



# Native Vegetation Council COMMUNIQUE

## Meeting 259: 1 October 2025

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Council (Council) Communique for meeting 259 held on 1 October 2025. The purpose of this Communique is to provide the general public with an insight into the issues being considered by Council.

### Decisions

#### ***Goyder North Stage 1 & 2 Windfarm application***

After receiving a referral from the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel, the Council considered and approved the conditional clearance of 453.9 ha of native vegetation for the Goyder Renewables Zone hybrid renewable energy project.

#### ***NVC Annual Report 2024/25***

The Council approved the Council's Annual Report 2024-25. The Annual Report will be available on the Department for Environment and Water's (DEW) [website](#).

#### ***NVC Delegations***

The Council approved the Instrument of Delegation, for approval by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water (the Minister).

#### ***Restoration Grant***

The Council approved the final Restoration Grant application from Round 2 with conditions, covering the restoration of 6,170 hectares of land in the Murraylands and Riverland Landscapes SA region. The applicant will receive a payment totalling \$2,000,000.00 from the Native Vegetation Fund.

#### ***Incentive Grant for South Australian Arid Lands region***

The Council approved a Heritage Agreement Incentive Grant application from Bush Heritage Australia, covering 230,000 hectares in the South Australian Arid Land Landscapes SA region. The Council also recommended that the Minister enters into a Heritage Agreement with the applicant, ensuring protection in perpetuity.

#### ***Procedure for Representations***

The Council approved updates to the Representations Procedure and Guidelines, as completed by the Department's Native Vegetation Branch.

### Discussions

#### ***DEW Land-based Protected and Conserved Area Strategy***

The DEW Park Planning and Visitor Experience Branch updated the Council about their Land-based Protected and Conserved Area Strategy. The Strategy will guide the expansion and enhancement of South Australia's land-based protected and conserved areas. Once examined internally, the Strategy will be subject to Ministerial review and public consultation.

### ***SEB Payment Formula Review***

The Native Vegetation Branch discussed the SEB payment formula review, which identified issues with the current formula and matters for future investigation.

### ***SEB Policy and Program review and update***

An update was provided by the Native Vegetation Branch, noting the work undertaken on the SEB Policy and Program.

### **Activity Reports**

Between 27 July 2025 and 19 September 2025, 33 new compliance reports were received, taking the total active reports at end of this period to 200. Forty-three reports were closed during the period.

During this period, 24 applications for clearance were approved. One application was withdrawn.

The applications resulted in 722 hectares and 115 trees approved for clearance, with a value of \$245,063.52 of financial Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB).

## **Contact Information**

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