Peninsula graphite project:
  - 2,154km<sup>2</sup> tenement holding in graphite province.
  - Further prospects offer large resource upside.
  - Technical cell flotation.
  - High purity, high value crystalline fine graphite. Testing indicates suitability for lithium-ion batteries.
  - Future complementary developments at Wilcote South [large flakes] and Sugarloaf.
- › Campoona shaft MLP.
- › Access to water, power and ports are key issues.
- › Community engagement.
- › Campoona Shaft geology – Long Section Schematic – zone of mineralisation.
- › Mining phases/process.
- › Day shift mining operation only [reduce noise] x 6 days per week, avoiding the summer/winter months with normal operational times in Spring and Autumn.
- › Revegetation is ongoing.
- › Campoona processing.
- › Water supply available locally:
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- › Campoona graphite product – ultra pure quality.
- › Supplier to battery market – following success at Campoona, Sugarloaf and Waddikee will be prioritised for either second train options for Campoona production or standalone projects.
- › Campoona benefits:
  - Social – local employment.
  - Infrastructure – road upgrades.
  - Environmental – positive acceptance by the community.
  - Economic – goods and services and workers sourced locally wherever possible.
- › Waddikee – large flake and large JORC resource:
  - Wilcote south – extra large, large, medium and fine flake
  - Inferred resource of 6.38Mt @ 8.8%
- › Sugarloaf – large high graphitic schist with an exploration target of 40-70Mt @ 10-12%.
  - Archer graphite and graphene related products.

Gerard Anderson answered questions from the floor, covering issues such as:

- › Sourcing of workforce.
- › Process involved with revegetation.
- › Transport to processing facility.
- › Investment by universities and industry.
- › Production of fusing pellets to remain competitive on the global market.
- › Port Adelaide is the major port for the company at present due to container capacity and stevedoring requirements.

Rob Kerin stated that the Port Lincoln wharf has a container depot in place.

### 5.2 Jon Bok, Regional Engagement Manager, Nuclear Royal Commission

Spoke on the process and timeframe associated with the Royal Commission, with the aim of obtaining full details on the issue of nuclear energy/storage.

- › Royal Commission established 19 March 2015.
- › 4 key areas of the nuclear fuel cycle to review.
- › The Royal Commission is:
  - evidence based;
  - trusted process; and
  - independent of government.

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- Final report to be completed by 6 May 2016.
- Issues Papers provide background and contain questions on which submissions will best assist the RC in its inquiries.
- 4 issues papers
  - exploration, extraction and milling;
  - further processing and manufacture;
  - electricity generation; and
  - management, storage and disposal of waste.
- Consideration of risk and management in each site.
- More time will be taken on the mining component – could/should we do more in this area.
- Uranium oxide – exported overseas.
- Calling for submissions from the public regarding the technical aspects. Contributions are welcomed from organisations regarding barriers and how they can be addressed.
- Conversion of uranium.
- Enrichment.
- Manufacturing nuclear – one pellet can run a household for 12 months.
- Manufacturing medical isotopes.
- Power generation.
- Nuclear reactors:
  - substantial number have been established around the world; and
  - renewables.
- Waste storage/disposal:
  - low and intermediate level waste determined by the radioactivity of the material – cased in steel/concrete;
  - feasibility of a facility in South Australia – process separate to Royal Commission;
  - temporary storage of used nuclear fuel, ie fuel rods – needs to cool before dry cast storage can occur; and
  - high level waste – deep geological storage.
- Reprocessing – still elements that can be processed after generation of electricity from fuel rods. At this stage there is also some form of nuclear waste.
- RC will consult with experts in all areas relevant to its enquiries both in Australia and overseas.
- Expert advisory committee.
- Receipt of written submission from the community.
- Conduct own inquiries within Australia and overseas.
- Oral hearings from September 2015.
- Tentative findings to the community in early 2016.
- Commissioner to provide report to the Minister in May 2016.

Jon Bok added that links and materials relating to this issue will be distributed to participants later in the meeting. Jon responded to questions from the floor on the following items regarding nuclear energy:

- Transition over the next 20 years – anticipated changes in electricity demands, including batteries and establishment of a conducive model.
- Reprocess – establishment of new generation plants are being investigated closely by the RC, taking into account reality, reliability, viability, etc.
- Nuclear reactors are a cheap source of power and provide further opportunities for processing:
  1. Terms of reference and viability.
  2. Sourcing an industry available/capable of processing material and how nuclear power can be used to generate other materials.
- There is a limit to the resources available to the RC, such as drawing on other experts.
- The best possible advice will be sourced by the RC.

Rob Kerin commented that the new generation reactors can use 90% of the old rods, which is a big step towards reducing waste.

Skana Gallery informed member that LGA is preparing an issues paper to raise awareness with Councils and will ensure that the taskforce also receives the document.

Jon Bok also spoke on the following:

- Indigenous people will also be taken into consideration during the Royal Commission, with state-wide consultation, including the remote areas.
- Overall world demand will be investigated, including shutdown by Japan following the nuclear plant disaster in Fukushima in 2011, and in Europe due to age.
- Future projections will also be taken into account, which is critical.
- At present new reactors are mainly being constructed in developing nations.

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Jason Kuchel stated that China has 80 -120 reactors on the drawing board at present however coal mining is still being bolstered, along with other renewable resources to ensure electricity demands are met.

#### 5.3 Matt Reed, General Manager Operations, Arrium Mining and Steel

Late withdrawal due an unexpected event – attendance/presentation will be undertaken at a future meeting.

#### 5.4 Brian Foster, Presiding Member, EP Interim Climate Change Agreement

- ▶ Adapting to climate change EPICCA and a regional perspective.
- ▶ Graph indicates serious problems with the world's atmosphere.
- ▶ 2 degree target maths suggests we have approximately 27 years before exhaustion.
- ▶ Above 2 degrees makes the task far more difficult.
- ▶ Rainfall graph indicates that earth will be warmer, drier and temperatures higher with serious implications on industries such as agriculture, affecting the world's food supply and water supply.
- ▶ How do we deal with the reality of a warming planet – a "wicked problem":
  - social, economic, environmental [all areas of human endeavour affected];
  - regional scale;
  - whole of landscape;
  - mitigation; and
  - adaptation [primary secondary transformational change].
- ▶ Progressive adaptation and opportunities:
  - benefit from adaptation vs climate change graph;
  - increasing complexity, cost and risk;
  - transformation from land use or distribution change;
  - new products such as ecosystem use; and
  - today's decisions must account for how long their effects will be felt.
- ▶ Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement/Structure:
  - steering group – meets 1 - 2 times per year;
  - working group – more active;
  - independent Chair facilitates both groups; and
  - adding another 2 groups – education and health.
- ▶ Building on previous work/release of publication concerning a regional view on climate change. "Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Eyre Peninsula" in February 2014.
- ▶ Targeted stakeholder engagement.
- ▶ Decision timelines.
- ▶ Applied adaptation pathways analysis.
- ▶ Regional scale, cross sectoral adaptation planning – how do key sectors on EP respond to warmer and drier conditions on the land, higher sea levels near the coast and warmer and more acidic gulf and ocean waters?
- ▶ EP Regional vision 2050 – diverse low carbon economy.
- ▶ Implementing the plan with principles are:
  - build economic resilience;
  - prepare not repair;
  - joint responsibility;
  - identify long lifetime decisions;
  - seek out and avoid cross sectoral maladaptation; and
  - action.
- ▶ Opportunity mining/renewable/nuclear royal commission.
- ▶ Adaptive agriculture.
- ▶ Whole of landscape planning.
- ▶ LG review.
- ▶ SA Planning review.
- ▶ Regional decision making.
- ▶ LG, Regional Development, Natural Resource Management all acting together regionally to effectively deal with a "wicked problem".

Brian Foster added that professionalism required for further discussion/decision making with the community, with vision and direction required from "the top".

*Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and reconvened at 12.50pm.*

#### 5.5 Senator Sean Edwards, Liberal Senator for South Australia

Senator Sean Edwards formally acknowledged Rowan Ramsey, Member for Grey and his efforts and commitment to the region.

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The Senator spoke on the following:

- Minerals and energy.
- Proposition regarding nuclear energy - proposal for South Australia has been in the pipeline for quite some time -- Is it the genesis for the economic future of the State.
- Fukushima - zero deaths, and one in the fire that took place following the disaster.
- Chernobyl - 31 deaths.
- There are political reasons behind the USSR decision to cease construction of any further reactors.
- 3 Mile Island - one meltdown (no deaths) and 3 reactors still working.
- The nuclear industry is far safer than coal and other areas.
- Resource rich countries treat their communities with no taxes on anything that is delivered by the government, such as Dubai where nuclear reactors are currently being built.
- The highest number of reactors are being built in Asia.
- South Australia has one of the most stable economies however we are not a robust economy.
- Community keen to involve themselves in the next economic opportunity.
- Helicopter view - the State lacks a lot of other people's money, ie we need more outside investment poured into the State.
- Only 1 million of the State's population can contribute to its economy.
- The State needs to turn the debt around.
- At present we are in the top 5 in the world regarding energy costs.
- Special Economics Plan - to get industry to invest into the State.
- Next generation reactors - spent nuclear fuel rods - regulatory frame works.
- 240,000 tonnes of spent fuel rods @ \$1m per tonne for reprocessing is good business.
- Conventional storage for local fuel rods only is an option.
- There is revenue available if we take on the world's nuclear waste.
- Desalination plant - can't afford to run it.
- The nuclear issue has created unprecedented history in the political arena, with all parties agreeing that it requires thorough investigation and the Leader of the Left Jay Weatherill initiated the Nuclear Royal Commission.
- Opportunities to have a billion dollar port, power, modular fast reactors; flourishing economy - the main issue could be obtaining social licence.
- More than half the population is ready for a nuclear reactor.
- Go to the Premier with a ready-made project for South Australia.

Jason Kuchel commented that Japan is currently reopening their nuclear plants and spoke on the different sized units situated around the world.

## 6.0 REPORTS

### 6.1 Chairman

No report tabled.

### 6.2 Members

No reports tabled.

### 6.3 Taskforce Coordinator

Geoff Dodd provided members with an overview of the work plan.

Dion Dorward provided an update on the Thevenard Port Loading/Unloading Facility project, reporting that applications have been submitted for funding.

Rob Kerin commented on the current situation with Iron Road and the impact on freight and the need for the development of a new port/s, which have the potential to reduce the cost of transport.

Mark Elford informed members that the department has been dealing with Centrex Limited, who have a focus on Lucky Bay. Minister Stephen Mulligan has requested that a paper be developed integrating all data such as mining, agriculture, etc, which the department is now working towards.

Dion Dorward added that a serious shortage of containers throughout the region is on the horizon.

Members resolved that the following recommendation be actioned by Geoff Dodd.



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Dion Dorward added that a serious shortage of containers throughout the region is on the horizon.

Members resolved that the following recommendation be action by Geoff Dodd.

**Recommendation:**

*That a report be presented to the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association on the activities, presentations and outcomes of the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce, inclusive of a review of its Terms of Reference and Objectives and recommendations in regard to the future direction of the taskforce.*

Members resolved the following:

**Recommendation:**

*That the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce receives the Taskforce Coordinator's report # 3.*

Geoff Dodd expanded on the following items.

- 6.3.1 Activities/Meetings: March - May
- 6.3.2 Amendments to Taskforce Membership
- 6.3.3 Taskforce Review

Ascertain from members what the future structure of the taskforce and submit those recommendations to the EPLGA for consideration.

Members resolved to make the following changes to the current list of objectives of the taskforce:

- 3. Include EPNRM Board and reword to include "mining proceeding/changes".
- 4. Add "complementary".

Geoff asked members if they wished to make any further changes to the structure of the taskforce, followed by a presentation to the EPLGA.

Peter Scott stated that it was important to have government department representation at meetings and suggested sending out the agenda to the departments to encourage engagement with the regions.

Tony Irvine made reference to the Councils of the Future document released by LGA of SA, adding that it was an effective guide for reform.

Tony Irvine reported that LGA of SA are currently in the process of sourcing/appointing a new CEO for the organisation.

Helen Thomas suggested that a representative be invited from the CSIRO.

#### 6.3.4 Annual Report

Geoff Dodd informed members that the taskforce review will be incorporated in the Annual Report.

#### 6.3.5 Nuclear Royal Commission

Jason Kuchel commented that EPICCA is an established group that could possibly have the ability to make an informed submission to the Royal Commission on nuclear energy.

Geoff Dodd stated that he is happy to undertake a summary of the issue on behalf of the taskforce and draft a submission to the Royal Commission to be viewed by members and endorsed by the EPLGA.

#### 6.3.6 Work Plan

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

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#### 6.4 LGA of SA

Skana Gallery tabled and circulated the draft Local Government and Resources Industry Development in Regional South Australia, highlighting the following process:

- › Present the proposed LG Protocol and Resources Pack to taskforce members.
- › Receive feedback on the materials to assist with final drafting.
- › Answer questions on the proposal.
- › Canvas interest in the Eyre Peninsula in being a pilot region for the Protocol.

Tony Irvine commented that the combined regional planning is leading up to a regional economic development plan. RDAWP has a regional plan in place and is now looking at current statistics.

Skana Gallery reported that SAROC has resolved to seek EOI's from regions to undertake the pilot program.

#### Recommendation:

Moved: P Peppin Seconded: D Dorward

*That the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce requests the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association to submit and Expression of Interest to the SA Regional Organisation of Councils for Eyre Peninsula to participate in the pilot program developed by the Local Government Association of South Australia, titled "Local Government and Resources Industry Development in Regional South Australia".*

**CARRIED**

Peter Peppin and Eddie Hughes left the meeting at 2.50pm.

#### 6.5 Department of State Development

Helen Thomas reported on the following:

- › Iron Road has submitted a mining application, and the outcome is expected sometime in 2015.
- › The Australian graphite project is progressing, with access to land and what is exempt currently being investigated.

#### 6.6 SACOME

Jason Kuchel spoke on the following:

- › Graphite mining in Australia is currently in a good position.
- › Iron ore, which peaked at \$100 per tonne, went down to \$62 per tonne. There is a downturn at present however there will be a recovery. To remain competitive, mining companies would need to up the ante in terms of quality, technology, energy costs, carbon emissions, infrastructure, etc. An upsurge is expected in 203 years, but the price is not expected to reach \$100 per tonne.

Mark Elford highlighted that recently the price of iron ore went down to \$46, but is currently back up to \$63.80 per tonne. Copper price is good and there are promising signs in this sector, ie northern Gawler Craton.

Jason Kuchel stated that it is important to reinforce to government the current commodities of the region.

#### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items tabled.

#### 8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Bruce Green reported on the seismic surveys in the Great Australian Bight.

#### 9.0 NEXT MEETING/CLOSE OF MEETING

Geoff Dodd to forward notification of the next meeting of the taskforce, confirming time and venue.

Meeting closed at 4.07pm.

