

# Strategy for Protected and Conserved Land Areas in South Australia | Strategy on a page



## Vision:

To build a system of protected and conserved areas that enables South Australia’s biodiversity to thrive and protects places of special value.

## Purpose:

To drive the strategic expansion and enhancement of South Australia’s protected and conserved areas.

### Guiding principles

- Prioritise areas that protect significant biodiversity and conservation values
- Increase comprehensiveness, adequacy, and representativeness
- Incorporate First Nations’ knowledge, expertise and aspirations for Country
- Enable species and ecosystems to persist, adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing climate
- Contribute to the achievement of the national target to protect and conserve 30% of Australia’s landmass by 2030
- Improve ecological integrity, connectivity and resilience
- Safeguard places that are important to people
- Include land for restoration that can support biodiversity at risk

Goals	GOAL 1	GOAL 2	GOAL 3	GOAL 4
	Build a comprehensive, adequate and representative protected area system that safeguards and enhances biodiversity	Develop a protected area system that enables biodiversity to persist, adapt and thrive despite climate change	Protect places that are important to people	Work with landholders and conservation partners to build a robust protected and conserved area system
Strategic Priorities	<div>Increase protection of underrepresented IBRA bioregions and subregions</div> <div>Increase protection of land with priority conservation and wilderness values</div>	<div>Increase protection of land that enhances climate resilience</div> <div>Increase protection of biodiversity at risk to the impacts of climate change</div> <div>Continue refining our response to climate change by drawing on Traditional Knowledge and modern science</div>	<div>Protect areas, objects and landscape features that are significant to First Nations peoples</div> <div>Protect places with significant heritage and geological values</div> <div>Protect places with significant recreational and landscape values</div>	<div>Grow the private land contribution to our protected and conserved areas</div>

Enabling actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Seek to better understand First Nations social, economic, and cultural aspirations for Country</b>, and work with communities to support capacity and identify locations of cultural significance that require protection.</li><li>• <b>Develop and implement an investment framework</b> to guide how government works with conservation and investment partners to fund the expansion and enhancement of the protected and conserved area system.</li><li>• <b>Complete an audit of Crown land</b> identified for inclusion in the protected and conserved area system, and identify priorities for the addition of these areas based on the values outlined in this strategy.</li><li>• Following the prioritisation of Crown land, <b>provide annual updates on progress</b> to convert lands to the protected and conserved area system.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Convene a biennial forum</b> with relevant stakeholders (including private land conservation partners, landholders, the philanthropy sector and Landscape Boards) to discuss priority areas and coordinate action.</li><li>• <b>Update spatial prioritisation</b> using the ‘outcomes assessment’ and ‘wilderness assessment’ to support data-driven acquisitions, identify priority restoration opportunities, and support the adaptation of key ecosystems to climate change.</li><li>• <b>Develop and implement a long-term communications strategy</b> to showcase the value of protected areas and better understand community aspirations for the protected and conserved area system.</li><li>• <b>Develop options for an expanded suite of private land covenants</b> for improving conservation outcomes.</li><li>• Work with the Australian Government to <b>implement trials</b> that test and align frameworks, policy settings and site assessment tools in support of <b>Conserved Areas</b> in South Australia.</li></ul>
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### Acknowledgment of Country

The South Australian Government respects the First Peoples of South Australia and recognises the cultural authority of all Traditional Owners. We acknowledge that caring for Country is a cultural obligation and that First Nations peoples have been stewards of the environment for many generations. We acknowledge the enduring impact of colonisation on First Nations peoples, families, communities, cultures, knowledges and languages, and the impact on their Country. We recognise the need for more respectful engagement with First Nations peoples, the need to empower First Nations peoples to continue to work with the government in caring for Country and enhancing protected areas, and the need to work together for better outcomes for Country and people.



For more information and to read the full strategy, scan the QR code or go to [parks.sa.gov.au](https://parks.sa.gov.au)