

Native Vegetation Council Communique



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Meeting 247: 27 September 2023

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Council (Council) Communique for meeting 247 held on 27 September 2023. The purpose of this Communique is to provide the general public with an insight into the issues being considered by Council.

Decisions

Under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (Native Vegetation Act), an owner of the land may be paid an amount from the Native Vegetation Fund as an incentive to enter into the heritage agreement.

At the meeting, the Council recommended the following heritage agreements to be entered into, with a payment of an incentive—

- A new heritage agreement over 541.2 hectares on Eyre Peninsula,. This covers a large area of lightly grazed mallee that is expected to provide large scale improvement in condition and biodiversity.



[Example of native vegetation in the recommended Eyre Peninsula heritage agreement. Image courtesy of Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board.]

- A 4.2 hectare expansion to existing 37 ha in the Hills and Fleurieu region. This site features 2 threatened vegetation communities, 3 rare flora species and 3 threatened fauna species.



[Area of Mountain Gum woodland on fringe of proposed expansion area, Hills and Fleurieu. Image courtesy of DEW.]

The Council approved its Annual Report which was subsequently tabled by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water in both Houses of Parliament. The tabled report can be found [here](#).

Submissions

The Council has made a written submission on the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan Discussion Paper, which focussed on the protection of tree canopy in Greater Adelaide; the necessity to take climate change into consideration; and the need to review policy relating to trees (in particular regulations and policies related to Significant and Regulated trees). The Council emphasised that native vegetation should be appropriately recognised and referenced in the development of the Regional Plan. Once reviewed, the submission will be made publicly available on [PlanSA portal](#).

The Council also provided feedback on the Independent Review of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (Landscape Act). This submission highlighted the many intersections between the Native Vegetation Act and the Landscape Act, and commented on the Landscape Act's objects and principles; composition of landscape boards; State Landscape Strategy; funding opportunities; the Landscapes Priorities Fund; commercial forestry interpretation; and protection of native vegetation. All submissions will be made publicly available at [YourSay website](#).

Activity Reports

Between 25 July 2023 and 19 September 2023, 14 new compliance reports were received, taking the total active reports at end of this period to 47. Five reports were closed during this period.

During the same period, decisions were made on 33 applications for clearance of native vegetation, out of which 32 were approved with conditions, and one was refused.

These applications resulted in 35.024 ha and 80 trees cleared, with \$299,503.44 of SEB paid into the Native Vegetation Fund.

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More information about native vegetation in South Australia is available from <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/native-vegetation>