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### 3.10 Other Reports

#### 3.10.3 Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board Service Level Agreement - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report 2014/15




**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members  
**Date:** 26 June 2015  
**Topic:** EPNRM Board Service Level Agreement – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report 2014/15  
**Report No:** EPNRM 1-0615

##### Program 1: Managing Biodiversity Across Landscape

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Work with landholders and key stakeholders to protect, restore or improve priority terrestrial ecosystems and species		Jun 2015
WildEyre: Maintain, protect and enhance Sheoak Grassy Woodlands, Red Gum Woodlands, Coastal areas and Mallee / Box / Native Pine Woodlands.		Jun 2015
Sustainable Sheoak: Improve the condition and increase landholder knowledge of sustainable grazing and threat management of Sheoak Grassy Woodlands		Jun 2015

TOTAL

##### Status

	On track to deliver all milestones.		On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.		Unlikely to meet milestones.
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Work with landholders and key stakeholders to protect, restore or improve priority terrestrial ecosystems and species

##### Program highlights this period include:

- Open call for annual NREP grants for community, councils and landholders for a range of natural resource management projects.
- Work planning and start of onground delivery for the Green Army team for Port Lincoln (NREP and the City Council of Port Lincoln (CCPL) joint partnership). The Green Army will be working on priority sites across Lower and Eastern Eyre Peninsula, focusing on weed control and re-vegetation.
- Finalisation of Heritage Agreement over 550 ha which adds to the Kulliparu to Venus Bay linkage, directly joining with one HA (920 ha) and links with a further six HA's (3,600 ha) and Kulliparu Conservation Park (over 28,000 ha) as part of the Kulliparu to Venus Bay linkage.
- NREP staff continue to provide assistance and advice to landholders and local council regarding Native vegetation issues. Activities include site visits, assistance with Native Heritage Agreement Applications, grants, advice for fire and fence maintenance with regard to native veg clearance regulations and Native Vegetation Heritage Grant Applications. Investigations into reports of illegal vegetation clearances have been undertaken on behalf of the NVC.
- NREP Staff accompanied NVC compliance staff on site visits at various locations across lower Eyre Peninsula. This is an important step in the knowledge transfer and increasing regional capacity to deliver NVC related business.

##### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Finalisation of annual NREP projects with community groups, councils and landholders (Fig 1)
- Completion of projects with private landholders through TAG funding to protect and revegetate 2850 Ha in 2014-2015.

WildEyre: Maintain, protect and enhance Sheoak Grassy Woodlands, Red Gum Woodlands, Coastal areas and Mallee / Box / Native Pine Woodlands.

##### Program highlights this period include:

- 700ha of pest animal (kangaroo and rabbit) control undertaken around previous and proposed reveg works.
- Seed collection undertaken between Venus Bay and Smoky Bay by Ceduna Aboriginal Corp. labour hire teams ready for revegetation works in May/June.
- Continued training and development of Ceduna Aboriginal Corp. Labour hire team members in relation to plant ID and pest animal control (mainly rabbits).

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- Follow up control of Italian Buckthorn in the Mt Hope and Sheringa Beach areas.
- Planning and preparation for over 200ha of direct seeding in Venus Bay Conservation Reserve.
- WildEyre Working Group starting to plan a project for assisting farmers to move to a rotational grazing regime in grassy ecosystems for both productivity and biodiversity benefits

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- Final baseline monitoring undertaken for Biodiversity Fund project.
- 7,000ha African Boxthorn control work completed (Point Drummond – Yanerbie) via helicopter and ground.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Continue African Boxthorn control work undertaken between Point Drummond and Point Brown in coastal areas via helicopter granular herbicide application.
- Finalise fencing to look at how Red Gum Woodlands are affected by different grazing impacts.
- Finalise a newsletter that outlines carbon sequestration profits compared to cropping and grazing profits.
- Undertake 200ha of revegetation at Venus Bay Conservation Reserve.
- Work with landholders to complete 2015ha of vegetation protection.

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- WildEyre Project Advisory Committee meeting

**Sustainable Sheoak: Improve the condition and increase landholder knowledge of sustainable grazing and threat management of Sheoak Grassy Woodlands**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Contract for mid project (5th year) Woodland Bird Monitoring completed. Monitoring to be undertaken with a comparison report in April by Greening Australia.

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- Project on track with all deliverable delivered to date.
- Funding confirmed to continue the project until at least June 2018.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Woodland Bird Monitoring
- Annual Site visits for both properties for condition of sheoak grassy woodland community and completion of individual property management plan activities.
- Financial and progress reporting to the Native Vegetation Council due in May 2015.

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Possible media article on the results from comparison data from baseline (year 1) and mid project (5th year).



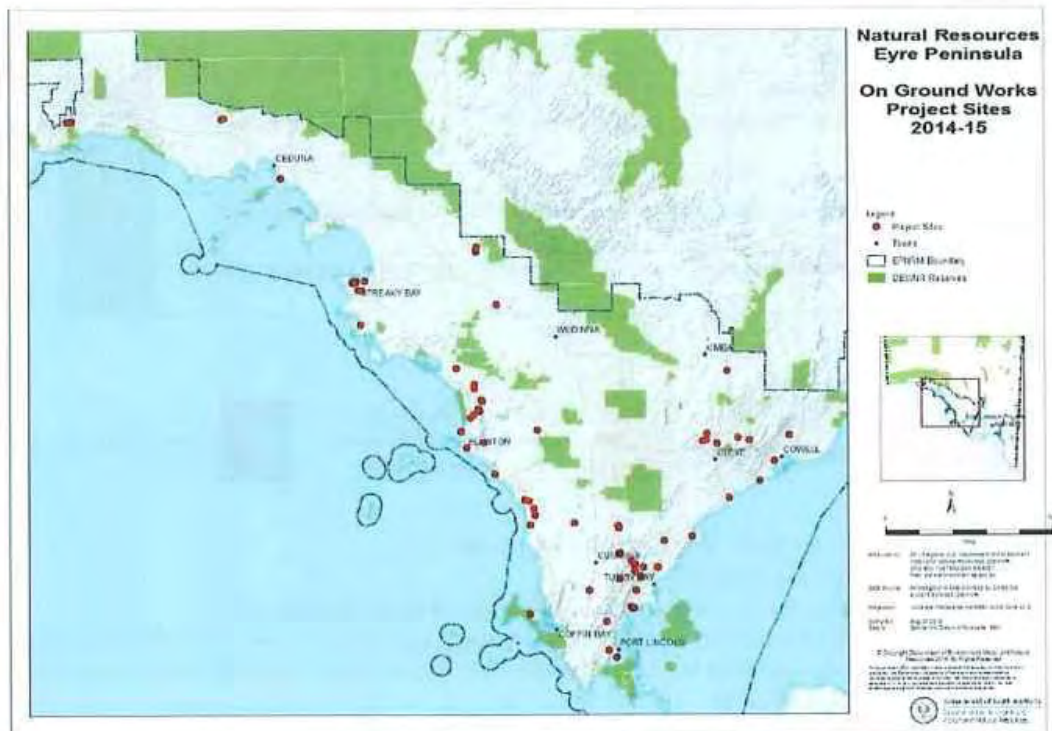





Figure 1: 2014/15 NREP Project sites

## Program 2: Managing Biosecurity on Eyre Peninsula

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Develop management plans for priority pest animals		Dec 2015
Monitor and facilitate management of priority pest animals including compliance with NRM Act		Jun 2015
Develop management plans for priority pest plants		Dec 2015
Monitor and facilitate management of priority pest plants including compliance with NRM Act		Jun 2015
Priority pest control activities completed on unallocated crown lands, railway corridors etc		Jun 2015
		<b>TOTAL</b>

### Status

	On track to deliver all milestones.		On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.		Unlikely to meet milestones.
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### Develop management plans for priority pest animals

#### Program highlights this period include:

- First four regional pest animal management plans reviewed by the EP NRM Board.
- Planning for the next two priority pest animal regional management plans has been undertaken. Species have been identified (mice and feral cats) and proposed timeline in place, with first draft of the plans to be completed by end of July 2015.

#### Program highlights this year to date include:

- First four pest animal regional management plans reviewed by the EP NRM Board and community consultation to be completed by June 2015. Pest animal species included: Red Foxes, Feral Deer, Dingoes and Feral Goats.

#### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Community consultation on the first four regional pest animal management plans.

### Monitor and facilitate management of priority pest animals including compliance with NRM Act

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Fox baiting groups for autumn have almost been completed. Western and Eastern groups well attended with overwhelming feedback from farmers and landholders that fox sightings and presence has increased. Southern fox baiting groups very poorly attended, with numbers significantly down. There is no regional intelligence available that suggests why this was the case. A review of the distribution day model for southern is required.
- An extensive aerial baiting program was completed in the Coffin Bay National Park (CBNP) and Lincoln National Parks (LNP) (Fig 2 & 3). This was funded through the Board's National Landcare Project (previously Regional Delivery). In the CBNP 1,387 baits were delivered over a total of 27,657 hectares. In the LNP 1,229 baits delivered, over 25,372 hectares. This was supported by Authorised Officers and Ranger staff, a great example of collaboration across teams.
- Feral cat trials are ongoing as part of the Targeted Area Grants (TAG) project. Most recent control trials resulted in removal of five feral cats and a significant increase of bettongs trapping records and two new location recorded for bilby presence.

#### Program highlights this year to date include:

- Aerial baiting of CBNP and LNP.

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**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Media releases, local papers and newsletter articles, web promotion and local engagement for the fox baiting groups.
- Media release of latest feral cat trial results.

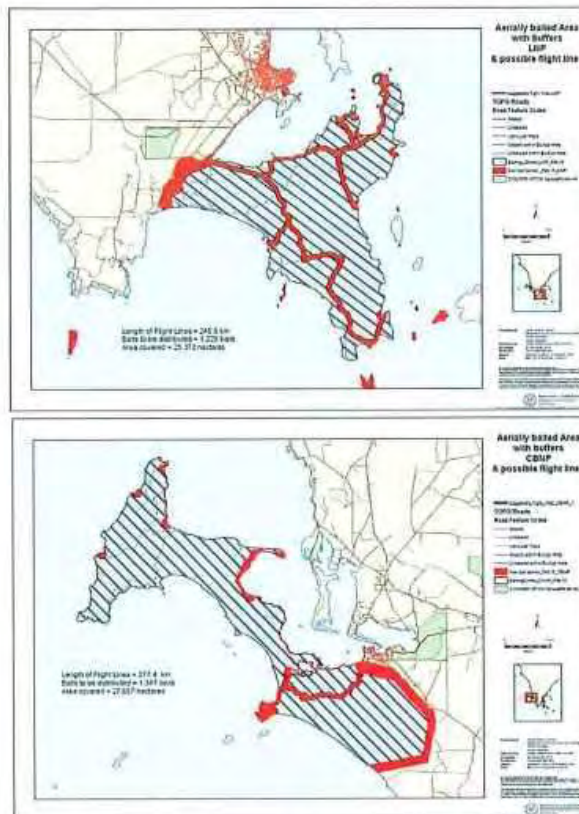


Figure 2: Aerial baiting program for Lincoln National Park

Figure 3: Aerial baiting program for Coffin Bay National Park

**Develop management plans for priority pest plants**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Planning for the next nine priority pest plant regional management plans has been undertaken. Species include *Rhamnus alaternus* (Italian Buckthorn) *Eragrostis curvula* (African Lovegrass) *Orbea variegata* (Carrión Flower) *Acacia cyclops* (Western Coast Wattle) *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) *Polygala myrtifolia* (Myrtle-leaf milkwort) *Pennisetum setaceum* (Fountain grass) *Gazania* sp. (*Gazania*) and *Cenchrus ciliaris* (Buffel Grass)
- Second set of priority pest plant species selected also reflected the Phase 3 newly declared pest plant species for South Australia.

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- First seven pest plant regional management plans reviewed by the EP NRM Board and community consultation to be completed by June 2015. Pest plant species included: African Boxthorn, Silverleaf Nightshade, Gorse, Bridal Creeper, Innocent Weed and Bridal Veil.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Progression of draft management plans for second set of pest plant management plans to be completed by the end of July 2015.

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Community consultation on the first seven regional pest plant management plans.

**Monitor and facilitate management of priority pest plants including compliance with NRM Act**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- New outbreaks of innocent weed, caltrop and opuntia have been identified. Control plans have been implemented.
- Information session held on African lovegrass around the Darke Peak / Wadikee area for landholders to learn about the weed and control methods. Eight landholders attended the session.
- NREP staff from the Aboriginal Partnerships Program completed the Buffel grass and African Love Grass surveys and control across both the southern and eastern districts.
- NREP staff represented EP at the State Buffel Grass workshop in Port Augusta.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Significant boxthorn control works planned through Wildeyre and CFoC funding. Awaiting more moisture to start the aerial program.
- Gorse control program including targeted burn planned to be completed in next reporting period.
- Bridal Veil control program to commence.

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Information highlighting newly declared pest plant species to be loaded onto NR EP website with links to BioSA information site.
- Buffel grass factsheet to be revised and finalized.

**Priority pest control activities completed on unallocated crown lands, railway corridors etc.**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Ongoing priority pest control activities have been carried out on unallocated crown lands (African lovegrass, Boxthorn) with control activities continuing on rail corridors, (Buffel grass (Fig 4), African lovegrass, Bridal veil, Silverleaf nightshade).
- Considerable effort has also been expended on surveillance and control of invasive grasses. Survey work for African lovegrass and Buffel grass including Port Neill to Darke Peak, Kimba, Iron Knob, Cowell and Cleve has been completed. All sites identified were treated (661 buffel grass plants and numerous African lovegrass sites).
- Surveying and monitoring of Railway corridors conducted around Whyalla to Pt. Augusta and Whyalla to Iron Knob/Baron road. Initial surveying of Kimba to Darke Peak railway for Buffel grass, African lovegrass and Silverleaf nightshade has begun.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Ongoing pest plant control activities, with a focus on weeds responding to rainfall in late April and May.
- Finalisation of new annual works template which will be part of MOU between Railways and NRM Boards (MOU still in draft stage).
- Aerial boxthorn control on unallocated crownlands planned, and will link in with works being completed through the WildEyre Project.
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Figure 4: Follow-up to previously controlled Buffel grass site

### Program 3: Managing Water Resources on Eyre Peninsula

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Stormwater management plans developed by councils and referred to Board are consistent with regional NRM Plan and legislative requirements	On track to deliver all milestones.	Jun 2015
Draft water allocation plan out for public consultation	On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.	Sep 2014
Water Allocation Plan endorsed by Minister	Unlikely to meet milestones.	Jun 2015
Develop implementation plan for WAP	On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.	Jun 2015
Water Affecting Activity applications are assessed and permits issued as appropriate. Water Affecting Activity inquiries responded to and breaches of NRM Act resolved.	On track to deliver all milestones.	Jun 2015
<b>TOTAL</b>		

#### Status

	On track to deliver all milestones.		On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.		Unlikely to meet milestones.
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Stormwater management plans developed by councils and referred to Board are consistent with regional NRM Plan and legislative requirements

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Liaised with Whyalla City Council to prepare a stormwater management plan. WCC are in the process of seeking funding.

