

## SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 13 March 2008

#### Meeting 13: Tuesday 11 March 2008

Members of the Scientific Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its thirteenth meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2008.

- ❖ SWG members present included Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Sean Connell, Peter Fairweather, Bronwyn Gillanders, Cath Kemper and Hugh Kirkman; apologies from Scoresby Shepherd and Matthias Tomczak.
- ❖ The final technical iteration of the outer boundaries (excluding inland boundaries) was presented to the SWG that included:
  - reef platform south of Point Gibbon (proposed marine park 9)
  - deep water habitat in Investigator Strait (proposed marine park 12)
  - limestone reef, *Posidonia coriacea* and links with existing reserves in Gulf St Vincent (proposed marine park 17)
  - further linkage with Canunda National Park (proposed marine park 19).
- ❖ The SWG was very positive about extending proposed marine park 17 into the southern Adelaide area as that picks up important habitat and acknowledges the importance of marine protected areas on the metropolitan coast.
- ❖ The process for determining draft inland boundaries was discussed with the SWG determining that having inland boundaries only to median high water mark (MHWM) was not sufficient to maintain critical coast and marine linkages. It recommended that the CARs (comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness) principles be adhered to so as not to carve up habitats, and in particular that all of the active beach zone, including to the back of dunes, should be defined as part of marine parks. This includes the physically interacting beach up to freehold land and unallocated crown land.
- ❖ The SWG continued its consideration of spatial modelling with a priority setting exercise for primary, secondary and tertiary data layers.