



# Native Vegetation Council COMMUNIQUE

## Meeting 261: 18 February 2026

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Council (Council) Communique for meeting 261 held on 18 February 2026. The purpose of this Communique is to provide the general public with an insight into the issues being considered by Council.

### Decisions

#### **Clearance Applications**

The Council considered two (2) clearance applications after receiving referrals from the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel. The Council refused the clearance of one (1) scattered tree and approved the clearance of 20 x scattered trees and 2.36 ha native vegetation.

#### **Draft Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Plan – draft submission**

A draft submission for the Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu's draft *Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Plan 2026-31* was noted and approved by the Council.

#### **NVC Governance Procedure and Communications Procedure**

Amendments to the Council's Governance Procedure and Communications Procedure were considered and approved by the Council, reflecting revised internal processes and increasing governance transparency.

### Discussions

#### **Minister for Climate, Environment and Water**

The Council welcomed Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Hon. Lucy Hood, and the Presiding Member presented on the Council's work, strategy, and community engagement. Minister Hood also discussed opportunities to expand South Australia's protected areas and national parks, while expressing interest in the ongoing SEB review.

#### **Climate adaptation for native vegetation management**

The DEW Climate Action and Landscape Services Division prepared a presentation about the recently published *2024 Statewide Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment for South Australia* report. The Council intend to address climate adaptation measures in future policy reviews.

#### **SEB Policy and Program Update**

The Council were provided with an update on the SEB payment formula review.

### Activity Reports

Between 25 November 2025 and 03 February 2026, 27 new compliance reports were received, taking the total active reports at the end of this period to 114. Fifty-seven reports were closed during the period.

During this period, 26 applications for clearance were approved.

The applications resulted in 96.53 hectares and 296 trees approved for clearance, with a value of \$1,057,268.59 of financial SEB and 154.30 SEB point credits used.



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