



POSITION STATEMENT NO. 12

Volunteers in Natural Resources Management

As active managers of natural resources, volunteers are vital to the achievement of natural resources management (NRM) outcomes through the gift of their time, expertise and resources. The South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management (SA MDB NRM) Board acknowledges the valuable contribution of volunteers and is committed to supporting, recognising and retaining the involvement of these important community members.

The SA MDB NRM Board is committed to increasing the contribution of, and support for, NRM volunteering in the SA Murray-Darling Basin through:

- Improving the recognition and acknowledgment of volunteer contributions and skills
- Increasing the recruitment of new volunteers
- Ensuring effective communication between volunteers and other stakeholders
- Providing adequate funds to support volunteer programs
- Ensuring the safety and well being of NRM volunteers
- Establishing effective management and governance systems for volunteer programs
- Developing the knowledge and skills of volunteers and volunteer managers
- Ensuring technical support is available to volunteers.

This will be achieved through the combined contribution of the SA MDB NRM Board, community groups, and other stakeholders.