

Case studies will be developed, following endorsement of the guiding document, and based on the next WAA permit application considered by the board. February 2019 workshop will further progress this item.

148/3.2 Presentation: Virtual Fencing

The Board requested the board be kept up to date on information regarding trials and research being undertaken on virtual fencing technology.

The Executive Officer is actively seek opportunities for Kangaroo Island to be involved in trials and research of virtual fencing technologies.

Ongoing: The board's request for information (and the follow up action) has been incorporated as an action in Feral Cat Fence project plan and will be reported on through the Board's quarterly project reports. This matter will now be removed from business arising.

148/4.2 Declared Animal Policy: C04 Goat, *Capra hircus*

Seek a waiver of the permitting fee for Goats from the relevant authority, the Chief Executive of Department for Environment and Water.

In Hand: T Mooney has drafted a briefing to the CE requesting a waiver of the permit fee.

148/4.5 Biosecurity Advisory Committee Report

The board:

1. will meet with Minister for Environment and Water, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Member for Mawson to pursue future biosecurity options.
2. follows up on obtaining information from Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority regarding the A-Z of recyclables so this can be circulated and promoted by the membership.

In Hand: Meetings with Ministers and MPs to be arranged for early 2019 or as opportunity presents; and N Putland has requested an electronic copy of the A-Z of Recyclables from Fleurieu Resources Waste Authority. FRWA are currently updated this information guide and will be available in early 2019.

148/5.2 Correspondence: Interim Guidelines for Management of Roadside Vegetation

A workshop be held in February 2019 to discuss the Interim Guidelines for the Management of Roadside Native Vegetation under Native Vegetation Regulation 11(23) (Interim Guidelines) and its operation and draft a response for submission to the Native Vegetation Council prior to 30 June 2019.

In Hand: Refer 2.2.1 Forward agenda

148/5.4 Feral Cat Eradication Steering Committee Report

Presiding Member to write to Minister Speirs and Minister Whetstone re the KI Feral cat eradication project

In Hand: Letter is being drafted.

Additional Item: A reminder that the board asked to be updated on the Kangaroo Island Biodiverse Carbon project each meeting.

3. Board Matters – For Decisions

3.1 BUSINESS PLAN 2019-2022

The Board supported the draft Business Plan for 2019-2022, subject to minor edits provided by board members, noting that the revised plan demonstrated how the Board would be delivering on the South Australian government's Landscapes SA priorities and the new funding through the Australian government's Regional Land Partnership program. The Board noted that some of the actions in the Business Plan will be delivered as in kind or with minimal budget.

Motion

Moved

Seconded

That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board:

- **Approves** the draft *Kangaroo Island NRM Business Plan 2019-2022* for public consultation.

Carried

3.2 IN CAMERA

Motion

Moved J Stanton

Seconded P Rismiller

That the Board approves under the provisions of Clause 3(5) of Schedule 1 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* an order be made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting with the exception of M Greig in order to consider, in confidence, a matter on the grounds of Clause 3(6) (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the prescribed body does not breach any law, order of direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.

Carried

3.2 FELIXER VS FELIS: FELIXER™ GROOMING TRAPS

The Board discussed the *Felixer versus Felis* project in camera but agreed that the discussion and recommendation should be part of the public record of this meeting so did not move to keep the documentation regarding this matter in camera.

The Board noted that the *Felixer vs Felis* project is ready to commence lethal trials of the grooming trap. The Board noted that the Regional Director and Manager Science and Program Planning presented on the project and the use of 1080 at an informal gathering of Council. The information was well received and Council asked to be kept informed of project progress.

The Board noted that at this stage, there has been no public notice that trialing of the grooming trap in toxic mode is imminent and while they acknowledged that all legal requirements will be undertaken, the Board's preference is that the trials don't commence **until after 1 February 2019**.

The Board reinforced that the outcomes and questions from the public meeting held on 1080 on 21 September 2018 needed to be readily available, through the Natural Resources Website and provided to people who attended the meeting, prior to trials commencing.

The Board was disappointed this had not already occurred.

The Board reinforced that lethal trials of the grooming trap DOES NOT include aerial baiting or baiting of any form. The trap uses a gel and will only administer the gel if a cat has been identified.

The Board asked that:

1. Open and honest communication is required to ensure information regarding the trialing of the grooming traps in lethal mode is not misconstrued.
2. Communication with the community, beyond the legal requirements, is needed due to the community's interest and support for the eradication of feral cats on Kangaroo Island.
3. A letter to the editor by the Presiding Member outlining the proposal, in line with a press release.
4. A press release be drafted, on the achievements of the feral cat project to date and includes:
 - a. our track record for safe and effective eradication of feral goats and deer;
 - b. thanking the community for their ongoing support for the feral cat project; and
 - c. emphasising that the grooming trap is one of the control tools being trialed to support eradication of feral cats from Kangaroo Island.
5. Neighbouring landholders be notified prior to the press release being provided to the media.
6. Formal notification of the date trials are to commence be provided to Kangaroo Island Council.

