

# Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board

## ENDORSED MINUTES – Meeting No.28



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| Date: 29 April 2025         |  |              |       |
| Start Time:                 | 09.15  | Finish Time: | 14.17 |
| Location:                   | Vicki Ledo Room<br>Whyalla Public Library<br>19 Ekblom Street<br>Whyalla SA 5652   |              |       |
| Attendees:<br>*via MS Teams | <b><u>Board members</u></b><br>P Treloar (Chair) (9.15 – 14.17)<br>N Becker (9.15 – 12.50) (14.05 – 14.17)<br>S Coleman (9.15 – 14.17)<br>M Dennis (9.15 – 14.17)<br>K McShane (9.15 – 14.17)<br>S Walsh (9.15 – 13.55)  |              |       |
| Staff:                      | <b><u>Staff</u></b><br>J Clark (General Manager) (9.15 – 14.17)<br>S Stovell (Manager, Planning and Business Support) (9.15 – 14.17)<br>S Drewer (Manager Landscape Operations) (9.15 – 14.17)<br>E Williams (Executive Support Officer) (9.15 – 14.17)<br>L Anderson (Team Leader Landscape Operations, Eastern) (9.15 – 14.08)<br>R Bridge (Landscape Officer, Eastern) (9.15 – 14.08)   |              |       |
| Visitors / Guests:          | <b><u>Guests</u></b><br>Peter Baker and Darren Alcoe (Department for Environment & Water) (9.15 – 11.00)<br>Ashley Kingsborough, Michelle Irvine and Simone Stewart (SA Water) (9.15 – 11.00)<br>Mayor Phil Stone, Cr Zia Westerman, CEO Justin Commons (Whyalla City Council) (12.02 – 13.11)   |              |       |
| Apologies:                  | S Milner<br>C Cox  |              |       |
| Item                        | Meeting Standing Items   |              |       |
| 1. Welcome                  |  |              |       |
| 1.1                         | <b>Welcome, apologies, and agenda check</b><br>The Chair opened the meeting at 0915, delivered an acknowledgement of country and welcomed those in attendance to meeting No.28 of the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board).<br>The Chair called for additional agenda items, nil were received.  |              |       |
| 1.2                         | <b>Declarations of interest</b><br>A briefing paper with the conflict of interest register was provided to the Board. P Treloar reported to the paper as presented.<br><b>Recommendation: 28.1.2</b><br><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) note the updated declarations register and include any new declarations of interest and or conflict, if disclosed.</b><br><b>Moved:</b> Sandra Walsh <b>Seconded:</b> Sonya Coleman <b>Outcome:</b> Carried |              |       |

## 2. Deputations and Presentations

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| 2.1 | <p>Peter Baker and Darren Alcoe, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) presented on the current water situation in the Southern Basins and Musgrave Prescribed Wells Areas. Key points from the presentation and discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief recap on the DEW advice to the Board in April 2024, which informed the Board's decision to immediately initiate a combined review and revision of the 2016 Water Allocation Plan (WAP)</li> <li>• An update on the current status and trends in groundwater levels for five basins, with multiple cases of groundwater levels in bores being either 'Below average', 'Very much below average' or 'Lowest on record'</li> <li>• Current scientific investigations, including a Uley South groundwater model, geophysical assessment of seawater intrusion at Coffin Bay and Uley South, and bore-hole salinity measurements showing salinity increases of up to 3.7% per year in Lincoln South and up to 5% per year in Uley Wanilla</li> <li>• The National Water Grid-funded research project into the sustainable yield of the Bramfield lens – this supplies Elliston with tap water, as well as environmental water, stock and domestic and small-scale irrigation and industrial use. The project includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conceptual model to help understand how the aquifer works</li> <li>○ Hydrographic modelling to better understand recharge</li> <li>○ Improved real-time monitoring of rainfall, recharge and groundwater levels</li> <li>○ Surface geophysics to assess aquifer extent, properties and seawater intrusion (initial indications that seawater intrusion may be only 1.4 km from one of the SA Water bores)</li> <li>○ Developing a groundwater flow and seawater intrusion computer model.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 2.2 | <p>Michelle Irvine from SA Water presented on their Water Security Response Plan Eyre Peninsula, including water supply and demand projections, water security levels, the community engagement and support programs, customer types and water use, demand tracking and changes in water use.</p> <p>Ashley Kingsborough provided an update on the Port Lincoln desalination plant project elements, early works completed and next activities.</p> <p>SA Water responded to statements and questions regarding the unsuccessful SA Water submission to ESCOSA for funds to construct a pipeline from Poldia to Elliston, and SA Water's more recent decision not to make a resubmission on such a pipeline.</p> <p>SA Water stated that they had received advice from DEW on both occasions to support their decisions.</p> <p>SA Water confirmed that internal costings on a seawater desalination alternative were at least twice as expensive as the pipeline.</p> <p>SA Water stated that any future submission to ESCOSA on funding for an alternative water supply for Elliston should be a collective effort by SA Water, DEW and the Board.</p>  |

