



Native Vegetation Council COMMUNIQUE

Meeting 263: 17 June 2026

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Council (Council) Communique for meeting 263 held on 17 June 2026. The purpose of this Communique is to provide the general public with an insight into the issues being considered by Council.

Decisions

Heritage Agreement #148 (Whalers Way)

The Council refused an application to vary Heritage Agreement #148 related to the Southern Launch Whalers Way Orbital Launch Complex, due to the reasons outlined below:

- Inconsistency with the Objects of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (Act) and functions of the Council;
- Habitat loss and noise impacts on the Southern Emu Wren;
- Seriously at Variance with the Principles of Clearance of the Act particularly Principle 1(a) diversity of plant species, and 1(b) significance as a habitat for wildlife; and
- Inconsistencies with the State Landscape Plan and the Eyre Peninsula Regional Landscape Plan in relation to nature conservation and biodiversity.

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges and Fleurieu Fire Management Plans

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) prepared a presentation about the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Management Plan and the Fleurieu Fire Management Plan for consideration. The Council approved the Fire Management Plans.

SA Water Fire Management Plan (Bundaleer)

SA Water prepared a presentation regarding a proposed Regional Fire Management Plan for an SA Water Reserve. The Council approved the Fire Management Plan.

Mundoo SEB

DEW staff attended the meeting to discuss Mundoo Island Station and opportunities for a Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) grant payment. The Council agreed to consider a grant application, provided it is submitted within one year of meeting 263.

NVC Procedure for Submissions

Amendments to the Council's Procedure for Submissions were considered and approved by the Council, reflecting revised processes. Information will be developed for the website outlining the process.

Discussions

Conserved Areas and Heritage Agreements

DEW staff prepared a presentation about the Conserved Areas Program and the development of an OECM Framework for South Australia.

Northern Water Project

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport staff provided an update about the Northern Water Project.



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Port Stanvac Code Amendment

The Council noted recent issues regarding the formal referral process for the Port Stanvac Code Amendment. The Council will work with the Department for Housing and Urban Development to address the issue.

SEB Policy and Program Update

The Council were updated about the SEB program and ongoing policy work.

Activity Reports

Between 27 April 2026 and 03 June 2026, 20 new compliance reports were received, taking the total active reports at the end of this period to 130. Forty-nine reports were closed during the period.

During this period, 15 applications for clearance were approved. Four (4) applications were exempt.

The applications resulted in 2116.57 hectares and 45 trees approved for clearance (including 2073.35 ha approved under management plans). The total value of accrued financial SEB was \$353,932.65.

Contact Information

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

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