#### Program highlights this year to date include:

- Tumby Bay Stormwater Management Plan was endorsed by Council and the EP NRM Board.
- A letter has been sent to Stormwater Management Authority, recommending for final approval.

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Provide support for Whyalla City Council to prepare a stormwater management plan

#### Draft water allocation plan out for public consultation

##### Program highlights this period include:

- Draft Water Allocation Plan released on 23rd March
- Draft WAP Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Plan released
- Public consultation to commence in late March / early April including public forums and targeted stakeholder meetings in Port Lincoln and Elliston

##### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Finalisation of the consultation process and preparation of the Consultation Report
- Finalisation of the WAP
- Finalisation of the WAP MERI Plan
- Finalisation of the WAP Implementation Plan

##### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Second round of targeted stakeholder meetings to be held in Port Lincoln and Elliston in late April/early May

#### Water Allocation Plan endorsed by Minister

- This has been delayed and will be completed following public consultation of the WAP.

#### Develop implementation plan for WAP

- An implementation plan is being developed and will be completed following public consultation of the WAP.

#### Water Affecting Activity applications are assessed and permits issued as appropriate.

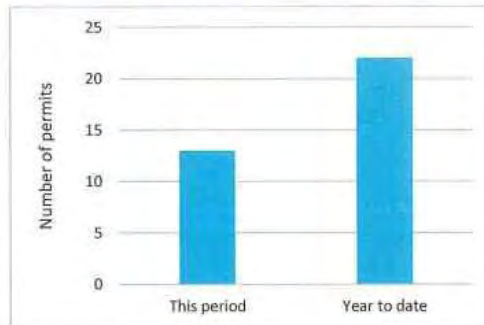


Figure 5: Number of WAA permits approved

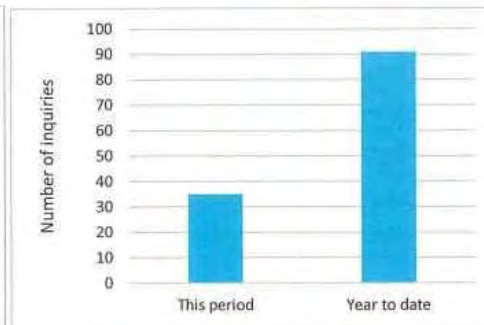


Figure 6: Number of WAA inquiries received

#### Water Affecting Activity inquiries responded to and breaches of NRM Act resolved.

##### Program highlights this period include:

- 28 water tests conducted
- 1 incident report at IR01 stage
- 1 incident report nearing completion
- 1 incident report closed



#### Program 4: Sustainable farming systems on the Eyre Peninsula

Actions / Deliverables		Status	Finish Date
Undertake an annual review with farming groups to identify the region's sustainable agriculture priority issues			Jun 2015
Work with farmers and farming systems groups to increase adoption of sustainable farming practices, trialing of innovative practices and improving knowledge and skills			Sep 2014
Action on the Ground – Round 1	Ongoing monitoring of trials, collection and analysis of nitrous oxide emission data		Jan 2015
	Draft final report submitted of project methods, results and outcomes		Apr 2015
	Harvest and record results from trials		Aug 2015
	Establish and monitor trials for 2015 season		Aug 2015
	Final peer review project report submitted		Aug 2015
Action on the Ground – Round 2	Undertake soil analysis and monitoring of trial sites		Oct 2014
	Implement communication activities		Oct 2014
	Harvest and record results from trials		Jun 2015
	Establish and monitor trials for 2015 season		Jun 2015
Manage support for the region's Sustainable Agriculture program			Jun 2015

**TOTAL**

#### Status

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Undertake an annual review with farming groups to identify the region's sustainable agriculture priority issues

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Engaged 5 sheep groups with a total of 27 farmers identifying regional issues
- 8 post-harvest Ag bureau meetings organised and facilitated

#### Program highlights this year to date include:

- A focus on finding the issues that matter to farmers rather than what we think they may be

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Further engage regional farmers and groups through online survey tools and collate all data gained for program prioritisation

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Work with farmers and farming systems groups to increase adoption of sustainable farming practices, trialing of innovative practices and improving knowledge and skills

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Implemented a 3 year soil acidity program to engage farmers and raise awareness of EP's critical soil pH levels
- Supported 5 twitter information workshops
- Livestock water quality workshop held with 15 farmers in attendance

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- 390 farmers engaged on farmer driven sticky beak days
- 11 farmer groups supported to implement activities in NRM and engagement of their members
- Support to EPARF & LEADA with their annual expos and field days (over 300 farmers)
- Cleve Field Days - display promoting Sustainable Agriculture and NRM

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Implement paddock soil acidity trials and engage farmers

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- 2 x Acidic soils 1/2 day workshop presenting sampling results and managing acid soils info (April)

#### Action on the Ground – Round 1

Research into improved farming practices. Delivered by SARDI/Minnipa-trials on Nitrous Oxide emissions from different farming practices.

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Final results of monitored sites undertaken

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- The gap between Nitrous Oxide emissions have been lower than anticipated across trial sites

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Compile results of the 3 year program, undertake a peer review final report of findings

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Report/article compiled for the 2015 EP Farming Systems booklet

#### Action on the Ground – Round 2

Research into improved farming practices. Delivered by Rural Solutions SA (soil technicians) – trials on soil modification to increase carbon & improve production on areas with high soil constraints

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Article submitted in the 2014 EP Farming Systems booklet
- All trials harvested and results compiled

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- All demonstration sites established for a 4 year monitoring program

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Soil sampling and management of trial plots for the upcoming season

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

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- None programed due to seeding

#### Manage support for the region's Sustainable Agriculture program

##### Program highlights this period include:

- LEADA EXPO supported and facilitated. Seventy attendees including fifty farmers (Fig 7)
- Supported the facilitation of 7 farmer groups in partnership with Minnipa & EPARF
- Supported land condition monitoring in partnership with DEWNR Sustainable Soil and Land Management
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##### Program highlights this year to date include:

- Regular segments on SCC & ABC radio promoting sustainable agriculture
- Leverage of funds from DEWNR Sustainable Soil and Land Management to add value to the Board's program
- Increased focus of NRM in the main farming systems groups - LEADA & EPARF
- Support to Ag Excellence to enable better facilitation of the linkages between the grains industry and NRM organisations

##### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- An effective hand over and transition to the new Sustainable Agricultural Officer
- Fulfill and meet all reporting and milestone requirements prior to the end of the financial year
- Further farmer engagement to identify the issues that the region's land managers

##### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Farm water security planning workshops to be held in July 2015






Figure 7: Over 70 people including 50 farmers attended the LEADA Expo

## Program 5: Managing our Coast and Marine Environment

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Work with local government, aquaculture and fishing industry and key landholders to facilitate activities to protect, restore or improve priority Coast and Marine environments		Jun 2015

TOTAL

### Status

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Work with local government, aquaculture and fishing industry and key landholders to facilitate activities to protect, restore or improve priority Coast and Marine environments

### Program highlights this period include:

- Promotion with all local councils, aquaculture and fishing industry, coastal community groups and coastal landholders to apply for the 2015-16 round of NR EP grants for natural resource management projects. Continued progression with Off Road Vehicle Strategy (ORV) strategy for EP Region in partnership with RDA and all coastal councils.
- Hooded Plover Biennial Count Survey coordinated across 57 routes on Southern and Eastern Eyre Peninsula (including 8 new routes). Count and threat data compiled and sent to Birdlife for analysis and reporting.
- Shorebird 2020 surveys completed for Coffin Bay, Sleaford and Franklin Harbour priority shorebird areas. Community shorebird monitoring event held in Franklin Harbour with 6 volunteers (Fig 8).

### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Continue to progress ORV Strategy with partners
- Finalise 2014-15 annual NRM projects.
- Liaise with new project applicants to develop and assess project proposals submitted for 2015-16 funding.
- Coffin Bay marine debris cleanups with Oyster industry

### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Media release, web promotion and local engagement for the annual grants currently open for expressions of interest.





Figure 8: NREP staff and volunteers participated in numerous shorebird monitoring activities

## Program 6: Managing our Resources in a Changing Climate

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Implement elements of regional adaptation plan through support of EPICCA		Apr 2015
		<b>TOTAL</b>

### Status

	On track to deliver all milestones.		On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.		Unlikely to meet milestones.
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### Implement elements of regional adaptation plan through support of EPICCA

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Board support to negotiate a new sectorial agreement, to ensure ongoing support and momentum for EPICCA
- Development of Adapt NRM Grants Program to encourage climate change adaptation
- Open call for Adapt NRM Grants Program applications across all sectors; providing a catalyst for sectorial adaptation to climate change impacts.

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Finalise 2015-16 Adapt NRM projects and negotiate contract ready for projects to commence on 1 July 2015
- Preparation of draft EPICCA sectorial agreement and work plan
- Coordination of first EPICCA meeting.




#### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Announcement of the first round of successful applicants for the Adapt NRM Grant Program
- EPICCA Climate change forum, for industry and community leaders planned for April.

## Program 7: Aboriginal Community Engagement in NRM on Eyre Peninsula

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Undertake strategies to support aboriginal employment and development of projects with aboriginal communities		Jun 2015
Plan and implement projects, engagement and training activities with Aboriginal groups and on Aboriginal homelands		Jun 2015
		<b>TOTAL</b>

### Status

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### Undertake strategies to support aboriginal employment and development of projects with aboriginal communities

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Program (Fig 9)
  - Has become increasingly popular with student base at PLHS and interest registered from Schools in Ceduna.
- Aboriginal Trainee Program
  - All three Trainee positions filled. Trainees fitting into organization and working well with field staff.
  - Trainees completed 4WD and ChemCert training.
  - As per agreement with the Board, Team Leader AP able to source some funding other than levy to support trainees this financial year.
- Aboriginal Labour Hire Initiatives
  - Aus Gov project contracts with Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation (CAC), Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council (PLACC) successfully being delivered and on track for completion June 30 (Delivering land management and conservation milestones on Aboriginal Homelands)
- Community Project Development
  - Increased interest from private landholders on the east coast to work with NREP staff and traditional owner groups on small projects including coastal knowledge exchange and co-development of interpretative signage.
  - Aboriginal Partnerships team leader consulting with State and Federal Government Green Army Program staff on adapting program to better suit Aboriginal Communities. This includes:
    - smaller teams
    - options for programs to run part time over 12 months instead of full time over 6 months. This will enable women with families to participate and also reducing 'boom bust' scenarios related to short term contracts.
    - Green Army participants able to participate in successive rounds to increase effectiveness of employment and training outcomes (ongoing employment and skill building opportunities vs 6 months and you're out)

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Ensure Aus Gov NLP funding acquitted and milestones are met
- Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting due mid-May in Whyalla.

#### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Article on trainee program



Plan and implement projects, engagement and training activities with Aboriginal groups and on Aboriginal homelands

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Rabbit baiting and boxthorn program completed for this summer across Homelands in Ceduna region.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**




- Revegetation activities to occur across 6 homelands
  - 2 x Port Lincoln
  - 4 x Ceduna
- Includes host species for two new Sandalwood plantations going in at Emu Farm and Koonibba



Figure 9: Students from the Port Lincoln High School participating in the Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Program

## Program 8: Communication, Education and Volunteer Support

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Targeted NRM communications delivered	On track	Jun 2015
Volunteer management framework implemented	On track	Jun 2015
Schools supported with Natural Resource content	On track	Jun 2015
Deliver forums on species and ecosystems conservation	At risk	Jun 2015
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Status		
	On track to deliver all milestones.	
	On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.	
	Unlikely to meet milestones.	

### Targeted NRM communications delivered

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Launch of Draft Water Allocation Plan (WAP) formal public consultation period
- Open of Adapt NRM grants
- Open of Annual NRM Project Proposals Expressions of Interest public grants
- Parks Week events coordinated by Friends of Parks Volunteers and staff
- 26 media release events

#### Program highlights this year to date include:

- Effective communications on the Business Plan
- Stakeholder meetings at Port Lincoln and Elliston on the draft WAP pre-consultation

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Draft WAP public consultation – stakeholder meetings and open house forums
- Draft WAP continuation of consultation process and second engagement and close out to formal (including Consultation Report finalised) and final Plan adoption
- Pest plant and animal management plans out for public feedback
- Update the regional Communications Policy and Communications and Community Engagement Plan (including communications strategies around Volunteers, Citizen Science, Education)
- Preparation of community engagement and media needs for the development of the 1) Managing our Resources Regional Plan 2) Caring for our Resources, 3) Coastal Vehicle Access Strategy, 4) EPICCA message promotion.

#### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Book launch – Coastal Fauna & Habitats of the Western Eyre Peninsula (part funded by NREP) 28 April public launch in Streaky Bay
- Soil acidity workshops promotions – 14 April Cleve, 15 April Koppio – hosted by Rural Solutions SA (part funded by NREP)

### Volunteer management framework implemented

#### Program highlights this period include:

- FoP Inc Strategic Plan & Future Directions regional visit – negotiating to have @ least one meeting on EP. Whyalla & Port Lincoln identified as suitable locations and interest from local groups to host a positive.
- Volunteer activities – various groups around the region have participated in national & state activities over the past 3-4 months including CUAD, shorebird monitoring, revegetation works, marine citizen science activities, bird monitoring, Park maintenance & repair works

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**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- Delivery of some initial citizen science projects
- 2020 Shorebird monitoring activities and contribution towards state & national data collection
- Marine debris survey program

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Volunteer groups & individuals database – activities, number of volunteers and hours updated
- Volunteer calendar of events – identifies activities groups have and plan to be involved in for remainder of 2015
- Development of work procedure for the collection and management of volunteer data
- Volunteer training – collation of training needs to be completed and development of training schedule

**Schools supported with Natural Resource content**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Presentation to NREP Board regarding regional education program

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- Delivery of Nature Play PD workshops - Whyalla
- DECD Back to Nature in Our Community conference presentations by NREP staff
- Indigenous Ranger Cadet program with Pt Lincoln HS
- Engagement of schools across all regions in marine debris survey program
- Venus Bay Environment Day

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- E-newsletter to all schools
- Planning and delivery of PD workshops (Term 2) – Whyalla &/ Pt Lincoln
- Detailed collation of school engagement activities across whole of EP region (2014-15 period)

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Delivery of school holiday sessions – Whyalla Library (14 & 15 April)
- Wipe out Waste sessions to be delivered by KESAB staff – Whyalla (17 – 19 June)

**Deliver forums on species and ecosystems conservation**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Ongoing engagement with oyster lease holders in regard to changes to clip types and impacts on marine mammals.
- Meeting with Local Government in relation to initiating stormwater management plan and implementing stormwater water quality improvement in Coffin Bay, a high ecological value aquatic ecosystem
- Working with Local Government to implement revegetation project on coastal reserve at Greenly Beach
- Promotion of Seaweed and Marine Parks week with community events and participation in Whyalla.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Upcoming Cuttlefish season monitoring and training
- Ongoing bird training workshops and providing assistance to existing groups

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- Presenting latest research on the newly identified species of Burrnan dolphins and the population in Coffin Bay

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## Program 9: Plan, Manage, Comply and Monitor Outcomes

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
Breaches of NRM Act are investigated	On track	Jun 2015
Develop and implement revised M&E strategy and provide regular reports to the Board	On track	Jun 2015
Draft revised regional NRM plan endorsed by Board	On track	Jun 2015
Draft plan out for public consultation	On track	Jun 2015
Planning referrals	On track	Jun 2015
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### Status

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### Breaches of NRM Act are investigated

#### Program highlights this period include:

- Inspected Completion of reparation of illegal WAA, water course works detected in early 2013 (IR 00202).
- Ongoing compliance and legislative advice education and liaison to Authorised Officers across the region in regard to varying issues from Pest plants and animals to WAA.
- Held Compliance working group meetings to determine emerging and ongoing issues across region
- Inspected report of person breeding feral rabbits within Port Lincoln City and allowing animals to burrow out and escape undermining house foundations. Report investigated and Voluntary compliance achieved to appropriately confine rabbits to cages.
- Increased report of feral deer on LEP. Highlight due to the awareness of locals that deer are a declared species and to report them. Historical deer property owners contacted regarding deer fencing. Planned use of SSAA to remove problem deer close to built-up residential area at Endeavour Heights
- Increased reports on NV clearances investigations ongoing in conjunction with ICU from DEWNR Keswick.
- Unauthorised works on Coastal Crown Lands in the Louth Bay area, investigations ongoing.
- Structures being erected on Coastal Crown Land at Lucky Bay (reported by District Council of Franklin Harbor Inspector). Inspection required, owners have been informed of duties and requirements to remove.
- Clearance of NV on Coastal Crown Land at Dutton Bay. Investigation ongoing with NV officers from Adelaide
- Planning for staff to be trained as AO's and refresher training for some staff.

#### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Compliance working group meetings to determine emerging issues and targeted operations.
- Monitoring of WAA and pest plant and animal issues across region
- Advice, liaison and assistance to all AO's across region (emerging issues)
- Monitoring Compliance database
- Increased issues of NV clearance and Unauthorized works on Crown Lands need to be monitored
- Efforts to control deer populations across region ('Rut' occurring at present, March to May), plan educational media release and enforce NRM Act.
- Assist in Training of NRM AO's and NPAW Wardens.

### Develop and implement revised M&E strategy and provide regular reports to the Board

- On-hold until strategic plan for NRM plan is further advanced.

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**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Develop strategic plan for regional NRM plan.
- Work with Board to develop strategic framework including prioritization criteria to determine priorities.

**Draft revised regional NRM plan endorsed by Board**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Developed draft sub-regional descriptions for the five sub-regions
- Stream 1 – six monthly progress report completed
- Formation and active use of the Board's working group for the regional NRM plan.

**Program highlights this year to date include:**

- Workshops with NRM Board in August and December
- Workshop with Aboriginal Advisory Committee in August
- Documentation of all engagement activities for the Regional NRM plan
- Development of strategic framework for regional NRM plan.
- Annual report for Stream 1 funding

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**

- Conduct five workshops with practitioners and stakeholders to identify opportunities for each sub-region
- Finalize sub-regional descriptions incorporating workshop inputs
- Develop strategic plan for regional NRM plan.

**Upcoming promotional events include:**

- None planned until finalization of strategic plan and sub-regional regional NRM plan. Will be next financial year.

**Draft plan out for public consultation**

- Delayed until regional NRM plan is finalized. To occur next financial year.

**Planning Referrals**

**Program highlights this period include:**

- Provided comment on Boston Rural Statement of Intent. Developed briefing paper for the Board
- Provided comment on Lucky Bay Construction Management Plan.
- Coordinated and commented on the Nature Resources Committee's Aquaculture Inquiry
- Coordinated and commented on the Environment, Resources and Development Committee's Biodiversity Inquiry
- Provided comment on several mining exploration licenses

**Upcoming priorities for the next period include:**




- Provide comments on DCLEP's coastal and general development plan amendment

## Program 10: Research, Development and Innovation

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date

**TOTAL**

### Status

	On track to deliver all milestones.		On track to deliver most milestones. May be some delays.		Unlikely to meet milestones.
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### Program highlights this period include:

- Ongoing support for innovative feral cat optimization project.
- Staff attendance at the DEWNR's Science Partnership Workshop
- Goanna citizen science monitoring
- SAOGA water monitoring project

### Upcoming priorities for the next period include:

- Field trials to test feral cat optimization grooming trap in Venus Bay Conservation Park exclusion area planned for May / June 2015.

### Upcoming promotional events include:

- Possible promotion of NR EP involvement / partnership support for Dr John Read's Feral Cat Optimization Project at National Feral Cat Summit in May.






### Program 11: Regional Manager / Business Support

Actions / Deliverables	Status	Finish Date
EPNRM Board and Committees supported in business and strategic planning, budgeting and financial management, and corporate governance (refer Board workplan)	Business Plan 15-18 completed and released for public consultation	Jun 2015
	Monthly Financial Reports provided	Jun 2015
	Board Meetings held as scheduled	Jun 2015
	Boards and Committees supported, 14-15 budget approved	Jun 2015
Programs and projects administered and milestones delivered		Jun 2015
Contracts and agreements administered and monitored		Jun 2015

**TOTAL**

#### Status

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#### EPNRM Board and Committees supported in business and strategic planning, budgeting and financial management, and corporate governance (refer Board workplan)

- Mid Year Business Reviews were conducted with Project Managers, including the compilation of data for presentation at April 2015 Risk and Audit Committee Meeting.
- Vehicle Logsheets submitted to comply with annual 2014-15 FBT year end.
- Monthly financial reports provided
- Board meetings held as scheduled

#### Programs and projects administered and milestones delivered

- National Landcare Program and other externally funded project reporting commitments are monitored. Milestones are tracked by Project Managers.

#### Contracts and agreements administered and monitored

- Process improvement opportunity identified, with contracts register reconciliations against general ledger, now being performed quarterly.
- Contracts and 2014-15 landholder funding agreements scope of works currently being finalised and signed off, recorded and monitored via contracts register.

### 3.10 Other Reports

#### 3.10.3 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils – Minutes of Committee Meeting Dated 21 May 2015

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members

**Date:** 26 June 2015

**Topic:** SAROC – Minutes of Meeting Dated 21 May 2015

**Report No:** SAROC 1-0615

SAROC COMMITTEE THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

#### MINUTES OF THE SAROC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 AT 8:07 AM AT SIR HUBERT WILKINS BUILDING JAMESTOWN AERODROME, JAMESTOWN

##### 1 PRESENT

Mayor Ray Agnew OAM	Central Local Government
Ms Ann Aldersey	South East LGA
Mr Peter Bond	Murray & Mallee LGA
Mayor David Burgess	Murray & Mallee LGA & LGA President
Mayor Denis Clark (Proxy)	Central Local Government
Ms Anita Crisp	Spencer Gulf Cities
Mayor Ann Ferguson OAM	Southern & Hills LGA
Mayor Bruce Green (Proxy)	Eyre Peninsula LGA
Mayor Peter Hunt	Murray & Mallee LGA
Mr Tony Irvine	Eyre Peninsula LGA
Mayor Neville Jaensch	Murray & Mallee LGA
Mayor Sam Johnson	Spencer Gulf Cities
Mr Graeme Martin	Southern & Hills LGA
Mr Paul McInerney	Central Local Government
Mayor Bill Spragg	Southern & Hills LGA
Mayor Erika Vickery	South East LGA & Chairperson
<i>LGA Representatives:</i>	
Mr Mark Searle	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Hitchcock	Director, Infrastructure
Mr Adam Gray	Director, Environment
Mrs Lisa Teburea	Director, Planning
Ms Skana Gallery	Senior Policy Officer Economic Development & Regions
Ms Astrid Crago	Acting Executive Assistant
<i>Observers:</i>	
Minister Geoff Brock	Minister for Local Government and Minister for Regional Development
Ms Alex Hart	Minister's Advisor
Cr Peter Jamieson	LGA Board Deputy Member

##### APOLOGIES

Mayor Duncan Kennington (Proxy)	Central Local Government
Mayor David O'Loughlin	LGA Immediate Past President
Mayor Keith Parkes (Proxy)	Southern & Hills LGA
Mayor John Rohde (Proxy)	Spencer Gulf Cities
Mayor Richard Sage (Proxy)	South East LGA
Mayor Leon Stasinowsky (Proxy)	Murray & Mallee LGA
Mayor Sam Telfer (Proxy)	Eyre Peninsula LGA

##### WELCOME

Mayor Clark welcomed members to Jamestown and the LGA President welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Regional Development was present.

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## **2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 18 March 2015**

Moved Mayor Peter Hunt and Seconded Mayor Bruce Green that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

**CARRIED**

### **2.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil.

### **2.3 Resolutions and Actions from the SAROC Committee Meeting - 18 March 2015**

Moved Mr Graeme Martin and Seconded Mayor Ray Agnew that the SAROC Committee notes progress with resolutions resulting from the 18 March 2015 meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **3 GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **3.1 Hon Geoff Brock MP - Minister for Local Government and Minister for Regional Development**

Minister Brock addressed the meeting about the recent Regional Summit and provided an update on Local Government activity.

### **3.2 Mr Bob Goreing of Community Engagement Group Australia (CEGA).**

The SAROC Committee received a presentation from Mr Bob Goreing regarding the Draft LGA Mining Engagement Protocol.

## **4 REPORT FROM THE LGA PRESIDENT**

### **4.1 LGA President's Report**

Moved Mayor Ray Agnew and Seconded Mayor Bruce Green that the SAROC Committee notes the report.

**CARRIED**

## **5 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MEETINGS**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

## **7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **7.1 SAROC Voting Entitlements**

Moved Mayor Bill Spragg and Seconded Mayor Denis Clark that the SAROC Committee:

1. receives the report; and
2. notes the voting entitlement of members of the SAROC committee.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 SAROC Strategic Plan**

Moved Mayor Ann Ferguson and Seconded Mayor Neville Jaensch that the SAROC Committee:

1. notes the report; and
2. endorses facilitation of a Strategic Plan workshop at the July 2015 SAROC committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Inquiry into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia**

Moved Ms Anita Crisp and Seconded Mayor Denis Clark that the SAROC Committee:

1. notes the report; and
2. advises the LGA Board that SAROC supports endorsement of the submission to the inquiry into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia.

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Mining Resources Protocol**

Moved Mr Tony Irvine and Seconded Mr Graeme Martin that the SAROC Committee:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the Local Government and Resources Industry Development in Regional South Australia – Community Engagement Protocol and Resources Pack;
3. endorses the use of a pilot region to test the Protocol on behalf of SAROC; and
4. seeks expressions of interest from regional LGAs to serve as a pilot region for the Protocol during 2015-2016.

**CARRIED**

### **7.5 Assessment of Farm Buildings**

Moved Mayor Neville Jaensch and Seconded Mayor Ray Agnew that the SAROC Committee:

1. notes the report;
2. notes that the LGA sought feedback from Councils on the draft Minister's Specification; and
3. notes the Submission made by the LGA.

**CARRIED**

### **7.6 Emergency Management Update**

Moved Mayor Ann Ferguson and Seconded Ms Ann Aldersey that the SAROC Committee:  
notes the report.

**CARRIED**

Minister Brock addressed the meeting regarding the previous day's announcement by the Treasurer on the Emergency Services Levy.

Moved Mr Tony Irvine seconded Mr Graeme Martin that the SAROC Committee recommends the LGA Board request the LGA President to write to the Treasurer, Minister for Emergency Management and Minister for Local Government seeking clarification of the basis and reasons for proposals to increase the Emergency Services Levy.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.7 Local Government Elections Voting Enrolment**

Moved Mr Peter Bond and Seconded Mayor Ray Agnew that the SAROC Committee:

1. notes the report; and
2. recommends the LGA Board request the LGA Secretariat to pursue the reinstatement of the property franchise on the voters roll.

**CARRIED**

### **8 LATE ITEMS**

Nil.

### **9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **9.1 Change to State Time Zone**

Mayor Bruce Green asked Minister Brock for an update on the proposed change to the South Australian time zone. Minister Brock said there would be no change at this point.

#### **9.2 Black Spot Funding**

Mayor Denis Clark spoke about funding needed at certain black spot locations and criteria needing to be addressed. Minister Brock acknowledged more funding was needed and would look into the locations raised by Mayor Denis Clark.

### **10 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the SAROC Committee will be held on Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 4.00pm at Local Government House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide. A light dinner will be provided at the start of the meeting.

### **11 CLOSE**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50am.



### 3.10 Other Reports

#### 3.10.4 Eyre Peninsula Councils Community Wastewater Management User Group – Minutes of Meeting 6 Dated 2 June 2015

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members  
**Date:** 26 June 2015  
**Topic:** EPCWMS – Minutes of Meeting 6 Dated 2 June 2015  
**Report No:** EPCWMS 1-0615



#### EYRE PENINSULA COUNCILS COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT (CWMS) USER GROUP

#### MINUTES – MEETING 6

**DATE:** TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015

**VENUE:** EPLGA BOARD ROOM, LIVERPOOL ST, PT LINCOLN

Attending:	Damian Windsor (Tumby Bay) Penny Williams (Streaky Bay) Ivan Noble, Fiona Ward (Cleve) Michael Inglis, Paul Rogers (Kimba) Gary Jutzen, Alex Douglas (Lower Eyre) Neil Haynes, Kelsie Trezise (Wudinna) Bernadette Clelland, Darren Zechner, Terry Barnes (Franklin Harbour) Grant Drummond (Ceduna) Mike Stephenson (Rashlee Pty Ltd) Niki Robinson, Rob Faunt (OTR) Tanja Stefanovic (WIA Transition Alliance)
Apologies	
Information Session by Office of the Technical Regulator	The Technical Regulator, Mr Rob Faunt, and Manager Water and Sewerage Regulation, Niki Robertson gave presentations on the role and function of the Office of the Technical Regulator and led an information session for Water Entities, discussing the requirements for Safety, Reliability, Maintenance and Technical Management Plans. The group now has a better understanding of the level of information required to be provided in the SRMTMP's which will need to be prepared individually by each Water Entity. Some common wording and phrasing for standard sections such as WHS, Procurement and Contractor Management will be transferable from Council to Council as the information is the same. Niki undertook to visit with each individual Water Entity to assist in the finalization of their SRMTMP's
Essential Services Commission of SA	Representatives have received an email via Tony Irvine, EO of the EPLGA from Natasha Cheshire from ESCoSA with a link to their website setting out proposed changes to reduce the red tape associated with annual reporting and price monitoring requirements of the Commission. The consensus was that the document was extensive but effectively had only minor changes proposed. The modification to a single reporting deadline for all components and the removal of the need for multiple sign-offs. It is hoped that a single reporting format can be developed between all reporting agencies to remove the need for multiple reports seeking duplicated information. A response will be forwarded to the LGA CWMS Program Manager for referral to Natasha and circulated to the group.

Water Industry Operators Association	Individual memberships to the Water Industry Operators Association are \$25 per year and provide a good opportunity for networking with other hands-on operators in the sector. The Association has a large Victorian and NSW member base and looking to expand into SA. Contact details and application forms will be circulated separately.
Funding of 2015/16 Group Meetings	Tony Irvine presented a summary of income and expenditure for the operation of the Group for 2014/15. Delegates agreed to fund contributions to the same level as last year. Tony will forward invoices accordingly.
Next meeting	Date to be determined.

Questions, omissions or additions please contact Mike direct by phone or email as below:

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### 3.10 Other Reports

#### 3.10.5 Eyre Peninsula Land Use Support Program Reference Group – Minutes Dated 25 May 2015

**To:** President and EPLGA Board Members

**Date:** 26 June 2015

**Topic:** EPLUS – Minutes Dated 25 May 2015

**Report No:** EPLUS 1-0615

## MEETING AGENDA

Monday 25 May 2015, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
PIRSA Conference Room, 5 Adelaide Place, Port Lincoln Level 7 101 Grenfell St, Adelaide (via video link)

### EPLUS Program Reference Group

#### Minutes

**Participants:** Susan Stovell (DEWNR), Nigel Long (SACOME), Helen Thomas (DSD), Martin Breuker (Health SA), Daniel Casement (PIRSA), Helen Lamont (EPLUS Program Manager), Trudy Huczko (for Darren Arney PPSA)

**Observers:** Melissa Muller (DSD), Bart Dessart (EPLUS Project Officer)

**Apologies:** Tony Irvine (EPLGA), Dion Donward (RDA WEP), Tim Deer (PIRSA), Darren Arney (PPSA), Amanda Bridges (RDA WEP)

#### 1. Welcome

Helen welcomed all to the meeting and recorded apologies from members unable to attend.

#### 2. EPLUS update

Bart Dessart provided an update on the activities EPLUS has been engaged with for the previous three months and plans for remaining months of Program.

Overall there has been little demand for assistance.

Three workshops were delivered to assist community understand the process for responding to public consultation on the approval processes for mining applications.

#### 3. Exit Strategy delivery

Helen facilitated a discussion with members about progress toward implementation of the Program Exit Strategy and Evaluation.

- Key resources have now been stored in the online government records system (Objective) with access for PIRSA and DSD. Files include all workshop information and resources, program documents and reports.
- A media release and newspaper adverts have been published
- The draft final report and evaluation are under development
- Website maintenance post program end has been investigated and will remain viable for the medium term at no cost

- One page outline of key contacts has been drafted for distribution to the key stakeholder groups and contact points
- an email update newsletter has been drafted for distribution to stakeholders outlining future arrangements

#### ACTIONS:

- Bart to circulate copy of media release to PRG members
- Bart to circulate the one page contact sheet to industry groups and service providers including stakeholders consulted as the start of the program
- Bart to meet with key stakeholders directly to discuss the program wind-down and collect feedback using a facilitated conversation with structured questions
- An online survey to be prepared and sent to stakeholders as well (Helen)
- Survey to include local exploration companies

#### 4. Reflections on the Program

Members discussed the overall success of the program and the potential needs moving forward.

#### Key points raised:

- Susan – The program was not able to achieve full “buy in” from stakeholders, and lacked strong ownership due to time taken to build trust. Gaining stronger ownership from the agricultural sector would have encouraged greater participation. An industry advocate may have assisted.
- Trudy – Could have spread the information wider with broader engagement, eg. information could have been posted on their websites. The workshops were not seen as having an independent perspective. Seen more as reflecting the regulator/promoter perspective. Would have been value in having presentations from primary producer groups and other independent sources to give balance. Would like to see more emphasis on negotiation and making agreements.
- Nigel - Industry associations would have been a valuable connection. It is important to have people on the ground to answer questions at a local level. Recognise that it is always a challenge to keep consistency in staffing
- Martin – Good to have health involved and to have the opportunity to contribute to the program
- Helen T – Appreciate the work done by Susan and Bart in developing and delivering the program. Overall the program has been valuable. Can see a need for ongoing liaison role between stakeholders, industry and community
- Melissa – The material produced is available for future programs. The community has appreciated the support provided.
- Bart – It has been good to hear the stories first hand. Need to learn from their experiences and use this in developing future programs. There was strong early engagement asking landholders how the program could be of value to them, however, in some important aspects the program was not

able to provide what was requested. There was great coverage with service providers and they have done referrals.

#### **5. Closure and Thankyou**

Helen indicated that this would be the last meeting of the PRG as the program will conclude on 30 June. Members will receive a copy of the final report for information once approved.

Melissa provided a final thankyou to members appreciating their input.

Meeting finished 3.20pm



## Eyre Peninsula Land Use Support (EPLUS) Program Review

December 2014

Prepared by Helen Lamont, Program Manager

### Introduction

This document provides an interim summary of feedback and thoughts captured from one on one discussions with EPLUS Reference Group members.

### Background

The Eyre Peninsula Land Use Support Program has been assisting landholders, primarily in the agriculture sectors of Eyre Peninsula, to more fully engage with opportunities and partnerships provided by investment in local exploration and mining. Activities have included provision of information and targeted support by linking to existing regional support services.

The Program will conclude on 30 June 2015.

The Reference Group was due to have a meeting in late November 2014 to review progress and seek feedback on effective delivery of the Program for the remaining period till 30 June 2015. Due to members commitments the meeting was deferred till early 2015.

To progress the review and develop modifications for the programs final months, including an exit strategy, the Program Manager undertook to meet with members one on one and capture member's thoughts and ideas.

The following is a summary of discussions with members representing:

- Dept. for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy
- Dept. Primary Industries and Regions SA
- Regional Development Australia (Eyre and Whyalla region)
- Country Health SA
- Dept. of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
- SA Chamber of Mines and Energy

### Summary of Feedback on EPLUS

#### *General:*

- Not receiving lots of concerns now. More concern being expressed in other regions, ie. York Peninsula and South East
- Ensure there is some legacy that will continue past the end of the program. Promote where services and information will continue to be available.
- Embed information in Council offices

#### *Promotion / Communications*

- Look for broader opportunities to promote the program eg. Dr surgeries, Council Offices, etc. with a one page flyer that includes contact details for staff
- Potential to improve communications with community once applications for approval have been submitted for assessment. Keeps community informed
- Use the remaining time for the staff to get out into the community and talk – attend meetings / workshops

#### *Further workshops:*

- Potentially develop a short workshop for community to better understand how to prepare submissions during public comment phase of submissions. Information on how government assesses applications, how to respond to the major issues, what “conditions” mean
- Could run a short workshop for landholders along the proposed transport corridor to assist them negotiation. Could invite landholder from other region who has been through this type of negotiation to assist in understanding what to do

#### *Overall delivery:*

- Too late now as the pressure from exploration has diminished. Needed to have the program 3-4 years ago
- Needed the Reference group developed at the start of program
- Community mistrust of regulator and industry developer delivering the program
- Too long to get any information approved and distributed

## **Recommended Approach**

In summary, at this stage of the review, it is recommended that the last Phases of the Program have a focus on:

1. Seek opportunity to actively promote the service. This would include:
  - a. Revising the flyer and placing copies in service provider offices in regional towns – including Dr surgeries and Council offices
  - b. Develop promotional advertising in local print media to encourage community to contact staff
2. Develop an additional short workshop /s to include:
  - a. Understanding the approval process and responding to public comment on submissions
  - b. Investigate the opportunity to delivery workshops/s similar to those on EP, for community on York Peninsula
3. Develop a strategy and actions to ensure information is available once the program has finished.

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period ending 15 June 2015 and Balance Sheet as at 15 June 2015 – refer page 95-98**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board receives the Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for the period 1 July 2014 – 15 June 2015 and Balance Sheet as at 15 June 2015.*

## Budget 14 - 15 Budget Comparison as at 15 June 2015

BUDGET COMPARISONS 6/17/2015		2014/15 Estimate	2014/15 Actuals YTD
<b>Income</b>			
LGA of SA		63305	60805
Outreach Services Funding	LGSA	70000	120000
Project Income - EP Councils	In addition to member subscriptions	120472	120472
Grants - Other	Emergency Management Plans	73334	73334
Interest Received		9000	6360
Membership Subs		151424	151423
Other Income		0	0
Reimbursements		0	0
		487535	532394
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Exec Officer Employment Costs</b>			
Salary	(including \$15k for own Vehicle)	118132	113637
Workcover		2599	1180
Employer Super		11813	11363
<b>Admin &amp; Office Expenses</b>			
Admin General		4150	1611
Audit		2400	1200
Bank Charges		825	380
Insurance		5878	5549
IT		5000	3145
Meeting Expenses - Board		7000	5315
Office Rental & Other costs- RDA		9105	0
Reimbursable Expenses		0	0
President's Allowance		2000	1505
Secretarial Services - RDA		17680	0
Telephone		950	926
Training & Professional Development		500	0
Travel other than Private Vehicle		10000	10338
<b>Projects</b>			
Projects - LGA Funded		25000	14726
Projects - Council Funds		120472	101239
Projects - EPLGA Regional Capacity		55500	37816
Projects - EPLGA Board Funded		80000	38446
Projects - Other		73334	73334
		354306	265561
<b>Total Expenses</b>		552338	421710
<b>Total Income</b>		487535	532394
		-64803	110684

## Budget 14 - 15 Budget Comparison as at 15 June 2015

<b>Equity:</b>			
Opening Balance	3895	3895	3895
Retained Earnings	249347	179700	179700
Net Income	-69647	-64803	110683
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>183595</b>	<b>118792</b>	<b>294278</b>
<b>Project Funding Break Downs</b>		<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Actuals YTD</b>
LGA of SA	Regional Capacity	38305	38305
	Mining Taskforce	10000	10000
	CWMS Users Group	15000	12500
		63305	60805
Joint Project Income - EP Councils	CWMS Users Group	15000	15000
	Emergency Management Plans	33000	33000
	Tourism	72472	72472
		120472	120472
Grants - Other	Emergency Management Plans	73334	73334
<b>Total Project Income</b>		<b>257111</b>	<b>254611</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
LGA of SA - Project funds	Shared Services	0	1500
	Mining Taskforce	10000	0
	CWMS users Group	15000	13226
		25000	14726
EPLGA - Joint Project Funds	Procurement Road Map	0	982
In addition to subscription funds	CWMS Users Group	15000	13226
	Emergency Management Planning	33000	14559
	Tourism	72472	72472
		120472	101239
Regional Capacity Funded	Special Local Roads Prioritisation	10000	0
	Regional Roads Strategy/ Hierarchy	38000	35576
	EPLGA Committees & Groups Mtgs	7500	2240
		55500	37816
EPLGA Board Funded projects	Mining Taskforce	50000	38446
From Subscription funds	Regional Strategic Plan Plan	30000	0
	Regional Waste Strategy Review	0	0
	Regional Sport & Rec Strategy Review	0	0
	Emergency Management Planning	0	0
		80000	38446
Projects - Others	Emergency Management Planning	73334	73334
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>354306</b>	<b>265361</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>-97195</b>	<b>-10950</b>



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### Balance Sheet

### EPLGA Balance Sheet As of June 15, 2015 Jun 15, 15

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

##### Chequing/Savings

Bank SA Society	85,778.68
Bendigo 6 Mth Term	147,438.53
CORES EP - 3 month term	8,590.13
LGFA - EPLGA 1 HR Project	43,834.25
LGFA (at call)	23,276.25

**Total Chequing/Savings** 308,917.84

##### Accounts Receivable

Trade Debtors	66,000.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>66,000.00</u>

**Total Current Assets** 374,917.84

**TOTAL ASSETS** 374,917.84

#### LIABILITIES

##### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

Accrued Annual Leave Provision	2,610.02
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##### Payroll Liabilities

PAYG Liabilities	5,032.00
Statewide Super	
Employer Super T.Irvine	454.55
Salary Sacrifice T.Irvine	136.36
<b>Total Statewide Super</b>	<u>590.91</u>

**Total Payroll Liabilities** 5,622.91

##### Reserves

CORES EP	8,389.77
T Irvine Long Service Leave	10,069.75
Unspent Project Funds	51,129.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<u>69,588.52</u>

**Tax Payable** 2,817.91

**Total Other Current Liabilities** 80,639.36

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES** 80,639.36

**NET ASSETS** 294,278.48

#### EQUITY

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### Balance Sheet

### EPLGA Balance Sheet As of June 15, 2015

Retained Earnings	179,700.52
Net Income	110,683.35
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>294,278.48</b>

**5 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**5.1 Deputations/Presentations - Nil**

**5.2 Petitions – Nil**

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS – Motions on Notice and Without and Questions**

**6.1 From the Floor**

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 Correspondence for Decision

#### 1-0615 Nuclear Energy

##### COMMENTS:

Terry Krieg, Member of the Australian Nuclear Forum met with me to hand deliver the attached correspondence.

He has addressed the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce and is a passionate supporter of nuclear energy and the full nuclear cycle. He has radically changed his view from being anti-nuclear to pro-nuclear when he undertook it to personally investigate the facts.

Terry wishes to address the EPLGA Board at its September 2015 meeting.

In the interim, Terry has provided me with detailed information to present to the EPLGA Board to encourage the Board to be a stronger leader in assisting the economy of our State by also being pro-nuclear.

Today we have Jon Bok, Regional Engagement Manager, Nuclear Royal Commission addressing us on the issue of the nuclear cycle.

##### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board invites Terry Krieg to the September 2015 Board meeting to present on the nuclear cycle.***
- 2. That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board sources the findings of the Royal Commission into the nuclear full cycle prior to declaring the Board's position in relation to this matter.***

#1-0615

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June 13th 2015



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A LETTER TO MAYORS, RHODE, POLLOCK, JOHNSON AND GREEN.

Dear Tony, a copy of my letter etc to abovenamed mayors

The Alinta Energy announcement regarding the closure of their two Port Augusta power stations with the attendant demise of the Leigh Creek mine and the town of Leigh Creek, has exacerbated the already dire state of South Australia's economic condition. We now have the highest unemployment rate in Australia. We're already a mendicant state and destined to become more so if we don't start soon, doing something radical and imaginative by way of jobs, industry and infrastructure development. In February, I spoke briefly to a meeting of the infrastructure development board of the EPLGA about what I believe we need to do to arrest the increasingly crippling economic decline occurring in South Australia. We have to get serious about developing the full nuclear fuel cycle over coming decades in our state. The Royal Commission looking at the nuclear question does not report for another year. Then government and opposition will debate it before legislating one way or another. Give that another year. In my view, that's too far into the future and we the people need to do our best to hurry things along. As our community leaders, I believe you have a duty to start speaking out now about the huge opportunities for our regions [EP and the North] once we get into expanding the nuclear industry. I am including some of my writings about nuclear power etc of the past few years for your information. Please study them closely. Please note the absolute folly were we to embark on further expansion of the renewables, especially solar thermal for the production of base load electricity. The sun and the wind have never, nor will they ever be capable of delivering base load electricity. We need to understand that now and get on with promoting the technology that can guarantee a secure, safe, affordable, emissions-free base load supply of electricity. In Australia, the only one capable of achieving that is nuclear. If you still have fears about nuclear, then ask yourself the following question: As of April 2015, according to the World Nuclear Association newsletter, why are 32 countries continuing to generate 15% of the world's electricity in 436 reactors, those countries and 17 others are building 70 reactors right now, 174 reactors have been firmly planned and 301 proposed for the future? Clearly, the world is going increasingly nuclear and at pace. And the best we can do in South Australia [Australia], is to mine uranium and make yellowcake and export it to 22 other countries to produce clean, base load electricity. And this happens in our region where we have the biggest single deposit of uranium on the planet [Olympic Dam] and the world's best high level nuclear waste disposal site [Officer Basin]. Rather pathetic don't you think? I'm copying this letter to Dion Dorward and Tony Irvine.

Yours sincerely

Terry Krieg



# Wake up to nuclear power

BY TERRY KRIEG

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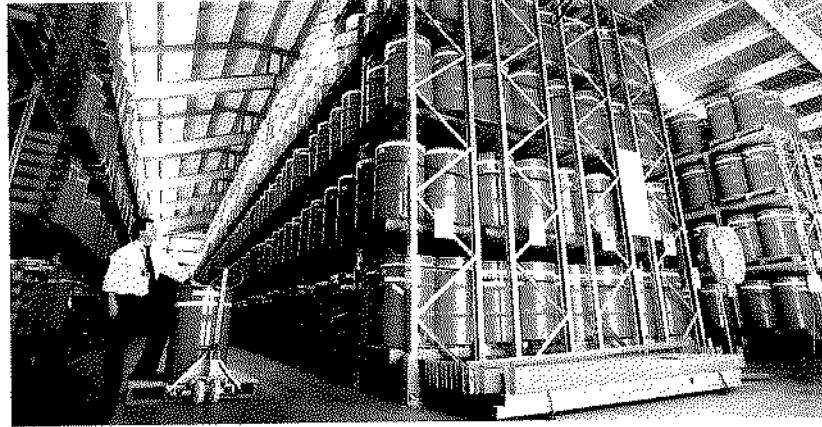
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6 years ago!!!

The December issue of this journal described the enormity of the BHP Billiton operation at Olympic Dam and Ziggy Switkowski's call for Australia to include nuclear power in our future energy mix. I believe there's a huge opportunity for Australia and South Australia if we wake up to the truth about nuclear power and its potential to help save the planet.

Despite Australians' anxieties about nuclear power, the world is increasingly going nuclear, and governments and energy authorities around the globe are calling for an urgent rise in world nuclear power generation to provide energy security without greenhouse emissions.

In late 2007, the US Deputy Energy Secretary said that "the USA should work towards a world where nuclear power becomes the primary source of global energy", and that "no person can be serious about



climate change without being serious about greatly expanding nuclear power."

As a former geology teacher, I got up close and personal with Olympic Dam in 1991, when I took 41 students underground at the site. It was an impressive

operation then, with 55km of tunnels, several 30m by 30m by 100m open stopes, and a six-storey crusher 500m below the surface. We were gobsmacked!

Most citizens know by now just how big Olympic Dam is. What they don't know is that west of the site lies the

fortuitous set of circumstances. I believe we should offer the world that site for the disposal of some of its waste.

The technical problems of nuclear waste were solved decades ago. Current problems are political.

The basin meets the strict International Atomic Energy Agency site criteria better than other world sites. In addition, it lies about 350km north-west of Ceduna and not far from Ambrosia and Challenger, and is as remote a site as could be found on the planet. It's a perfect location for an international nuclear waste repository.

And according to Access Economics 1998 figures, the repository could generate 20,000 infrastructure development jobs, 2500 operational jobs and at least \$5 billion per year, including \$2.5 billion in taxes and royalties from user countries.

I believe there's a compelling argument for Australia to assume a major leadership role in the global nuclear industry. By all means, continue to develop the renewables and other technologies (eg clean coal, geothermal) but at the same time understand that we can never hope to keep this country powered without greenhouse gases. Only nuclear power can guarantee that, even when we do have clean coal technology.

Nuclear is the energy of the future and most countries are saying as much.

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## We should offer the world the Officer Basin for the disposal of some of its waste

Officer Basin – an old, stable, sedimentary basin, which is the best of just a few suitable sites on the planet for the disposal of nuclear waste.

In the SA desert, we have the world's biggest uranium deposit and the world's best waste-disposal site. What an incredibly

# Nuclear failure sidelines Australia

6 years ago!!

Despite Australians' anxieties about nuclear power, its generation is growing rapidly worldwide. Terry Krieg puts the case for a nuclear Australia.

Governments and energy authorities around the globe are calling for an urgent rise in world nuclear power generation to provide energy security without greenhouse emissions. In late 2007, the US Deputy Energy Secretary said that: "The USA should work towards a world where nuclear power becomes the primary source of global energy," and that, "no person can be serious about climate change without being serious about greedily expanding nuclear power." In response, 20 countries are currently building 61 power reactors adding to the 32 countries already generating 16 percent of the world's electricity in 40 reactors. They understand that only nuclear can deliver their emissions-free base load power supply. They also recognise that the finite, discontinuous renewables (wind, sun) will never contribute more than a small fraction of their growing energy needs.

It's clear that Australia is in urgent need of some bold, imaginative leadership following familiarisation with the facts about nuclear power from our governments. Unfortunately, because of the hang over of the Cold War, exaggerated fears of weapons

proliferation and the consistent misinformation, half truths and often downright lies peddled by the anti-nuclear ideologues, Australia has failed to develop the cleanest, greenest, safest most powerful source of energy known to mankind. This is despite being blessed with the world's largest uranium reserves and the world's best nuclear waste disposal site, both here in South Australia. Australia has been negligent in its failure to develop nuclear power and has become sidelined as a result.

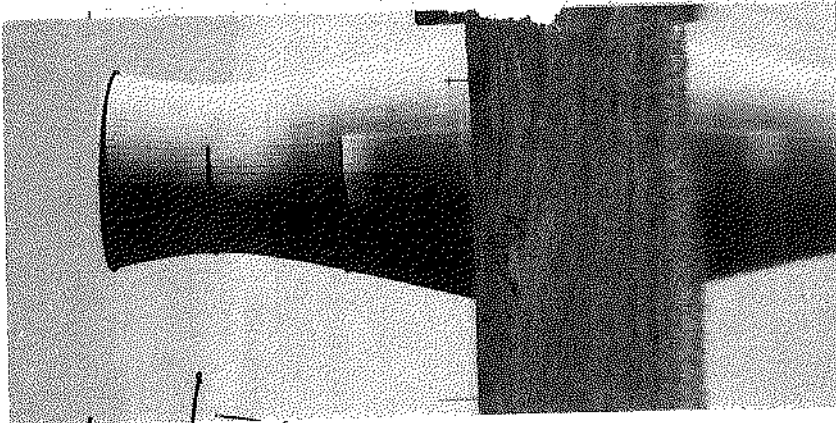
Both major political parties have nuclear supporters within their ranks. John Howard called for a nuclear debate in 2007 and Greg Hunt and Malcolm Turnbull have spoken in favour of it. Martin Ferguson, Bob Hawke and AWU Secretary Paul Howes support nuclear power. Instead of each party using the issue to wedge the other, it's time that a Liberal/Labor bipartisan position was reached. And the Greens must surely be aware by now that champion Green, James Lovelock (Gael) and Patrick Moore (founding chair of Greenpeace), both formerly anti-nuclear, are now strongly pro-nuclear and see it as essential in the global emissions

reduction effort. When James Lovelock was here in SA in 2007, he rightly noted that, "it doesn't make any sense that Australia has not already gone nuclear". One thing is certain, Australia should be able to do a lot more for itself and the planet than just mining uranium and making yellowcake.

As Australia goes nuclear, the opportunities for South Australia are enormous. We are in the box seat to become an energy powerhouse and a leader in the world nuclear industry once we begin the development of the full nuclear fuel cycle in our state. What follows is my vision, now 10 years old, for the next 30 years of development in South Australia.

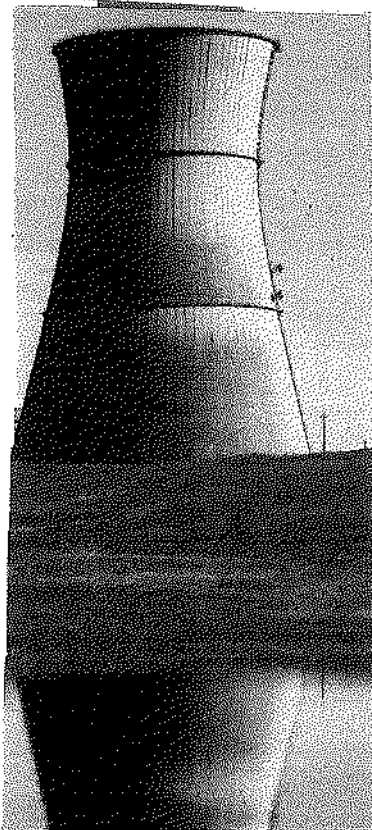
It's based essentially on our mineral and energy reserves, especially uranium and promises to make us one of the richest states in the Commonwealth.

The Officer Basin site in South Australia could provide a much-needed international high-level nuclear waste repository (dump). The small quantities of existing waste 250,000 tonnes produced over the past 50 years from 33 nuclear power generating countries) and even smaller future amounts because of the development of



(18/2) *can't make any sense of it*  
the fast neutron reactor/means that the Officer Basin site has the potential to remove from the environment forever all of the world's nuclear waste. It could certainly handle all of the waste generated by countries without suitable burial sites including many of those to which Australia exports yellowcake. Though increased reprocessing will certainly occur, ultimately there will be some waste to be disposed of in an environmentally sustainable manner. Deep





burial in geologically stable zones is the preferred option of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Commissioning such a repository would be an eminently sensible first step in the development of the full nuclear fuel cycle in Australia. Australia could claim the moral high ground on the nuclear waste issue and establish itself as a leader in the rapidly growing world nuclear power generating industry.

1. The first step would be for our government to establish a nuclear education program in our schools to teach students the basics of nuclear energy and the benefits it will bring to their lives, including serious reductions to their carbon footprint. In association with that, the government needs to develop at least one and preferably two university schools of nuclear science/engineering, one in Sydney (Lucas Heights), the other in Adelaide (uranium capital of the world).

2. The second step should be the development of an international high level nuclear waste repository in the stable sediments of the Officer Basin serviced by a purpose built road or railway running from the western Eyre Peninsula coast where a small port facility could receive purpose-built ships carrying waste from other countries. Such ships and facilities have been handling and transporting high-level nuclear materials, including waste, safely and securely across the oceans of the world since the early 1960s with never an accident in which nuclear materials leaked into the environment.

3. The third step would be to establish a nuclear cogeneration power and desalination plant at or near

Ceduna to provide water for Roxby Downs, Olympic Dam expansion and Eyre Peninsula towns and power for the grid. This negates a Whyalla desalination plant and removes the perceived and probable real threat to the various Spencer Gulf fisheries from the release of brine into the gulf waters where limited water circulation occurs.

4. The fourth step would be for BHP Billiton to build its own nuclear reactor to provide the power needs of the expanded Olympic Dam mine and the town of Roxby Downs with excess power fed into the grid. This negates the 275Kv gas fired power line from Port Augusta to Olympic Dam. The South African designed Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) could be used. PBMRs are small 165 MW units which can be established on site where the power is needed. They are gas cooled using helium so no water is needed for cooling. Being modular, additional units can be added as needed and they are cheap and quick to build, requiring about two years for construction.

5. The fifth step would be the expansion of the Whyalla port and the development of new industries including uranium enrichment appropriate for power reactors and nuclear fuel manufacture, both based on Olympic Dam yellowcake. Australia would become a major supplier of low enriched uranium and nuclear fuel rods, to the increasing number of nuclear power generating countries. Australia would take its rightful place as a leader in future world energy supply and use. As Saudi Arabia is the oil energy centre of the world, Australia, and especially South Australia, could become the nuclear energy centre of the world. We could take back spent fuel from countries using our nuclear products for further reprocessing and the final storage of any waste generated. Volumes of waste will be very small as the new Generation IV Integrated Fast Reactors gradually come on line over the next 20 years.

6. The final step would be to continue the inclusion of nuclear power in our own future energy mix. With Leigh Creek facing a limited life, perhaps as little as 10 years, now is the time to plan the phasing out of the coal burning power station at Port Augusta and the phasing in of a nuclear one.

While all of the above is going on, numerous other developments in minerals and energy will be occurring including those at Ambrosia, Challenger and Prominent Hill, all adding significantly to South Australia's economic and employment growth and the opening up of previously unoccupied lands in the north and west. The future is bright for South Australia but we need to get serious about getting the best out of our fortuitous uranium supplies. A government that wants infrastructure development, a secure, clean energy future, new industries and more jobs for its people, would need to rethink the misguided, illogical and somewhat hypocritical attitude to nuclear power. They need to start now.

**Terry Krieg is a retired teacher and member of the Australian Nuclear Forum.**

## SOLAR THERMAL AS A REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR PORT AUGUSTA POWER STATION

### INTRODUCTION :

1. Renewables require an order of magnitude more materials per TWh of electricity supplied than nuclear. That means, renewables require more mining, processing, manufacturing, fabrication, construction, decommissioning and disposal and transport between all stages than with nuclear.
2. Australia's Federal Government has committed us to waste about \$25-30 billion on subsidies for renewables by 2020. That is for a negligible amount of energy. It's an enormous waste of money.
3. If the NEW's electricity was to be generated by a mix of solar thermal, photovoltaic, wind, hydro, and either biomass or gas as the back up, the CO2 abatement cost would be about \$300/tonne of CO2 avoided. That's about 30 times the current EU carbon price and 13 times the Australian carbon tax.

### THE WORLD'S LARGEST, MOST RECENT SOLAR THERMAL PLANT IS AT IVANPAH, CALIFORNIA.

1. The cost for power will be about \$19/W of average power delivered.
2. The name plate capacity is 370 MW
3. The expected average energy generation per year is 1000,000 MW.
4. The capacity factor is 31%.
5. This means that the average power output is about 115 MW [about 1/10 of new nuclear output].
6. Cost is \$2.2 billion which is \$19/Watt average electricity supplied.
7. This is 3X the cost of some recent nuclear power plant builds that most environmentalists have accused of being prohibitively expensive.
8. The heliostats used in the project weigh in at 30,000 tonnes. That's 262 tonnes of heliostats per MW electric average. That's just for the heliostats, not even foundations not to mention the tower and power block.
9. The power plant area to be bulldozed over is 20X larger than that required by a nuclear reactor of equivalent average [real] capacity [twin unit AP 1000].
10. Finally, nuclear is safer than any other electricity generation technology including wind and solar.

