



# Native Vegetation Council COMMUNIQUE

## Meeting 258: 6 August 2025

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Council (Council) Communique for meeting 258 held on 6 August 2025. The purpose of this Communique is to provide the general public with an insight into the issues being considered by Council.

### Decisions

#### ***Restoration Grant Round 3***

The Council approved the guide for the third round of the NVC Restoration Grants, as well as a revised version of the NVC Restoration Grant Guide 2024-26. Revisions reflected updated terminology and process improvements.

### Discussions

#### ***Biodiversity Act Update***

The Department for Environment and Water's (DEW) Conservation and Wildlife Unit updated the Council about the Biodiversity Bill. The Bill passed State Parliament in June 2025 after numerous additions and amendments. DEW outlined the current strategy for implementation, while noting that all subsequent regulations and plans would be subject to public consultation.

#### ***Green Adelaide Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031***

Green Adelaide discussed the Green Adelaide Regional Landscape Plan for 2026-2031. The Plan will be organised into three (3) sections: Coast and Marine, Inland Waters, and Greening and Biodiversity. The Council discussed opportunities to partner with Green Adelaide.

#### ***Climate Ready Government Requirements***

An update was provided by the Native Vegetation Branch, noting the new requirements under DPC Circular 7 – Climate Ready Government. The Council approved the proposed strategies for implementing and reporting on related actions and requirements.

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

An update was provided by the Native Vegetation Branch, highlighting key points from the *SEB monitoring and compliance program – 2024/25 annual trend and condition report*, and the *2025 SEB Report Card*. Highlights included improved progress assessments, increased engagement with providers, and a greater number of report submissions.

### Activity Reports

Between 1 June 2025 and 27 July 2025, 24 new compliance reports were received, taking the total active reports at end of this period to 233. Twenty-seven reports were closed during the period.

During this period, 29 applications for clearance were approved. One application was refused.



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The applications resulted in 9.607 hectares and 99 trees approved for clearance, with a value of \$79,999.30 of financial Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) and 12.825 hectares of on-ground SEB.

## Contact Information

For further information, please feel free to contact the Native Vegetation Council:

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