Motion

Moved D Welford Seconded C Wickham

That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board:

- **supports** the *Felixer vs Felis* project commencing lethal trials using 1080 toxic gel in the Felixer grooming traps to control feral cats on the Dudley Peninsula in February 2019.
- **supports** a press release detailing the achievements of the project to date and stating the reason for trialling the grooming trap ten days prior to trials commencing, reinforcing that this is a toxic gel and not using bait.
- **formally informs** Kangaroo Island Council of the trial period and project progress.

Carried

The press release will be circulated to members for comment prior to final submission to the Islander.

N Putland left the meeting at 3:45 pm

3.3 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The board noted the need for a current communications plan as part of the board's agreement with the Australian Government. The board requested several amendments to the draft communications plan including a check of all contacts and inclusion of a purpose statement at the beginning of the plan which refers to Appendix E.

Motion

Moved D Welford Seconded K Stove

That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board:

- **endorses** the draft *Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board Communications Plan* for submission to the Australian Government as required by

the terms of the board's agreement with the Australian Government for Regional Land Partnership funding subject to the amendments requested by the board.

Carried

3.4 KI PLANTATION TIMBERS SPONSORSHIP OF BOARD PROJECTS

The board noted that Kangaroo Island Plantations Timbers (KIPT) approached Natural Resources Kangaroo Island administration regarding investment opportunities to support natural resources projects that would offset potential impacts of harvesting and transporting timber on Kangaroo Island.

An investment prospectus has been developed and the board supported the draft investment prospectus for private investment with some minor amendments.

Once the board receives an investment offer, the board will need to consider the offer under the board's sponsorship policy.

Motion

Moved P Rismiller Seconded K Stove

That the Kangaroo island Natural Resources Management Board:

1. **notes** Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers have discussed future investment opportunities with the administration.
2. **endorses** the draft *Investment Prospectus* for Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers to consider with the removal of mention to *Eradicat*
3. **notes** the prospectus will be finalised after board support and internal sign-off.

Carried

Motion

Moved P Rismiller Seconded K Stove

That the Kangaroo island Natural Resources Management Board:

1. **Requests** the Regional Director explores investment opportunities with Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers.

Carried

3.5 APPLYING PRINCIPLE 2.3.2.9 (PRINCIPLE 9) OF THE 2017 WATER AFFECTING ACTIVITY POLICY.

The board noted that once the guidelines are endorsed, the Water Officer will develop several scenarios based on current Water Affecting Activity permit applications. The board noted the tension between *what is known* and *considering future scenarios* in decision making. The Presiding Member highlighted the need to not be too prescriptive in developing the guidelines and thanked Mike Greig, Mark Agnew and Laurie Poppleton for their work.

Motion

Moved J Taylor Seconded D Welford

That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board:

1. **endorses** the draft KI NRM Board *Guidance for Implementation of WAA policy Property Scale Limit exemption principle*

2. **notes** a board February workshop will focus on principle 9 and scenarios.
Carried

3.6 OUT OF SESSION PAPERS

Motion

Moved K Stove Seconded J Stanton
That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board **ratifies** the recommendations of the out-of-session decision paper as listed below:

- **Approves** *accepting reduced funding and amended outcomes as outlined in Attachment 1 for:*
 - a. *Creating a safe haven for the Kangaroo Island Dunnart and other EPBC-listed priority species through the eradication of feral cats from the Dudley Peninsula*
 - b. *Building resilient agricultural systems on Kangaroo Island*
- **Note**, *subject to the board approving the reduced funding and project outcomes, the proposed activities in Attachment 1 have been supported by the Regional Director.*
- **Note** *a full MERI plan and associated documents as required by the Australian Government, and internal project plans will be developed for endorsement by the Regional Director.*

Carried

4. Any other business

4.1 WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

C Wickham left the meeting at 4:33 pm

4.1.1 KI Wilderness Trail – Development Applications

The board considered their role in providing a response to the development applications referred by the State Commission Assessment Panel.

1. Extension of the trail and breaks in the vegetation and that paths can disrupt movement of plants and animals. Preference that the development remains close to the existing trail to minimize the footprint and minimize fragmentation of the natural systems within the Park.
2. Support updating of heritage accommodation.
3. Location of the accommodation pods and associated buildings at Sandy Creek and Sanderson Bay are too close to the coast, footprint is too large and is in conflict with the original concept of the development of the trail proposed in 2011. Concerns that the location is in too fragile a coastal environment.
4. The amended park management plan, which allowed for the KIWT and associated eco-tourism development is aligned with the intent, but not with the letter, of the amended Flinders Chase National Park management plan.

