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## **Pastoral Board**

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The Hon David Speirs

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 18a of *the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989* 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 Pastoral Board by:

Geoff Mills

Presiding Member



18 September 2018

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Signature

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Date

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## **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 Pastoral Board of South Australia is established under section 12 of the *Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989* (the Act).

A primary role of the Pastoral Board is to ensure that all pastoral land, which covers over 40% of the State, is well managed and utilised prudently so that its renewable resources are maintained and its yield sustained.

The mission of the Pastoral Board is that the South Australian pastoral lands are sustainably managed for current and future generations.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Pastoral Board are based on its statutory functions as per section 17 of the Act, and these are:

- Effectively discharging its responsibility to the Minister for the administration of the Act, recognising that the Board is subject to the control and direction of the Minister.
- Effectively advising the Minister on the policies that should govern the administration of pastoral land, and on other matters referred to the Board by the Minister.
- Effectively performing any other function assigned to the Board by or under the Act by the Minister.

### **Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives**

<b>Key strategy</b>	<b>SA Government objective</b>
Implement actions to achieve the Board's Strategic Plan priorities, under the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relationships and communications</li><li>• Contemporary land management and monitoring</li><li>• Governance and Policy</li></ul> ( <i>Pastoral Board Strategic Plan 2017-2019</i> )	Improved services.

**Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency**

<b>Program name</b>	<b>Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency</b>	<b>Outcome for South Australia</b>
Lease inspections to ensure lessees are compliant with lease conditions (pursuant to section 22 of the Act).	Compliance inspections were conducted on 10 pastoral leases during 2017-18.	Ensuring pastoral leaseholders comply with lease conditions.
Compliance with lease conditions (pursuant to section 22 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board issued 112 notifications in 2017-18 to leaseholders regarding compliance with lease conditions.	Notifications and warnings for pastoral leaseholders regarding compliance with lease conditions.
Change of land use purposes (pursuant to section 22-6 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board approved one application for change of land use purpose on a portion of a pastoral lease.	Administering diversity of land use on pastoral leases.
Pastoral lease rents (pursuant to section 23 of the Act).	Lease rent notifications issued for 324 leases.	Effective lease administration and financial revenue processes.
Statutory lease assessments to monitor the condition of pastoral land (pursuant to section 25 of the Act).	Assessments were conducted on 14 pastoral leases.	Monitoring of pastoral land condition to meet the objects of the Act.
'Pool of Persons' assistance to leaseholders (pursuant to section 25A of the Act).	Nil matters were referred to the 'Pool of Persons' in this reporting period.	-
Extension of term of pastoral leases (pursuant to section 26 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board resolved to extend the term of 23 pastoral leases.	Security of tenure for pastoral leaseholders.
Cancellation of lease or imposition of fines (pursuant to section 37 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board issued one fine to a leaseholder who breached lease conditions.	Penalties for pastoral leaseholders who do not comply with lease conditions.
Property Plans (pursuant to section 41 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board issued three notices to leaseholders regarding Property Plans.	Prevention of land degradation.
Verification of stock levels (pursuant to section 42 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board issued statutory declaration forms for reporting on stock numbers to all leaseholders.	Monitoring of stocking levels on leases.
Notice to destock or take other action (pursuant to section 43 of the Act).	The Pastoral Board issued one notice to a leaseholder to destock and take other action.	Prevention of land degradation.

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
Gazettal and closure of Public Access Routes on pastoral land (pursuant to section 45 of the Act).	<p>Nil new Public Access Routes were gazetted in 2017-18.</p> <p>Three Public Access Routes were closed between 1 December 2017 and 15 March 2018: Halligan Bay, Walkers Crossing and K1 Warburton. Outside of the above period, there were also a number of short term closures of these routes due to rain events.</p>	Effective management of public roads through pastoral land to ensure public safety and maintenance of condition.
Pastoral Land Appeal Tribunal (pursuant to Part 7 of the Act).	Nil matters were referred to the Tribunal in this reporting period.	-
Community engagement	<p>The Pastoral Board conducted two regional meetings with open public forums (Coober Pedy in August 2017 and Nonning Station in May 2018).</p> <p>Pastoral Board members attended two regional community events as representatives of the Board.</p> <p>The Pastoral Board distributed six Communiques to the pastoral community.</p>	Ensuring effective pastoral community engagement to facilitate compliance and sustainable management of pastoral lands.

## Legislation administered by the agency

*Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989*

## Organisation of the agency

In accordance with section 12 of the Act, the Pastoral Board consists of six members and six deputy members appointed by the Minister.

The current membership of the Pastoral Board expires on 27 September 2019.

The Pastoral Board is supported by the Pastoral Unit, Parks and Regions Group, Department for Environment and Water.

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

Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

## Employment opportunity programs

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

Program name	Result of the program
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## Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
Annual governance performance assessment.	The Board conducted its annual governance performance in February 2018, measuring performance against a range of criteria as detailed in the Board's Governance Charter.
Register of members' attendance at meetings.	Register maintained after each meeting to enable monitoring of members' attendance record.

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

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

Program name and brief description	Effectiveness
-	-

## Work health and safety and return to work performance

The Pastoral Board 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 (+ / -)
<b>Workplace injury claims</b>			
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
<b>Work health and safety regulation</b>			
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
<b>Return to work costs**</b>			
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 for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/pastoral-board-annual-report-data>

## Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Type of fraud	0

## Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to control and prevent fraud are specified in the DPC circular *Honesty and Accountability for Members of Government Boards - March 2011*.

Strategies to control and prevent fraud are also reported in the DEW Annual Report 2017-18.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/pastoral-board-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

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## Executive employment in the agency

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

Executive classification	Number of executives
-	-

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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		
Nil	-	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each		
Nil	-	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
<b>Total all consultancies</b>		<b>\$0</b>

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/pastoral-board-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
Nil	-	\$0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/pastoral-board-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 Pastoral Board as a statutory body and does not administer funds. Pastoral lease rent is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The operation of the Pastoral Unit which supports the Pastoral Board is included in the DEW Annual Report 2017-18.

Pastoral Board members are remunerated in accordance with a recommendation by the Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, in line 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

Name and date of act or regulation
Nil to report

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

### Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by the Pastoral Board	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
nil	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/pastoral-board-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 Committee by DEW. Finances are audited annually as part of DEW's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the [DEW](#) website.