

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
LAID ON THE TABLE**

23 Oct 2018



**Government
of South Australia**

Parks and Wilderness Council 2017-18 Annual Report

Parks and Wilderness Council

Level 9, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide SA 5000

www.environment.sa.gov.au

Contact phone number	+61 8 8124 4802
Contact email	ParksandWildernessCouncil@sa.gov.au
ISSN	2208-5645
Date presented to Minister:	28 September 2018

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT for the Parks and Wilderness Council

To:

The Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water

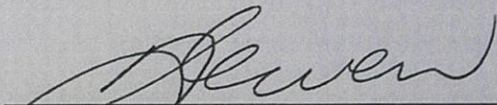
This annual report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, section 190 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

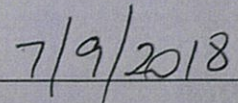
Submitted on behalf of the Parks and Wilderness Council by:

Anne McEwen

Presiding Member



Signature



Date

Contents

Contents.....	3
Section A: Reporting required under the <i>Public Sector Act 2009</i>, the <i>Public Sector Regulations 2010</i> and the <i>Public Finance and Audit Act 1987</i>.....	4
Agency purpose or role	4
Objectives	4
Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives	4
Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency	5
Legislation administered by the agency	6
Organisation of the agency.....	6
Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister’s area/s of responsibility)	6
Employment opportunity programs	6
Agency performance management and development systems	7
Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness	7
Work health and safety and return to work performance	7
Fraud detected in the agency	8
Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud.....	8
Whistle-blowers’ disclosure	9
Executive employment in the agency.....	9
Consultants	9
Contractors.....	9
Financial performance of the agency	10
Other financial information.....	10
Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions.....	10
Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation	10
Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman.	11
Summary of complaints by subject	11
Complaint outcomes.....	11
Appendix: Audited financial statements 2017-18.....	12

Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Parks and Wilderness Council provides strategic policy advice to the Minister for Environment and Water and advocacy for issues that improve environmental, social and economic opportunities for the State's parks and wildlife.

Objectives

The functions of the Parks and Wilderness Council are to provide advice to the Minister on any matter relating to the administration of the:

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*
- *Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary Act 2005*
- *Marine Parks Act 2007*
- *Wilderness Protection Act 1992*

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
<p>The <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> provides that the Council may advise the Minister on any of the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning in relation to the management of reserves b) The conservation of wildlife c) Funding (including matters relating to sponsorship) and the development and marketing of commercial activities d) Community participation in the management of reserves and the conservation of wildlife e) The development of policy f) Existing or proposed national or international agreements relating to the conservation of animals, plants and ecosystems g) The promotion (including public education) of the conservation of wildlife and other natural resources 	<p>Providing strategic policy advice and advocacy on ways to enhance environmental, social and economic opportunities provided by our State's parks and wildlife.</p>

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
Providing advice in relation to delivery of the government's key priorities	Operate under a strong governance framework and continue to develop the capacity of the Council to deliver its statutory and functional responsibilities.	<p>Council kept itself informed about key government priorities and commitments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Parks Healthy People South Australia 2016 – 2021 • Fire Management program • Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary Management Plan • Establishment of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park - Winaityinaityi Pangkara • Kangaroo Management • Flinders Ranges World Heritage • Wildlife conservation in South Australia • Nature-based tourism
The management of parks and wilderness protection areas	<p>Support the development and review of park management plans.</p> <p>The Council's specific roles and responsibilities in relation to the development and review of management plans are described in legislation.</p>	<p>During 2017-18 the Council provided advice to the Minister on the following draft management plans and plan amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innamincka Regional Reserve Management Plan • Tallaringa Conservation Park Management Plan • Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park Management Plan

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
The establishment of wilderness protection areas	<p>Council is responsible for assessing all land in the State to identify those parts of the State that meet the wilderness criteria to a sufficient extent to justify protection under the <i>Wilderness Protection Act 1992</i>, or that warrant restoration to a condition that justifies such protection.</p> <p>Council is responsible for reporting to the Minister on the results of its assessments and to make recommendations to the Minister as to what land in the State should be constituted as wilderness protection areas or wilderness protection zones.</p>	Council considered public submissions in relation to the Cape Torrens Wilderness Assessment and made a recommendation to proceed with the proposal to alter the boundary.

Legislation administered by the agency

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972

Wilderness Protection Act 1992

Marine Parks Act 2007

Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary Act 2005

Organisation of the agency

The Parks and Wilderness Council was established on 17 October 2016, pursuant to the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, and consists of the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and eight other members appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water.

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

The Parks and Wilderness Council is supported by the Department for Environment and Water.

Employment opportunity programs

The Parks and Wilderness Council does not employ staff. The Council is supported by the Department for Environment and Water. The Department's Annual Report for 2017-18 reports on the Department's employment opportunity programs.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
Reviews of terms of reference every 12 months.	The Council established a Terms of Reference at its inaugural meeting on 6 December 2016 and reviewed this document at its meeting on 21 February 2018.
Meeting attendance records.	A record of meeting attendance is kept with the minutes of each meeting.
The Parks and Wilderness Council will meet a minimum of four times per year, including at least one off-site meeting at a location to be determined by the Council. The Minister or the Presiding Member may direct the Council to meet more regularly.	In 2017-18 the Council met four times which included a meeting at Parachilna in the Flinders Ranges.
The Parks and Wilderness Council is supported by staff from the Department for Environment and Water.	Government employees supporting the Council undertake a performance review and development program with their manager.

Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Program name and brief description	Effectiveness
The Council abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by the Department for Environment and Water to meet whole of Government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2017-18.

Work health and safety and return to work performance

The Parks and Wilderness Council does not employ staff. The DEW provides support services and reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2017-18.

	2017-18	2016-17	% Change (+ / -)
Workplace injury claims			
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0
Fatalities	0	0	0
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0
Work health and safety regulation			
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>WHS Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>WHS Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0
Return to work costs**			
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the *Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

**before third party recovery

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
There were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Parks and Wilderness Council during this reporting period.	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reporting in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2017-18.

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
N/A	0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

The [Office of the Commissioner of Public Sector Employment](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultancies below \$10,000 each		
N/A	N/A	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each		
N/A	N/A	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
Total all consultancies		\$0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Contractor	Purpose	Value
N/A	N/A	\$0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

The details of all South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [here](#).

The website also provides details of Across government contracts [here](#).

Financial performance of the agency

The Parks and Wilderness Council is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2017-18.

The costs associated with the administration of the Council are met from within existing DEW resources. Members are remunerated in accordance with the Cabinet approved Remuneration Framework.

Other financial information

Nil to report

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

There are no specific reporting requirements required under any other Act or Regulation for the Parks and Wilderness Council.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by Parks and Wilderness Council	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
All complaints	No specific complaints have been received by the Council

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/parks-and-wilderness-council-annual-report-data>

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
All complaints	No complaints have been received or acted upon

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2017-18

Financial services are provided to the Parks and Wilderness Council by the Department for Environment and Water. Finances are audited annually as part of the Department's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the Department for Environment and Water website.