## 3. Strategic Items

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| 3.1 | <p><b>Climate Ready Government Initiative (Phase 3)</b></p> <p>A briefing paper providing the Board with an overview of the Climate Ready Government Initiative (Phase 3) was presented by S Stovell. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.3.1</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) to note the steps that will be taken to enable the Board to meet the requirements of the South Australian Governments Climate Ready Government Initiative.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> |
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| 3.2 | <p><b>Land Management</b></p> <p>A briefing paper outlining the current response to areas of low ground cover levels and the associated risk of ongoing land degradation if average autumn and winter rainfall is not received. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.3.2</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) note:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The current response to low ground cover level ratings and increasing risk of continued land degradation.</b></li> <li><b>2. The positive engagement with the majority of landholders, including their preparedness to implement appropriate remediation measures once seasonal conditions improve.</b></li> <li><b>3. The requirement to escalate one priority to a formal protection order to ensure land degradation risks are adequately addressed.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>  |
| 3.3 | <p><b>Coffin Bay Water Quality Management</b></p> <p>A briefing paper updating the Board on the Coffin Bay Water Quality Improvement Working Group was presented. This included a recommendation to the Board that discussions commence with State agencies about management options to protect nationally important <i>Ostrea angasi</i> oyster reefs that occur naturally in Coffin Bay. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.3.3</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Note the update on the Coffin Bay Water Quality Improvement Working Group</b></li> <li><b>2. Write to Professor Mehdi Doroudi (Chief Executive, PIRSA) and Ben Bruce (Chief Executive, DEW) to initiate discussions around management options for <i>Ostrea angasi</i> reefs in Coffin Bay.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Nikki Becker      <b>Seconded:</b> Kate McShane      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p>   |
| 3.4 | <p><b>Regional Landscape Plan Update</b></p> <p>A briefing paper updating the Board on the Regional Landscape Plan was presented by S Stovell. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.3.4</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) to note the Regional Landscape Plan update.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>   |
| 3.5 | <p><b>WAP and Water Security Update</b></p> <p>A briefing paper updating the Board on EP WAP and other Water Security actions was presented by A Solomon. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.3.5</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Note progress on the Water Allocation Plan (WAP) revision and other regional water security actions</b></li> <li><b>2. Consider if Ministerial correspondence from the Board would be appropriate at this time, in support of future water supply options.</b></li> <li><b>3. Given the evidence presented by SA Water, DEW and EPLB staff to the Board, that the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board undertake to write to the Minister of Environment, Water and Climate Change and highlight continuing concerns around the fragility of all groundwater resources within the Musgrave and Southern Basins; particularly Bramfield</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Kate McShane      <b>Seconded:</b> Sandra Walsh      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p> |



| 4. Procedural Matters |  |
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| 4.1                   | <p><b>Adoption of Minutes EPLB Meeting No.27</b></p> <p>The draft minutes of Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Meeting No.27 held on 26 February 2025 were provided for formal endorsement.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.4.1</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) accepts the minutes of meeting No.27 held on 26 February 2025 as a true and accurate record of the business conducted at that meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Nikki Becker      <b>Seconded:</b> Kate McShane      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p>  |
| 4.2                   | <p><b>Action Register</b></p> <p>The list of action items arising from the previous board meeting was provided for information. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.4.2</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) note the status of Board action items.</b></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Kate McShane      <b>Seconded:</b> Mark Dennis      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p>   |
| 4.3                   | <p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p>A briefing paper providing the Board with a financial report ending 31 March 2025 was provided to the Board. S Stovell reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.4.3</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board adopt the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Note the Financial Report for March 2025.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Approve the following budget adjustments for the 2024-25 period:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <b>Cassinia Environmental \$19,125 (GST Exclusive)</b></li> <li>2.2 <b>LPF WAP - \$130,000 (GST exclusive)</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Note the remaining budget adjustments will be included in outer year budgets, including:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 <b>Feral Deer Free SA - 2025-26 period \$70,000 (GST exclusive)</b></li> <li>3.2 <b>RDP SAF project – 2025-26 \$19,802 (GST exclusive), 2026-27 \$20,396 (GST exclusive) and 2027-28 \$21,008 (GST exclusive)</b></li> <li>3.3 <b>LPF WAP – 2025-26 \$30,000 (GST exclusive)</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Sonya Coleman      <b>Seconded:</b> Mark Dennis      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p> |