Check: <http://nextbigfuture.com/2012/06/deaths-by-energy-source-in-forbes.html>

### FOR THE ROLE WHICH NUCLEAR SHOULD PLAY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Check : <http://www.zerocarbonoptions.com>.

My letter printed in the Adelaide Advertiser today, Sept 3rd 2014.

#### CLEAN ENERGY PLAN

Great news for uranium in the Advertiser yesterday.

BHP Billiton can get on with its heap leach uranium recovery trial and Tony Abbott is off to India to finalize an agreement with PM Narendra Modi concerning Australian sales of uranium to India.

Now, here's what else should happen in coming years.

1. The Government and Opposition came together soon and legislate for the inclusion of nuclear power in our energy mix.

2. They should then agree to develop the full nuclear fuel cycle here in South Australia.

3. Australia should then offer the world the Officer Basin for the development of a long over-due international nuclear waste disposal site.

4. For Olympic Dam and Eyre Peninsula water supplies, a desalination plant at Ceduna should be built.

5. BHP Billiton should supply its own power by establishing a bank of small modular reactors at Olympic Dam.

6. Industries of uranium enrichment and reprocessing and fuel rod manufacture should be established at Whyalla.

7. Part Augusta coal power should be replaced with nuclear.

If all of that can happen over the next 25-30 years, South Australia will become the "clean energy capital of the world." And we'll create tens of thousands of jobs, many new industries and hundreds of billions in investment dollars in the process. Plus, we'll no longer languish at the bottom of the Australian economic pile.

TERRY KRIEG

Part Lincoln.



## THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA - A HISTORY

1. Lucas Heights began in 1957 and the Highflux Australian Reactor [HIFAR] started up on 26/1/1958.
2. Keith Alder joined AAEC in 1954. In charge of research from 1962 – 1982.
3. All work directed at peaceful uses of atomic energy.
4. Worked on nuclear power, uranium and nuclear fuel cycle from late 50's.
5. Australia had permanent seat on Board of Governors of the IAEA. [Sir Phillip Baxter].
6. There were world class developments in isotopes, radiation and nuclear physics.
7. Politicians kept changing the rules but the staff showed resilience in the face of politically motivated changes, many caused by ignorance-based dogma.
8. In the 1970's efforts were made to introduce nuclear power. Water reactor research was done with emphasis on heavy water [deuterium]. Development of nuclear fuel know-how. Study of enrichment technology began. Process "at home" rather than being a quarry for "Big brother"
9. Many Australians with Canada and UK in research and making reactors. Many in the USA, Chalk River [Canada], Risley, Windscale and Harwell in UK. Researchers in Germany, France and India.
10. 1971, all major countries passed initiatives from governments to industry.
11. Jervis Bay Project initiated in 1969. Feasibility study for 500MW nuclear power station in ACT or Jervis Bay. Jervis Bay chosen. Project canned by PM Mc Mahon in 1969.
12. Soon after that, enrichment possibilities considered.
13. 1971 –U processing considered. It was a start, stop, start, stop affair.
14. 1971-72 study with the French, 1972- 73 with the Germans, 1976-77 with Japan. Showing great promise. Then again thwarted by politics- study terminated.
15. 1972 Labor – forget it and so French accepted partners from Spain, Italy, Belgium.
16. Mining, sales of uranium, exploration and treatment in NT over 5 years. All responsibilities taken by private sector. AAEC uranium branch abolished in May 1979.
17. CSIRO went into Lucas Heights but AAEC still had a role in nuclear fuel cycle especially development of gas centrifuge technology. Then that went belly-up [Government decision].
18. In 1981 [I was in Canada walking across the top of their research reactor [operating] at Chalk River], study of a conversion plant to make UF<sub>6</sub> near Port Pirie.
19. 1983, Labor government scaled down all development except that of "Synroc" [Ted Ringwood]. All of this work should have been vital in setting up an Australian uranium processing industry. What have we done instead?
20. We have closed down and destroyed our own know-how, all research and development on uranium enrichment and all aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle because of political ideology and in a country which currently has a third of the world's known uranium reserves. "THE CLEVER COUNTRY" more like, "THE STUPID COUNTRY"
21. We have thrown away one opportunity after another in the past. However, the opportunities will remain if we've got the good sense to take advantage of our main bargaining point – OUR URANIUM RESERVES. Let's hope we're over our STUPIDITY soon.

*This was included in my 4<sup>th</sup> Radio Notions  
Deekam's Razor talk given Feb 2014.*

## 7.1 Correspondence for Decision cont.

### 2-0615 Registration of Council Earth Moving Equipment

#### COMMENTS:

The registration of Council earth moving equipment is farcical to say the least.

I call on the delegates from the District Council of Kimba to share their experiences, as they were the first to encounter the comical situation.

The LGA of SA has weighed in on this and conducted discussion with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the outcomes of which are pending.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

*That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and the Local Government Association of South Australia continue to pursue the matter of registration of Council earth moving equipment in an effort to achieve a common sense solution to this major issue.*



2-0615  
**Local Government Association**  
of South Australia

The **Voice**  
of Local  
Government

In reply please quote our reference: 621560 / DH ; LC



10 April 2015

6.2.14

Mr Michael Deegan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)  
77 Grenfell Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Mr Deegan

**Registration of Council Earth Moving Equipment**

I am writing regarding recent registration restrictions being applied to Council earth moving equipment.

I refer to a particular incident whereby the District Council of Kimba recently purchased a new Caterpillar 12M motor grader, however the item could not be registered until it was inspected by DPTI inspectors who subsequently placed specific and restrictive conditions not previously applied to similar equipment.

Specifically registration is subject to a permit with specific conditions such as:

1. only being able to operate within the District Council of Kimba boundary (this now means Council cannot undertake work for neighbouring Councils as well as DPTI works which are out of district);
2. vehicle is to be driven on public roads for short distances only and for large distances vehicles must be transported as a load (to transport a grader around on a low loader is not always practical); and
3. travel is only permitted in daylight hours (in the interests of safety Council have always worked machines with work lights on and have been permitted to work at night, according to the new permit the work lights must not be switched on).

The permit number for Council's new grader is NP 257386.

As you can appreciate, this issue extends to all South Australian Councils undertaking road construction and maintenance works and our Board is keen to ensure there is some clarity and understanding around the legality of use.

I understand a similar issue, in relation to movement of agricultural equipment has been raised via the State Government 90-Day Project regarding Agriculture and Transport.

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The Local Government Association Board has requested we seek urgent discussion with you on this matter and I have arranged for Ms Jacquie Kelleher, Manager Executive Services, LGA, to contact your offices to arrange a suitable meeting time and date.

For further information please contact Mr David Hitchcock, Director Infrastructure, via email on [david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au) or phone 8224 2052.

Yours sincerely



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Copy to: Mr Tony Irvine, EPLGA

**7.1 Correspondence for noting only – no recommendations/actions required:**

- 3-0615 RAA: Lincoln Highway Overtaking Lanes on EP**
- 4-0615 The office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure: Overtaking Lanes on EP**
- 5-0615 The office of the Minister for Investment and Trade: SA Time Zone Change**
- 6-0615 Essential Services Commission of SA: Consultation with minor and intermediate water retailers**
- 7-0615 BP Australia: GAB Exploration Drilling Environment Plan Consultation**
- 8-0615 LGA of SA: LGA Outreach Services Program**



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30 March 2015

Mr Tony Irvine  
Executive Officer  
Eyre Peninsula  
Local Government Association  
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Dear Mr Irvine

**Lincoln Highway Overtaking Lanes**

Thank you for your letter to RAA concerning the need for overtaking lanes on the Lincoln Highway.

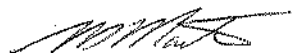
RAA fully supports the provision of overtaking lanes at regular intervals along major routes because these provide safer overtaking opportunities, significantly reducing the risk associated with overtaking slower vehicles on two lane, two way roads.

In 2009, RAA recommended in its document entitled towards "Towards 2020 RAA's vision for South Australian Roads" that four overtaking lanes be constructed on the Eyre Peninsula which included the Lincoln Highway. In 2014, RAA undertook an assessment of the regional highways on the Eyre Peninsula which included the Lincoln Highway. The final report noted that while there have been a number of improvements to this route since our previous assessment, the absence of overtaking lanes was evident, making overtaking difficult, particularly on the section between Pt. Augusta and Whyalla, due to the volume of traffic travelling in both directions.

RAA has therefore recommended that overtaking lanes need to be constructed on this section of the highway as a matter of priority.

If you would like to discuss the recommendations of our regional road assessment of the Eyre Peninsula, please contact me on 8020 4568 or via email at [cmountain@raa.com.au](mailto:cmountain@raa.com.au)

Yours sincerely



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Mr Tony Irvine  
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Dear Mr Irvine

On behalf of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon Stephen Mullighan MP, I acknowledge your letter received on 6 March 2015, regarding Eyre Peninsula highways.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a response will be forwarded at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Michael Harnett  
Ministerial Liaison Officer to the  
**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

10 March 2015

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Dear Mr Irvine

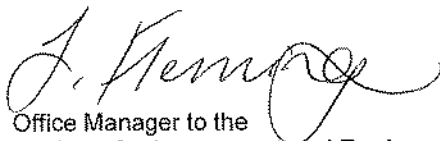
On behalf of the Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, Minister for Investment and Trade, thank you for your recent letter regarding the time zone change.

We have begun a state-wide consultation process on the merits of changing the State's time-zone. The consultation will explore whether South Australia's time-zone is a barrier to our social and economic activities.

Your contribution has been noted and has been forwarded to form part of the consultation process.

I encourage you to visit [www.yoursay.sa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au) for more information and updates on the consultation process.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Irvine,

#### **CONSULTATION WITH MINOR AND INTERMEDIATE WATER RETAILERS**

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2014 in which you raised queries about the Essential Services Commission's (**Commission**) stakeholder consultation and the regulatory framework as applicable to Minor and Intermediate Retailers (Intermediate retailers retail to between 500 and 50,000 customers and Minor retailers retail to fewer than 500 customers). The Commission notes the resolution passed at the meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board on 5 December 2015, and provides the following information in response.

#### **Our regulatory functions**

Under the Water Industry Act 2012 (**Act**), the Commission has various regulatory functions in relation to water and sewerage retail services in South Australia; including industry licensing, consumer protection and retail pricing.

Our role in the water industry stems from the Government of South Australia's announcement in 2009 of a framework of reforms and commitments to address water security issues for South Australia's environmental, economic and social benefit. That framework was embodied in the plan entitled *Water for Good: a plan to ensure our water future to 2050*.<sup>1</sup>

In undertaking our role, we aim to promote a sustainable water industry. We are concerned to minimise regulatory costs impacting on businesses and seek sustainable prices, rather than the lowest short term prices possible, to ensure that regulated businesses have sufficient funds to invest and operate to ensure continuity in the supply of essential services.

Consistent with the Act's requirements, our regulatory framework ensures that all customers of Minor and Intermediate retailers are afforded key consumer protections when dealing with their retailer.

<sup>1</sup> The Water for Good plan is available at [www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/our-plans](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/our-plans)

The *Water Retail Code – Minor and Intermediate Retailers* is the principal consumer protection document setting out the behavioural standards and minimum requirements to be complied with by major retailers when dealing with their customers. It includes requirements regarding customer sale contracts, customer information obligations, retailer supply obligations, customer service obligations, restrictions, disconnections and restoration of supply.

We established *Water Industry Guideline 1 – Compliance Systems and Reporting* to enable monitoring of retailers compliance with regulatory obligations. Retailers must have, and rigorously adhere to, a sound and robust compliance system. Compliance reports provide assurance to the Commission that a licensee has a credible compliance system in operation which identifies breaches by way of exception reporting.

Performance monitoring under *Water Industry Guideline No. 3 – Water Regulatory Information Requirements for Minor and Intermediate Retailers*, provides a means by which we can inform customers, through public reporting, about the level of service they are receiving (at an aggregate level) and reasons for any poor performance. Performance monitoring also provides the information and data required for developing service standards (or targets) and for ongoing assessment of compliance with such standards.

These suite of documents promote the principle that customers should have access to essential services at the lowest sustainable prices for the deemed level of service.

#### **Our approach to consultation**

The regulatory framework described above, was shaped through significant consultation with stakeholders. This included customers of regulated businesses and the interest groups that represent consumers more broadly (including but not limited to those represented on our Consumer Advisory Committee), members of the broader South Australian community, regulated businesses (including council and the Local Government Authority), Government, Ministers, Members of Parliament and policy makers.

Our *Charter of Consultation and Regulatory Practice (Charter)* outlines our overall approach to consultation and engagement. We are committed to engaging with our stakeholders on regulatory matters, using a variety of methods suited to the work we undertake. Consultation assists us to understand the implications of potential decisions and allows all stakeholders to provide input on potential impacts or to suggest alternatives and improvements. We consult with all stakeholders in reaching regulatory decisions and our review process allows the South Australian community to provide submissions on our proposed decisions, prior to us reaching our final decision. Further information on our engagement tools and methods are detailed in our Charter, refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/consultation/charter-of-consultation-and-regulatory-practice.aspx>.

#### **Developing the regulatory framework**

We have sought formal input from stakeholders by way of the following consultations:

- ▲ **Economic Regulation of the South Australian Water Industry – Advice to Treasurer**  
 Commenced December 2010 - Closed July 2012  
 Refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/162/economic-regulation-of-the-south-australian-water-industry.aspx>



- ▲ **Economic Regulation of Minor and Intermediate Water Retailers**  
Commenced July 2012 - Closed June 2013  
Refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/182/economic-regulation-of-minor-and-intermediate-water-retailers.aspx>
- ▲ **Regulatory Information Requirements for Intermediate and Minor Water Retailers**  
Commenced April 2013 - Closed June 2013  
Refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/198/consultation-draft-regulatory-information-requirements-for-intermediate-and-minor-water-retailers-.aspx>
- ▲ **Proposed Introduction of a Water Metering Code**  
Commenced May 2014 - Closed November 2014  
Refer: <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/210/water-metering-code.aspx>
- ▲ **Water Retail Code Amendments - Minor and Intermediate Retailers**  
Commenced May 2014 – In Progress  
Refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/209/water-retail-code-minor-and-intermediate-retailers.aspx>
- ▲ **Minor and Intermediate Retailer Restriction Thresholds – Debt and Flow Rate**  
Commenced October 2014 – In Progress  
Refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/215/minor-and-intermediate-retailer-restriction-thresholds-debt-and-flow-rate.aspx>

In each of the above consultations, we invited interested parties to provide submissions on the specific issues we have raised or any other matters they consider relevant. In seeking views, we aim to ensure that the papers released, suit the scale and scope of the consultation. Comments are sought via the following consultation papers:

- ▲ **Discussion papers:** These are preliminary papers which put forward our early views on a particular issue (or issues). They are designed to stimulate debate and general discussion prior to identification of particular issues.
- ▲ **Issues Papers:** These papers raise and provide context for particular issues we have identified at the outset of a review.
- ▲ **Draft Decisions:** These are formal papers that indicate our proposed final views on a matter, and the reasons for those positions, taking into account the submissions from stakeholders and further independent research we have undertaken.

