

Department for Environment and Water Corporate Plan

OUR PURPOSE

*To help South Australians
conserve, sustain and prosper.*

CONSERVE

We work to conserve South Australia's natural resources, native species and natural places for their intrinsic value, and for people's benefit now and into the future.

SUSTAIN

We are an authority on environment, heritage and natural resources, helping community, industry, and government make good long-term decisions.

PROSPER

We guide the sustainable use of South Australia's natural resources and heritage, to deliver economic prosperity, health and wellbeing.

OUR VISION

*Our work is critical to South Australia's future social, environmental and economic prosperity.
The way we manage our environment and cultural resources is vital for the wellbeing of all South Australians.*

*To have impact we must be a flexible, responsive and influential adviser across government,
delivering high quality policy, programs and assets.*

WHAT MATTERS TO US



Partnerships and collaboration

We get great outcomes for our State by building trust and collaborating genuinely across government, with industry, First Nations and the community.



Performance and achievement

We deliver great public value by pursuing efficiency, being accountable, valuing and empowering our people, and focusing on getting the right things done.



Informed and adaptive decision making

The decisions we make and the actions we take are informed by evidence, engagement and analysis.



Authentic engagement

We are genuine, creative and relevant when we engage and clearly communicate whether we are engaging to inform, consult, involve or collaborate.



People, diversity and inclusion

We support and value our people and their professional and personal development. We encourage diversity and inclusion to create a resourceful and vibrant workplace, and to truly represent the community we serve.



Customer service

We are focused on our customers. We work hard to understand their needs and what they value, and provide service of the highest possible standard.

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Department for Environment and Water 2021–2022 Action Plan

To achieve our purpose we will pursue four complementary goals

Goal
1

South Australia's natural places, ecosystems and wildlife are conserved

Natural places, ecosystems and wildlife - that are sustainably managed and climate-resilient - are inherently valuable and essential to the quality of life of all South Australians.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN 2021–2022:

- 1.1 Deliver an expanded **fire management program** to help reduce the impact of bushfire in high-risk areas and promote biodiversity.
- 1.2 Implement the **Bushfire Recovery Framework** to help native wildlife and native vegetation recover from 19/20 bushfires.
- 1.3 Work with others, including PIRSA and the volunteer wildlife care sector, to develop fit for purpose **frameworks for the care and management of wildlife** during and after emergencies.
- 1.4 Implement the **Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin** initiative to support the long-term ecological health of the Coorong.
- 1.5 Manage **water for the environment** to support a healthier, productive and more resilient River Murray system.
- 1.6 Deliver a new **Nature Conservation Strategy** for South Australia.
- 1.7 Support recovery of **key threatened species**.
- 1.8 Support the work of the **International Koala Centre of Excellence (Koala Life)** to support koala research and foster partnerships with scientists and stakeholders.
- 1.9 Work with others to manage impact-causing **abundant native species**.
- 1.10 Work with others to minimise the impact of **introduced pest plants and animals** in national parks (in particular cats, deer and goats).
- 1.11 Undertake seagrass restoration to support healthy coastal environments (**New Life for our Coastal Environment**).
- 1.12 Partner with landholders to protect and restore native vegetation through **biodiversity offsets** and an expanded **heritage agreements** program.

Goal
2

Secure water for the future

South Australia's environment, community and economy are dependent upon reliable access to sustainable and fit-for-purpose water.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN 2021–2022:

- 2.1 Develop a new **State Water Security Statement** that identifies the State's current and future water security priorities.
- 2.2 Continue delivery of **Murray Darling Basin Plan** implementation activities including:
 - Commission the SARFIP infrastructure and continue to deliver on Integrated Operations and Emerging Projects
 - Commence implementation of the new Sustaining Riverland Environments Program
 - Present the two efficiency measures feasibility studies (Alternative Water Supplies Efficiency Measures Project and the Adelaide Desalination Plant) to the Commonwealth Government
 - Commence delivery of Stage 2 of SA's Constraints Measures Project to remove constraints to environmental water delivery (along the South Australian River Murray)
 - Return low flows to the Eastern Mt Lofty Ranges watercourses by delivering the Flows for the Future Program.
- 2.3 Complete development and testing of the **Water Management Solution** and implement the new state water register.
- 2.4 Review the approach to the provision of projected **minimum opening allocations** to South Australian River Murray irrigators to ensure water users are receiving the best available information.
- 2.5 Continue to enhance **water compliance and enforcement** arrangements.
- 2.6 Develop and engage with stakeholders on discussion papers to inform an **urban water directions statement** for South Australia.
- 2.7 Continue implementation of the **Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience** program.
- 2.8 Continue delivery of monitoring data and water science advice to support scheduled reviews of water allocation plans, resource status reports and the Basin Plan.

