

**ADELAIDE AND MOUNT LOFTY RANGES
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**



**Government
of South Australia**

Adelaide and
Mount Lofty Ranges
Natural Resources
Management Board

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 147

**held from 10.00am to 12.00 pm
on Thursday 22 November 2018
at the Office for Natural Resources AMLR,
205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood**

PRESENT: Chair: Vicki-Jo Russell

Members: Alexandra Kentish
Alison Cusack
Rachael Siddall
Russell Johnstone
James Crocker
Julia Grant
Tamara Rohrlach

APOLOGIES: Felicity-ann Lewis
Trudi Meakins
Daniel Casement
Peter Pfennig

IN ATTENDANCE: Anne Piro, Executive Officer
Kim Krebs, Manager Community Engagement
Lisien Loan, Manager Parks & Sustainable Landscapes
Louisa Halliday, Manager Planning & Evaluation
Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
Roisin McAlary, Manager Financial Services

Observers:
Martin Stokes, Team Leader Water Allocation Planning (WAP)
Jenny Awbery, Senior NRM Policy Officer (WAP)
Rhiannon Mason, Policy Officer
Lissa Arcoverde, Manger Planning

221118-147-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE

221118-147-1.1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, acknowledging that the land is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and the Board respects their spiritual relationship with their Country. The Board also acknowledged the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today. She welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

221118-147-1.2 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Felicity-ann Lewis, Daniel Casement, Trudi Meakins, Peter Pfennig.

221118-147-1.3 Declarations of Interest

Russell Johnstone declared his interest as a newly elected Councillor, Barossa Area Council.

221118-147-1.4 Consent Schedule

*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.*

CARRIED

221118-147-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 146 held on 25 October 2018 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

221118-147-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*

CARRIED

221118-147-1.7 Resolution Register

*The Board **noted** the resolution register.*

CARRIED

221118-147-2.0 BOARD MATTERS

221118-147-2.1 Draft Business and Operational Plan and Intermediate Targets 2019-20 to 2021-22

The Board discussed the draft 2019-20 to 2021-22 Business and Operational Plan (BOP) and Intermediate Targets. The Board noted that the updated draft BOP is a transitional plan. While it has been prepared to cover a three-year period, it is anticipated that the plan will be replaced by the new Landscape South Australia (SA) and Green Adelaide plans before the end of the three-year period. The Board noted that while the plan had not undergone fundamental structural changes it contained a number of new elements relating to the Landscapes reform.

The Board discussed whether the proposed BOP with its potential to align with the Landscapes reform complies with the requirements of the current NRM Act and sought advice on that matter.

The Board:

- 2.1.1 **approved** the revised draft Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 being released for public consultation for a period of no less than 21 days.
- 2.1.2 **approved** annual reporting of progress towards the intermediate targets in the draft Business and Operational Plan.
- 2.1.3 **recommended** that advice be sought on whether the proposed BOP with its potential to align with the Landscapes reform complies with the requirements of the current NRM Act

CARRIED

221118-147-2.2 Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan

The Board noted that the preparation of the draft Adelaide Plains (AP) Water Allocation Plan (WAP) was well advanced and that the draft AP WAP will be finalised through consultation with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the Crown Solicitor and presented to the Board as soon as possible.

The Board also noted that the current AP WAP had been prepared consistent with the requirements of the current NRM Act, and discussed the limitations of the Act in managing the allocation and extraction of groundwater resources such as those found within the areas to be managed by the AP WAP.

The Board discussed the potential opportunity that is provided through the Landscape SA reform process to address these limitations and recommended that this matter be raised for Ministerial consideration.

Should these limitations be addressed in the short term, the Board noted that the policy section (Chapter 6) of the AP WAP could be readily adjusted to reflect those changes and that the remainder of the AP WAP could remain largely the same.

The Board discussed the use of recycled water in the area, and the current gaps and overlaps between the various agencies and legislation that applies in this area. The Board was verbally advised that Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) is undertaking a project looking to develop an Integrated Management Framework for the Northern Adelaide Plains region, and that staff from DEW Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges region as well as various other agencies are involved in this process. The Board discussed the benefits of receiving further information regarding this initiative and requested a briefing accordingly.

