


**SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP  
COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 50  
14 May 2012**

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held on 14 May, 2012: Anthony Cheshire (chair), Luciana Moller, Luciano Beheregaray, Charlie Huveneers, Peter Fairweather, Martine Kinloch, Hugh Kirkman and Hazel Vandeleur. Apologies were received from Sean Connell, Scoresby Shepherd, Bronwyn Gillanders and Milena Fernandes.

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

- The SWG noted and discussed the zoning scenario released subsequent to the recent stakeholder's forum. In reviewing the proposal, SWG members were cognisant of the reset process. It is understood that the Government has developed a longer term strategy for the marine parks program that addresses both the need for a robust biodiversity conservation outcome and, at the same time, engages community support and confidence in the process.
- Noting the Government's strategy for the development of the Marine Parks program, the SWG wishes to confirm with the Minister that our advice should consider what will be achieved, in a biodiversity conservation context, through adopting the revised list of candidate sanctuary zones, as an element of this longer term strategy.
- On a separate matter, we also advise that, consistent with our Terms of Reference, the SWG has commenced a process for the election of a Chairperson for the next 12 months. We will advise, after the next meeting, the outcome of this process.



Prof. Anthony Cheshire  
Chair, Scientific Working Group

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