Goal
3

People access and enjoy South Australia's national parks, gardens, coasts and heritage places

When people value and visit our diverse natural environments and cultural assets they derive health and wellbeing benefits.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN 2021–2022:

- 3.1 Deliver **Parks 2025** projects, including:
 - Create a world-class fossil experience in the Nilpena-Ediacara National Park
 - Reinvigorate Cleland Wildlife Park and Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park
 - Create a Southern Flinders Ranges National Parks precinct and coastal visitor experience precinct on the Eyre Peninsula
 - Deliver an international mountain biking destination in the Southern Flinders Ranges and a mountain bike trail on the Fleurieu Peninsula.
- 3.2 Continue planning, design and construction of the **Wild South Coast Way**, part of the Heysen Trail day visitor and camping infrastructure.
- 3.3 Activate **Glenithorne National Park- Ityamaitpinna Yarta**.
- 3.4 Open **reservoirs** for the community.
- 3.5 In collaboration with community, refresh and renew the visitor experience throughout Kangaroo Island's national parks and rebuild of infrastructure destroyed in 2019/20 bushfires (**Re-imagining KI**).
- 3.6 Secure Adelaide's beaches through sand management (**Securing the Future of Our Coastline initiative**).
- 3.7 Activate government-owned heritage assets and heritage tourism, including by implementing a **Heritage Tourism Strategy for SA** and delivering new **heritage built grants**.
- 3.8 Progress the nomination of the northern Ikara-Flinders Ranges for **World Heritage** listing.
- 3.9 Support the Board of the **Botanic Gardens** to position the Gardens and State Herbarium to better connect people to science, nature and culture through increased visitation and expanded experiences and upgraded infrastructure.
- 3.10 Work with others to support South Australians' wellbeing by encouraging use of green spaces (Wellbeing SA's **Open Your World Strategy**).
- 3.11 Plan for and deliver a range of complementary marketing activities for commercial sites and other national parks assets to drive increased visitation and revenue (Parks Communications and Marketing).

Goal
4

Play our part in making South Australia's economy resilient and positioned for the future

For South Australia to prosper, we will manage land and water well, activate nature-based tourism and improve Adelaide's liveability.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN 2021–2022:

- 4.1 Develop a vision for managing SA landscapes and establish funding principles for the Landscape Priorities Fund to drive investment in integrated landscape restoration projects (**State Landscape Strategy**).
- 4.2 Facilitate international market opportunities for the South Australian water sector (**Water for Growth Strategy**).
- 4.3 Support the establishment of multi-use infrastructure water delivery corridors in regional areas (**Water and Infrastructure Corridors** initiative).
- 4.4 Drive delivery of a whole-of-government **Climate Change Action Plan** to reduce emissions and help South Australia to adapt to a changing climate, and work proactively with other agencies to drive implementation.
- 4.5 Initiate new blue carbon projects and drive opportunities to support landowners to sequester carbon in landscapes, parks and reserves and (**Blue Carbon Strategy**).
- 4.6 Establish **new shellfish reefs** along South Australia's coasts to support fishing, expand recreational activities and create employment opportunities in the regions.
- 4.7 Implement the **Climate Change Science and Knowledge Plan**.
- 4.8 Partner with industry to realise ecologically sensitive and commercially sustainable tourism opportunities in our parks, gardens and places (**Nature Based Tourism Co-Investment Fund**).
- 4.9 Partner with **Green Adelaide** to support greener neighbourhoods, connect citizens with nature and improve sustainability of the metropolitan coastal habitat (**Greener Neighbourhoods**).
- 4.10 Design and build infrastructure to manage and mitigate flood risk around the **Paternalonga Lakes** and associated catchments.
- 4.11 Facilitate delivery by Councils of new and upgraded flood management infrastructure in the Gawler River catchment.

Priority actions that support all of our work

- 5.1 Design and implement an agency performance framework to support reporting and communication of the impact of DEW's work.
- 5.2 Design and implement new corporate and business support model for DEW.
- 5.3 Implement DEW's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan.

- 5.4 Implement DEW Diversity & Inclusion; and Disability Access and Inclusion Plans.
- 5.5 Implement DEW WHS Strategic Improvement Plan.
- 5.6 Develop and implement a fit-for-purpose asset management framework.
- 5.7 Implement whole of government procurement reform for DEW.
- 5.8 Implement a new agency-wide Project Management Framework.

- 5.9 Implement a Complaints Management System.
- 5.10 Develop a three year plan to reform DEW's end to end financial management systems.
- 5.11 Continue to augment the DEW Customer Relationship Management System (CRM).
- 5.12 Implement Cyber Security Framework.

- 5.13 Implement DEW's Sustainability Plan to support our delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan at an agency level.
- 5.14 Migration of DEW's websites to a modern content management system.
- 5.15 Continue to advocate for the elimination of gendered violence through seeking re-accreditation as a White Ribbon accredited workplace and other initiatives.