The Board noted that D Welford was not comfortable with views of the board and supported the development.

The Board recognised the value of having a high end product associated with the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail but was concerned that the development applications for Sandy Creek and Sanderson Bay are not in keeping with the letter of the management plan.

In response to the Board's concerns, M Greig provided the following summary:

- Wilderness: while Flinders Chase is not a wilderness area, it is a category 2 National Park and is managed for visitor interaction and biodiversity.
- Them and us: philosophical view: all users of the KI Wilderness Trail pay a fee to walk the trail. This development provides an additional option for walkers and will attract a different type of clientele.
- Cumulative effect of development within Flinders Chase: This development was always part of the concept for the KI Wilderness Trail. To protect the private and public investment already committed to the Trail, there will be restrictions on further development within Flinders Chase.
- Management plan: the proposed sites are consistent with the amended park management plan.

Motion

Moved K Stove Seconded P Rismiller

That the Kangaroo island Natural Resources Management Board:

1. **Considered and discussed:**

- a. the referral Application 010/L065/18 - 520/L006/18 - Construction of tourism accommodation (comprising eight accommodation pods, a longhouse, lookout, staging post, services building and connecting pathways) at Sandy Creek, Flinders Chase National Park;
- b. Application 010/L067/18 - 520/L007/18 – Internal alterations to an existing State Heritage Place (Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse Keepers Cottages), demolition of existing BBQ shelter and construction of common room at Cape du Couedic, Flinders Chase National Park; and
- c. Application 010/L068/18 – 520/L008/18 Construction of tourism accommodation (comprising eight accommodation pods, a longhouse, lookout, staging post, services building and connecting pathways) at Sanderson Bay, Flinders Chase National Park

2. **Responds** to the State Commission Assessment Panel by 17 December 2018 that states, noting that the development applications 520/L006/18 and 520/L008/18 are not in the spirit of the original intent for the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail as the extensions to the footprint will impact the fragile coastal area and will further fragment the natural systems of Flinders Chase through the extra trail network required to access the Sandy Creek and Sanderson Bay sites.

Carried noting that D Welford opposed the recommendation.

C Wickham re-joined the meeting at 5:10 pm

4.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board noted that the Finance and Audit Committee met on Monday 10 December 2018.

Motion

Moved J Taylor Seconded C Wickham

That the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board:

1. **Endorses** the October 2018 financial reports
2. **Endorses** the September 2018 balance sheet
3. **Notes** the Treasurer Instruction 11 update
4. **Notes** the Annual Internal Controls Opinion Letter for preparation of Financial Statements
5. **Notes** the Auditor General's Audit and Management Letters
6. **Endorses** the revised policies F05 – Use of Common Seal, A02 – Conflict of Interest
7. **Endorses** the updated Focus of Works to be implemented in 2018-19
Endorses the addition of Financial Risk on the Risk Register
8. **Notes the** Risk Register has been reviewed and updated.

Carried

4.2 BIOSECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board noted that the Biosecurity Advisory Committee met on Monday 10 December 2018 and that a formal report was not tabled. The committee recommends that the board uses the recommendation of the closure reports for the *Too good to Spoil* and Coast and Marine projects as the basis for future funding submissions. The Committee also asked the Board to support the current declaration status of buffel grass as included in the draft *Buffel Grass Strategic Plan 2018-23*.

Motion

Moved P Rismiller Seconded K Stove

That the Board:

1. **Uses** the key recommendations from the NLP 1 project closure reports for the *Too Good To Spoil*, *Protecting KI* and the Coast and Marine Projects, as the basis of future funding submissions to state and federal governments.
2. **Notes** that comments are being sought by Biosecurity SA on the draft *Buffel Grass Strategic Plan 2018-23* and **supports** the current declaration status of this weed under the NRM Act to prohibit its entry, movement and sale on Kangaroo Island and acknowledges any detections will be managed through destruction.
3. **Forwards** the comments regarding the draft *Buffel Grass Strategic Plan 2018-2023* to Biosecurity SA.

Carried

5. Next Meeting

Resolved

That the next meeting be held on Friday 25 January at 9:30 am in the Board Room,
35 Dauncey Street Kingscote.

6. Closure

The Meeting closed at 5:25 pm

Signed:



Richard Trethewey
PRESIDING MEMBER
KANGAROO ISLAND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date: 25 January 2019