The Board:

- 2.2.1 **noted** the preparation of the draft Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan and associated Explanatory Guide.
- 2.2.2 **noted** that the draft Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan will be finalised through consultation with the Department for Environment and Water and the Crown Solicitor and presented to the Board as soon as possible.
- 2.2.3 **recommended** that PIRSA be invited to a present to the Board on the Northern Adelaide Plains Integrated Management Framework project.
- 2.2.4 **recommended** that the potential opportunity that is provided through the Landscape SA reform process to address the current limitations of the NRM Act in relation to managing the allocation and extraction of groundwater resources such as those found within the areas to be managed by the AP WAP be raised for Ministerial consideration.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.3 Youth Voice on AMLR NRM Board

The Board discussed a potential engagement model to involve Youth Voice into the Board ensuring that an authentic and meaningful relationship occurred with the desired outcomes. The Board agreed to hold a session with AMLR representation on the Youth Environment Council (YEC) to explore how YEC would like to be engaged and how they might feed in on relevant or specific issues.
The Board:

- 2.3.1 **noted** the approach as outlined in this paper and endorses a co-creation process to be run by the NRM Education team
- 2.3.2 **endorsed** the preferred engagement model as being the Youth Environment Council engagement model.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.4 State Planning Commission natural resources and environment discussion paper

The Board noted the draft response and agreed that the response should include the importance of the Department of Environment and Water's Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) policy, as guidance for how to integrate the principles of WSUD within planning policy.

The Board:

- 2.4.1 **approved** the draft Board response to the Natural Resources and Environment Discussion Paper with minor amendments.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.5 Participation in a baiting trial for feral goats and deer

The Board:

2.5.1 **noted** the participation in the baiting trial for feral goats and deer.

2.5.2 **noted** the risks posed by this trial and that appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate these risks.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.6 Community Environment Grants 2018-19

The Board noted that the environmental grants would include schools, community and an Aboriginal grant round would also be offered. The Aboriginal grant would be offered to the each of the four Nations up to a maximum of \$5,000.

The Board endorsed Alison Cusack and Alexi Kentish to be panel members for the grant assessment panels.

The Board:

2.6.1 **Nominated** board members, Alison Cusack - Community and Alexi Kentish - Schools, to be panel members for the grant assessment panels:

2.6.1.1 Alexi Kentish nominated for the school environment grant assessment panel

2.6.1.2 Alison Cusack nominated for the community environment grant assessment panel.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.7 Audit, Finance and Risk Committee update

The Manager of Business Support gave an update on the current activity of the Committee. It was noted that the audit of Financial Statements had been completed and the Independent Audit Report had been issued as an unqualified opinion. Further it was noted that a Management representation letter had been received from the Department of Environment and Water, Chief Finance Officer in relation to satisfactory internal controls provided to the Board as per the Service Level Agreement.

The Board noted that there needs to be continual review of the Service Level Agreement despite the Landscape reform.

The Board:

2.7.1 **noted** the Audit Finance and Risk Committee update and the confirmed meeting minutes for 7 August 2018.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.8 RLP Project Services

The Board:

2.8.1 **noted** the projects funded under the Regional Land Partnerships program for 2018-19.

2.8.2 **noted** the projects the Australian Government have selected and funding from 2019-20 to 2022-23.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.9 Regional Director's Report

The Board:

2.9.1 **noted** the Regional Director's update.

CARRIED

221118-147-2.10 Appointment of a Regional Authorised Officer

The Board endorsed the recommendation that Philip Stubbs be appointed as an Authorised Officer and that Russell Johnstone and Rachael Siddall sign the instruments of appointment under common seal.

The Board:

2.10.1 **approved** the appointment of Philip Stubbs.

2.10.2 **authorised** and nominate Board members, Russell Johnstone and Rachael Siddall to sign the associated instruments of appointment.

2.10.3 **authorise** the use of the Board's common seal by the nominated Board members so that it may be affixed to the associated instruments of appointment.

CARRIED

221118-147-3.0 FINANCE

221118-147-3.1 Finance Report

The Board noted the financial reports and that the financial expenditure was on track. It was noted that there were delays in approving carryovers by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The Board also noted the potential financial implications of the recent legislation changes to government policy which requires the automatic payment of interest on invoices not paid within 30 days of being received.

The Board:

3.1.1 **accepted** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 31 October 2018.

CARRIED

221118-147-4.0 PAPERS TO NOTE

221118-147-4.1 Register of Interests

221118-147-4.2 Letter to Minister Speirs re October 2018 board meeting

221118-147-4.3 Letter from Minister Speirs re acknowledgement of board's priority areas

221118-147-4.4 Senate Environment and Communications References Committee Inquiry into the impact of feral deer, goats and pigs in Australia

221118-147-4.5 Letter from Minister Speirs re consultation for the Landscapes SA reform

*The Board **notes** information papers 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5.*

CARRIED

221118-147-5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

221118-147-5.1 Letter to Minister re November board outcomes


The Board discussed and agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Water on the November 2018 meeting outcomes specifically around the Business Operation Plan, the Water Allocation Plan, the opportunity for a collaborative approach between Landscapes SA reform and the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act reforms, Community Natural Resource Centres and membership of the Board.

221118-147-6.0 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12 pm.

The next meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will be held on Thursday 13 December 2018 at Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Felicity-ann Lewis
Presiding Member



Date: 13 11 / 2018

