



SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 47 - 8 November 2011

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 8 November 2011: Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd, Martine Kinloch, Peter Fairweather and Milena Fernandes. Apologies were received from Sean Connell, Bronwyn Gillanders, Luciana Moller, 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 received an update on the development of the marine parks Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) program and a presentation on approaches from other jurisdictions. The SWG noted that the comprehensive approach used in Western Australia's MER program contains a number of elements that could be usefully adopted for South Australia's MER program.
2. The SWG noted that the significant commitment in South Australia's new Strategic Plan (Marine Environment Target 7.1) is consistent with the SWG's view for the need to have a robust monitoring and evaluation framework in order to ensure that the objects of the *Marine Parks Act 2007* and objectives of South Australia's Strategic Plan are delivered.
3. The SWG re-iterated its view that we need to engage with the new Marine Parks Council around the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) program to ensure the effective integration of both the biophysical and socio-economic components of the MER program towards achieving a triple bottom line reporting framework for the State.

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

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