

Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary



Guiding collaboration principles

The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary (AIBS) guiding collaboration principles will guide the focus of work for all involved in the establishment and management of the AIBS.

Measurements will be set in place to track success of meeting these principles. Developmental evaluation will be used to enable adaptation of measures.

1. Birds and the environment are conserved and restored

First and foremost the AIBS is about protecting shorebirds – both migratory and local. Activities need to be complimentary to conservation AND restoration of both shorebirds and the environment generally.

We need to ensure there are measurements for this, both baseline and future scenarios.

2. Kaurna culture is embedded and respected

Kaurna and broader Aboriginal community members are an important part of conversations and consultation early and throughout the management of the AIBS.

Decisions and actions invite an opportunity for the continuous participation of Kaurna and broader groups of Aboriginal people in managing country through cultural knowledge and the connection to country. Decision-making will include the recognition that employment opportunities for Kaurna people is important.

3. The Collective is the leadership roundtable

The Collective will be supported to grow to be able to ride out political changes.

The Collective will keep the balance of being supported by government but also maintaining a level of independence, allowing the opportunity to be a wider driver of systems change in the North.

The notion of HOPE is held and shared.

4. Commitment to collaboration by state and local government

State Government and local councils will provide long-lasting commitment to goals and objectives of the project through committing to parts of the work that clearly sit within the responsibilities of these governments, for example planning and creating new policies related to the sanctuary area.

5. Local and international partnerships are focal to ensuring broad support

International partnerships are imperative (RAMSAR sites and EAAFP) and alignment with international agreements, objectives and partners are required to elevate the importance of the AIBS and contribute to the recovery of shorebird populations.

6. Community involvement is critical to success

Community collaboration in decision making will remain a key component of establishing and managing the AIBS. Decisions are made that improve or maintain special places for local people now and in the future by understanding where they are and why they are special.

Local and broader community is supported and capacity building is a part of creating and maintaining the sanctuary.

7. Education and engagement is positive and long-lasting

Common, positive and inclusive language is used to engage people and broader outcomes are promoted - not just environmental. Success at all scales

Ensure we are building in celebration and fun and that we promote the AIBS as a significant place to the public.

Helping people learn about the bird sanctuary and everything that makes it special and important is used in all aspects of education.

It is important to include the sanctuary into school curriculum/education programmes across the connected Adelaide region, in particular Kaurna cultural knowledge and the connection to country.

8. Recreational use and enjoyment promotes care

Access and recreation aligns with conserving the environment and allowing for both quiet and active enjoyment of local and visiting people.

9. Tourism is sympathetic to the environment.

Tourism activities are promoted that educate, conserve and restore the environment or that provide a benefit to the system as a whole.

10. Respect for the way we work together

Individual benefit comes second to the Collective common agenda and goals. Each voice has a right to an opinion and respect is given so that all can be heard. Staff and The Collective lead by example and demonstrate qualities of professionalism, courage, sustainability, kindness and environmental care.