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| 4.4   | <p><b>Ratify Out of Session recommendation – SA Feral Deer Eradication Program Stage 2</b></p> <p>The Board to approve the out of session recommendations in regard the SA Feral Deer Eradication Program – Retained Earnings Approval. Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.4.5</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) ratify the out of session approval for the recommendations below:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Endorse the approach to access \$0.25 million of retained earnings over four years as a contribution towards the proposed budget bid, to support regional feral deer eradication efforts on the Eyre Peninsula.</b></li> <li><b>2. Approve the attached draft letter of endorsement to be signed by the Chair, which will allow the Deputy Premier to endorse the proposal, and will be provided to the state Budget Cabinet Committee in support of the budget bid</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Mark Dennis      <b>Seconded:</b> Sonya Coleman      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p> |
| 4.5   | <p><b>Risk Management Registers</b></p> <p>A briefing paper providing the Board with the updated critical WHS risk register, strategic risk register for April 2025 Following discussion, the Board moved:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 28.4.5</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) note the Critical WHS Risk Register, Strategic Risk Management for January 2025, noting the identified risks, controls and status of progress, with changes as tabled.</b></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Sonya Coleman      <b>Seconded:</b> Nikki Becker      <b>Outcome:</b> Carried</p>   |
| <p><b>The meeting recessed at 12.02 and returned at 13.11. During the break a presentation was given by the City of Whyalla CEO and Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Eastern Team Leader, Liam Anderson</b></p> |  |
| <p><b>5. Standing Items for Noting</b></p>  |  |
| 5.1-13  | <p><b>The Board noted the following reports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1 Presiding Member's Report</li> <li>5.2 Board Member Reports (nil)</li> <li>5.3 General Manager's Report</li> <li>5.4 Communication and Media Report</li> <li>5.5 Contract, Grant and Purchase Order Execution Report</li> <li>5.6 Work Health &amp; Safety Performance Report</li> <li>5.7 Common Seal Register</li> <li>5.8 Seasonal Outlook</li> <li>5.9 Referrals Management update</li> <li>5.10 Landscape Priorities Fund update</li> <li>5.11 Annual Strategic Workplan update</li> <li>5.12 Aboriginal Engagement update</li> </ol> <p><i>The Board was given an update from S Stovell on the engagement work that the Aboriginal Engagement Officer has been undertaking.</i></p> <li>5.13 Kangaroo Partnership Project</li> <p><b>Recommendation 28.5.1 – 5.13</b></p> <p><b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) resolve to receive the standing items for noting, as presented.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>   |



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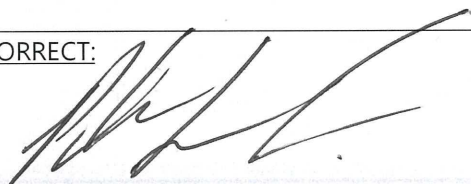
### 6. Correspondence

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|     | <b>The Board noted the following correspondence:</b>   |
| 6.1 | Natural Heritage Trust Environment Project Site Visit thank you (in)   |
| 6.2 | Letter of thanks to family of Fred Pickett (out)   |
| 6.3 | Letter of Support – Climate Smart Agriculture Capacity Building Grants (Round 2) (out)   |
| 6.4 | Establishment of Whyalla Special Economic Zone (in)  |
|     | <b>Recommendation 28.6.1-6.4</b>   |
|     | <b>Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board) resolve to receive the standing items for noting, as presented.</b> |
|     | <b>Resolved</b>  |

### 7. Meeting Closure

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| 7.1 | <b>Invitations for next meeting</b><br>Meeting No.29 has been scheduled to be held on Tuesday 24th June in Kimba. Due to the ALGA Conference being held in Canberra, an alternative date will be considered. |
| 7.2 | <b>Next meeting details including the Governance Schedule</b>  |
| 7.3 | <b>Communications Out</b><br>Nil   |
| 7.4 | <b>Review of Action List</b><br>The Board noted the actions.   |
| 7.5 | <b>Board Claims and Administration Items</b><br>Claim forms were distributed and completed on site.  |
| 7.6 | <b>Meeting Review</b><br>The Presiding Member noted that it was a full but productive meeting and apologised for agenda items running well over time.  |
| 7.7 | <b>Meeting closed</b><br>The meeting closed at 14.17   |

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Signed – Peter Treloar (Chair)

19 / 6 / 2025