In addition to the written submissions received throughout public consultation periods, we:

- ▲ met with consumer representative advocacy groups, licensees and the Local Government Association on numerous occasions
- ▲ formed a working group with representatives of various local councils and the Local Government Association which met in March, July and August 2012
- ▲ worked with the Local Government Association's SA Regional Organisation of Councils to hold regional workshops with representatives from the majority of Councils across the state in August 2012 and March 2013
- ▲ addressed Council Chief Executive Officers' at the Local Government Association's Chief Executive Officers' Residential Seminar in September 2012

- ▲ was hosted on tours of Community Wastewater Management Systems in Mount Barker and the Murray region by Richard Gayler in January 2011 and the facilities provided by the Outback Communities Authority in August 2012.

The final regulatory framework and reporting requirements were guided by the feedback provided by licensees and the Local Government Association. This included the close involvement of the Local Government Association in reviewing the draft regulatory accounts to ensure the information sought by the Commission could be provided by councils.

#### **Implementing the regulatory framework**

In making our Final Decision on the regulatory framework in June 2013, we signalled our intention to treat the initial four year regulatory period as a transitional period. We noted that, while some aspects of the framework were likely to reflect current practices, new policies, procedures and processes were also likely to be required in some areas. It was further noted that the focus during the initial regulatory period would be on introducing greater transparency around current practices and understanding existing processes.

We have continued to work with retailers to understand the practical implications of implementing the regulatory framework. Throughout June and July 2014, we held workshops throughout the State (refer <http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects/211/regulatory-information-sessions-minor-and-intermediate-retailers.aspx>). Each retailer was contacted personally through each retailer's preferred regulatory contact and invited to attend an information session.

We visited six rural locations (Karoonda, Port Pirie, Balaklava, Naracoorte, Strathalbyn and Wudinna) and held three information sessions in Adelaide. Of the 60 Minor and Intermediate Retailers licensed at the time, 43 attended an information session. In the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association area, six licensees attended the workshop held at Wudinna on Monday, 14 July 2014.

Following the information sessions, we have continued to work with licensees on an individual basis to assist in the implementation of the regulatory framework. Further information sessions and detailed support is available on all aspects of the Commission's consumer protection, pricing and reporting framework, on request at any time.

#### **Co-ordination with other agencies**

In addition to our role in the water industry as an economic regulator, other agencies form part of the overall regulatory framework that applies to retailers. These agencies include the Office of the Technical Regulator, SA Health, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency and Department for Communities and Social Inclusion.

Recognising there is a benefit in a co-ordinated approach to regulation, we convened a SA Water Regulators forum to allow high level discussion on common issues. Further, our staff have scheduled regular meetings with other regulatory agencies to discuss matters of an operational nature.

While we aim to co-ordinate where possible, each agency has a distinct role in the water industry and as such will require different information from licensees to fulfil its role. Nonetheless, we will continue to work with other regulatory agencies to minimise any duplication in reporting.

#### **Review of the framework to apply from 1 July 2017**

We recognise the scale and scope of operations for Minor and Intermediate Retailers is different to that of SA Water as the primary provider of water and sewerage services in South Australia. Reflecting these differences, we introduced a more light-handed approach to regulation of Minor and Intermediate Retailers, than that applied to SA Water.

In the later part of 2015, all stakeholders will be given the opportunity to comment on the regulatory framework that will apply to Minor and Intermediate Retailers from 1 July 2017. This will include opportunities to provide comments on potential amendments to the regulatory framework.

While the details of the particular engagement methodologies and activities are yet to be developed, the consultation is likely to include the ability to:

- ▲ highlight any areas of the current framework that are working and should continue to operate in the next regulatory period
- ▲ raise issues on any aspects of the current framework that are not working and require refinement for the next regulatory period
- ▲ comment on the levels of service that are currently being provided by Minor and Intermediate retailers and confirm whether or not any changes are required by customers, and
- ▲ comment on draft regulatory documents, including the *Water Retail Code- Minor and Intermediate Retailers*; *Water Industry Guideline 1 – Compliance Systems and Reporting*; and *Water Industry Guideline 3 – Regulatory Information Requirements*.

We intend to continue to work closely with water licensees and the Local Government Association throughout the review period. We would welcome the opportunity to directly engage with you to better understand the matters of concern to your members. Further, we welcome any formal feedback with a view to ensuring the regulatory framework best protects consumers while minimising compliance costs for business.

We would be pleased to attend a forum or targeted meeting to discuss any of these matters. Should you wish to discuss this letter or have any other questions, please contact Natasha Cheshire, A/Director, Licensing, Monitoring and Reporting on (08) 8463 4866 or via email at [natasha.cheshire@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:natasha.cheshire@escosa.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Adam Wilson

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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13 May, 2015

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Dear Tony

**GAB Exploration Drilling Environment Plan Consultation – EPP 37, 38, 39 and 40**

BP has now completed the initial round of consultation for our Environment Plan (EP) preparation.

These meetings were designed to provide you with preliminary information regarding the planned drilling operations, the associated risks, and BP's proposed measures to reduce these risks to as low as reasonably practicable. Feedback throughout this process has identified a number of areas for follow up during our ongoing EP consultation and preparation.

Frequently asked questions

As a follow up to the initial round of consultation we have posted a questions and answers section on our GAB web-site which can be found at [www.bpgabproject.com](http://www.bpgabproject.com) and I encourage you to continue to visit the website as we progressively update information on the program.

There are still a number of questions raised during our consultation meetings that are not addressed on this website as we are still compiling information, and we will address these questions as information becomes available.

Recent media

You may have seen recent media alleging that BP has refused to disclose the results of its oil spill modelling. This is not true. We are in the preliminary stages of developing oil spill response arrangements with the relevant State and Federal Authorities and we have committed to sharing the results with stakeholders.

BP has always intended to publicly release details of the oil spill management strategy as part of a thorough, clear and accessible report once the work is completed.

For your information I have attached an opinion piece by BP submitted to *The Advertiser* and published in an edited form on April 22.

#### Revised timetable

BP has informed the Australian and South Australia governments that we have revised the drilling commencement date for the first well to October 2016.

The main consequence of this is that there will only be time to complete two wells by the current end of permit term on 30 June 2017. BP therefore plans to apply for a suspension and extension in order to complete the rest of the program in due course.

Subject to approval by the Government, we will have time for a technical evaluation of the first two wells before deciding where best to place the next two. This is good exploration practice and means we are applying learnings as we go.

We will seek as long as we think we need to give us the best opportunity of finding commercial quantities of hydrocarbons when drilling wells 3 and 4 and anticipate applying for at least a year's extension on the permits in the first instance.

The commitment to four exploration wells has not been changed - it is a condition in our permits - and there is no change in BP's intentions to base aviation operations at Ceduna Airport and Coorabie and a marine supply base at Port Adelaide.

#### Next steps

This delayed drilling commencement date gives us additional time to prepare the EP and oil spill response plans and we intend to submit the EP to the regulator NOPSEMA in Q3 2015.

Our commitment remains to publicly release a thorough, clear and accessible report once the work is completed and before we submit the EP to the Regulator.

We will also follow up with stakeholders that have requested specific information as we progress the development of the EP and oil spill planning.

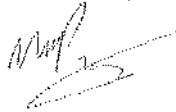
At any time we welcome questions that you or your organisation may have regarding our proposed drilling operations. If you would like to provide any further input, or if you would like to arrange further meetings with BP representatives please contact us at:

GAB Exploration Program – Environment Plan Consultation  
BP Australia  
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Email: [gabconsultation@se1.bp.com](mailto:gabconsultation@se1.bp.com)

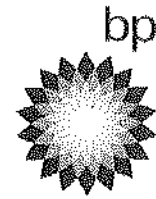
For project information and to register for updates visit: [www.bpgabproject.com](http://www.bpgabproject.com).

Yours sincerely



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External Affairs Manager (SA)





Opinion piece for *the Advertiser* w-c April 20 2015

In 2011 BP secured four permits from the Australian and South Australian governments to explore for oil and gas off the South Australian coast in the Great Australian Bight (GAB), some 250km south west of Ceduna. These permits commit BP to a \$605 million exploration program including a seismic survey and drilling four exploration wells. Statoil has joined BP as a 30% partner in this operation and drilling is planned to commence in late 2016.

BP believes that societies and communities where we work should benefit from our presence. We are investing in infrastructure to support our program and some of these investments are expected to deliver lasting benefits to South Australia.

We are in the process of establishing a world class offshore oil and gas marine supply base in Port Adelaide as well as two aviation bases on the Eyre Peninsula.

BP launched an Industry Capability Network (ICN) portal last year with assistance from the State Government and we have had over 500 local and national business registrations on the portal.

We are also encouraging our contractors to consider the use of local companies and skills where local companies can meet safety and capability requirements and are commercially competitive. For example local company Flinders Logistics has partnered with the global company ASCO to run our marine supply base and ASCO has committed to support local employment and skills development.

All of this activity means valuable jobs, contracts and infrastructure for South Australia – and this is before we get on with the job of drilling exploration wells and trying to find oil or gas that could be developed.

As one of the world's leading international oil and gas companies and with decades of experience in deepwater, BP has the technological capability and expertise to safely explore the GAB with the intention of finding and providing the energy that the world needs. But we expect to be scrutinised by regulators and the community to make sure our work is safe and environmentally acceptable – and that is how it should be.

We have consulted extensively on the GAB program since being awarded these permits and recently we started formal discussions with stakeholders to better understand their views of the potential impacts of our proposed drilling program.

This will assist in developing our Environment Plan which details what we plan to do, identifies the environmental risks, and explains our plans to manage these risks. We will submit this Plan to the independent federal regulator NOPSEMA and drilling operations cannot begin without NOPSEMA's acceptance of the Plan. This is standard practice in Australia and applies to any offshore petroleum operation.

And while our emphasis and focus is rightly upon preventing any accident from taking place, we also think through scenarios of what could go wrong and what we would do in response – this is just common sense. The Environment Plan will include oil spill response arrangements and BP must demonstrate to NOPSEMA that we have adequately addressed oil spill response in order to gain approval to drill.

We are in the preliminary stages of developing these response arrangements with the relevant State and Federal Authorities and are in fact meeting with State Government agencies this week to progress this strategy.

We have always intended to publicly release details of the oil spill management strategy as part of a thorough, clear and accessible report once the work is completed and during the course of this year – and around a year before any actual operations commence.

BP's own requirements for oil spill preparedness, response planning and crisis management incorporate what we have learned over many years of operation, and specifically from the Deepwater Horizon accident. New BP drilling operations in deepwater must have access to capping equipment, must pre-plan their relief wells, and must be ready to demonstrate that their oil spill contingency plan takes account of representative oil spill risks.

Safety remains our top priority and our performance over time suggests that our focus on safety is having a positive impact. However, we need to continue to remain vigilant and focused on delivering safe, reliable and compliant operations.

There is no doubt that should our exploration program be successful, the development of a hydrocarbon province in the GAB could substantially contribute to Australia's energy security and economy through construction, employment and ancillary opportunities for local businesses.

The region has been largely unexplored until now, but BP believes the basic elements for oil and gas deposits exist in the GAB. Beneath the sea bed is a very thick interval of sediment that was deposited by a huge delta some 90 million years ago.

Deltas are great places to find hydrocarbon provinces, and modern deltas such as the Mississippi, Niger, Congo, Nile and others are all hydrocarbon provinces.

A 12,000 square kilometre 3D seismic survey was safely and successfully completed in May 2012 and by processing this data we have confirmed the prospectivity of the GAB for hydrocarbons.

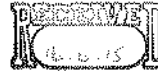
BP is committed to continuing stakeholder engagement as we have been since we were awarded the permits and we are committed to working with government regulators.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments about our proposed activities I encourage them to email BP at [gabconsultation@sef.bp.com](mailto:gabconsultation@sef.bp.com)

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3 June 2015

Mayor Bruce Green  
President  
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Dear Mayor Green

**LGA Outreach Services Program**

In 2013 the Local Government Association of SA entered into agreements with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and the Central LGA Region (CLGR) to establish the LGA Outreach Services Pilot Program.

The LGA had a long history in providing funding from various sources for traditional shared services pilot funding and a review indicated that the funds invested had not resulted in benefits to the Councils and regions. The LGA Secretariat took the view that it would be valuable to test an "outreach" program that ensured closer liaison and connectivity to establish LGA programs and services.

Following a call to all Regions to express an interest in participating, the only two Regions that put their hands up were Eyre Peninsula and Central. Consequently the LGA worked with these two regions as pilots for the Outreach Program.

A review has been conducted of the Program, which indicate that overall the Pilot Program has been well received and the approach has been very successful to date. Positive feedback was also being received from other Regions who had observed the outcomes being achieved and interest was expressed in the LGA continuing the program, at least at some level.

The LGA Secretariat, as part of the LGA's allocation for annual Local Government Research & Development Scheme (LGR&DS) funding, proposed the continuance of the Outreach Services Program and applied for in the January 2015 call for each of the 5 regions to receive a grant of \$50,000 in addition to the funds already allocated by the Scheme for "capacity building".

The submission asked for a total of \$250,000 and was approved by the LGR&DS Advisory Committee for referral to the LGA Board for final approval. The funding will be for 12 months with the intention, if once again proven successful, to again approach seek LGR&DS funds to continue the program in 2016.

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Broadly the Outreach Services Program seeks to:

- Support improved regional delivery of various LGA services including procurement, education and training, financial and asset management planning, risk services and Local Excellence reform initiatives.
- Work with Councils and the LGA to identify and scope any new services or assistance that may support more efficient long term outcomes for Councils in the region.
- Facilitate stronger Council collaborative projects and coordinate various Council "shared services" group meetings and regionalisation initiatives, as required.

To access the Program the Region will be required to develop an annual work program, in consultation with the LGA and relevant officers and to report to the LGA on outcomes achieved over the 12 month period.

In addition to the above objectives, the LGA Outreach Services Program wishes to accommodate tasks, issues and objectives that are particular to your Region, and upon mutual agreement, can be included as part of this program.

In order to progress the take up of these funds by your Region, I ask that you contact me as soon as possible so that we can discuss the way forward. It would be valuable to be in a position at this meeting or shortly after to demonstrate consultation with the Region on the issues to be addressed, the approach to be adopted and the timeframes associated to the use of the funds.

I commend this program to you and look forward to working with you and your region on the delivery of this Program over the next 12 months.

Yours sincerely



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## **8 MEETINGS ATTENDED AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

***That the next meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board be held on Friday 4 September 2015 at Streaky Bay.***

Future meeting scheduled:

Friday 4 September 2015 – Streaky Bay  
Friday 4 December 2015 - Wudinna

**MEETING CLOSE**