



SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 46 - 13 September 2011

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 13 September 2011: Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd, Martine Kinloch, Sean Connell, Milena Fernandes and Luciana Moller. Apologies were received from Peter Fairweather, Bronwyn Gillanders, Hazel Vandeleur, Luciano Beheregary and Charlie Huveneers.

The SWG wishes to advise the Minister of the following key outcomes from its meeting:

1. The SWG welcomed the newly appointed member Milena Fernandes to the group.
2. The SWG noted the new appointment of the Marine Parks Council and stated that they are looking forward to working with the new Council members. The SWG discussed the need to engage the Council on the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) program to ensure the effective integration of the MER program across triple bottom line assets.
3. The SWG reviewed the Restricted Access Zones in the current zoning proposal. The SWG recommends that a range of habitat types should be represented across the State to provide valuable reference areas for scientific research and monitoring.
4. The SWG was pleased to note the new marine environment target 7.1 in South Australia's new Strategic Plan, with particular reference to the two key measures relating to effective implementation of the marine parks management plans and monitoring, evaluation and reporting program. The SWG stated that the significance of the commitment mirrors the SWG's view for the need to have a robust framework to ensure that the objects of the *Marine Parks Act 2007* and objectives of South Australia's Strategic Plan are delivered.

Prof. Anthony Cheshire
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Hon Paul Caica MP
Minister for Environment and Conservation

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