

# SA ARID LANDS LANDSCAPE BOARD - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

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## **South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board (the board) structure and functions**

A description of the structure and functions of the board and its subcommittees in providing information and recommendations to support the board's decision-making can be found on the website at <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal> under the heading 'Our Board'.

## **Ways in which the functions of the board affect members of the public**

The SA Arid Lands region covers more than half of South Australia, taking up the state's north-east corner to its borders with New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory. The board is a group of community, state and local government members who make decisions about regional investment in landscape management, with income derived from landscape levies, in conjunction with the Regional Landscape Plan. In 2021/22, the board has a newly developed SA Arid Lands Regional Landscape Plan. This plan is consistent with the State Landscape Strategy with the priorities of *climate ready region, water management, sustainable land management, protecting and enhancing biodiversity* and *people and partnerships* being shaped by both the requirements of the *Landscape SA Act 2019* and the community's aspirations.

## **Public participation**

The board can only achieve its goals by working in partnerships with industry groups, schools, community groups and volunteers. Partnerships extend the benefits of our investment and empower our community to contribute to the sustainability of the region's natural resources. The Grassroots Grant program enables volunteers and not-for-profit organisations to enhance their role in managing natural resources, and is administered by the board for on-ground projects in the SA Arid Lands Region. The board undertakes genuine community consultation and develops key partnerships to ensure the values and concerns of the community are reflected in planning and program delivery.

## **Documents held by the board**

The documents held by the board broadly include:

- tender and contract information
- policy documents and procedure manuals
- research reports and publications
- brochures, fact sheets, newsletters, photos and posters.

The listing of these documents does not necessarily mean all documents are accessible under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

## **Board policy documents**

The board is committed to undertaking extensive public consultation prior to formulation of any major policies relating to the board's functions. Any board policy may be viewed by contacting the board's offices.

## **Freedom of Information applications**

Freedom of Information applications and enquiries for access to documents in the possession of the board, and applications for amendment to personal records under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, should be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer  
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board  
PO Box 297  
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

For more information please phone the Freedom of Information Officer for the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board on telephone (08) 8648 5307 or email to [SAAL.Landscapeboard@sa.gov.au](mailto:SAAL.Landscapeboard@sa.gov.au). Office hours are between 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday.