



Conservation Council of South Australia Inc

2007-08 Member Groups and Committee Representatives Updates

Aldinga Bay Coastcare, Animal Liberation, Anthropological Society, Association of South East Field Naturalists, Australian Civic Trust, Australian Conservation Foundation, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, Australian Plants Society, Bicycle Institute of South Australia, Bird Care & Conservation Society, Birds SA (SA Ornithological Assn), Coastal Ecology Protection Group, Echidna Care, Eco-Action Kangaroo Island, Economic Reform Australia (SA), Field Naturalists Society of SA, Fishers for Conservation, Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species, Friends of Parks, Friends of Willunga Basin, Gawler Environment & Heritage Association, Greening Australia SA, Institute for Earth Education, Marine Life Society of SA, National Trust of South Australia, Native Fish Australia (SA), Natural History Society of South Australia, Nature Conservation Society of SA, North East Hills Environment Conservation Association, Orienteering Association of SA, People for Public Transport SA, People's Environment Protection Alliance, Permaculture Association of SA, River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group, Royal Zoological Society of SA, SA Genetic Food Information Network, Scientific Expedition Group, Soil Association of South Australia, South Australian Herpetology Group, Southern Eco-Alliance, Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance, St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club, Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch, Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA), Trees For Life, Urban Ecology Australia, Vegetarian Action, Vegetarian Society of SA, Walking SA, Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, The Wilderness Society (SA)

Role of CCSA

The Conservation Council of South Australia Inc (CCSA) is the peak body for conservation in this state. Our members are non-profit conservation groups large and small, engaged in activity ranging from advocacy through to on-ground works to restore degraded ecosystems.

CCSA's role is to represent these groups and the diverse functions they perform for South Australia's environment.

CCSA engages in a combination of advocacy and on-ground work. We also have an important function to engage and involve the community in conservation.

CCSA runs the Conservation Centre at 157 Franklin Street which is co-located with its main office.

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WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Conservation Council of South Australia's 2007-2008 Member Group and Committee Representatives Booklet, in which all member groups and CCSA representatives on committees are given the opportunity to report on their group's achievements, activities and progress over the previous financial year.

The booklet was produced for the first time in 2007, and we are very keen to hear your feedback as to how you think this resource could be made even more useful in the future. We see the booklet as a communication tool to increase awareness of your group's activities, services and opportunities – both between the movement, government and the wider community.

It is amazing to read the reports and realise just how many people continue to be committed to the environment movement in South Australia. A priority for CCSA is to wherever possible support those people with networking and facilities, enabling them to combine their energies – as individuals we can achieve great things, and working together we can achieve even more!

The work done by environmental groups and organisations in SA is vital to our future. Finding solutions and promoting them to the wider community is an imperative in today's political and environmental climate. So to all environmental groups in SA, we would like to say thank you, and keep up the good work!

Thank you also to those people who represent CCSA on environmental committees – they donate their time voluntarily to make sure environmental viewpoints are appropriately represented and considered on various issues dealt with by the committees.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome some new member groups who have joined CCSA during 2007/08:

- Aldgate Valley Landcare Group (pending)
- Aldinga Bay Coastcare
- Coastal Ecology Protection Group
- River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group
- Vegetarian Action

Thank you for supporting CCSA's important work. Membership is a key tool to enable the environment movement in SA to have a strong and influential voice. We encourage you to read this booklet and become involved with any organisations that take your interest.



Julie Pettett
CCSA CEO

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List of Member Groups as at June 30, 2008

Aldinga Bay Coastcare
Animal Liberation (SA)
Anthropological Society
Association of South East Field Naturalists
Australian Civic Trust
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (SA Group)
Australian Plants Society (SA Region)
Bicycle Institute of South Australia
Bird Care & Conservation Society
Birds SA (SA Ornithological Association)
Coastal Ecology Protection Group
Echidna Care
Eco-Action Kangaroo Island
Economic Reform Australia (SA)
Field Naturalists Society of SA
Fishers for Conservation
Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME)
Friends of Parks
Friends of Willunga Basin
Gawler Environment & Heritage Association
Greening Australia SA
Institute for Earth Education
Marine Life Society of SA
National Trust of South Australia
Native Fish Australia (SA)
Natural History Society of South Australia
Nature Conservation Society of SA
North East Hills Environment Conservation Association
Orienteering Association of South Australia
People for Public Transport SA
People's Environment Protection Alliance
Permaculture Association of SA
River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group
Royal Zoological Society of SA
SA Genetic Food Information Network
Scientific Expedition Group
Soil Association of South Australia
South Australian Herpetology Group
Southern Eco-Alliance
Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance
St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club
Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch
Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA)
Trees For Life
Urban Ecology Australia
Vegetarian Action
Vegetarian Society of SA
Walking SA
Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association
Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
The Wilderness Society (SA)

Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc. (aka 'Valley of the Bandicoots')



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Key Role of Member Group:

The Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc. has created the 'Valley of the Bandicoots' – a five kilometre-long wildlife corridor (incorporating about 25 public and private properties) stretching from Aldgate Primary School to Mylor Primary School. The group holds working bees twice a month on Council Reserves which make up the corridor, as well as helping co-ordinate funding and work on many other properties. The AVLG is made up of local residents in the Aldgate Valley area.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc. is a 'hands on' group, not an advocacy group (we mostly do things like weeding, propagating & planting native vegetation etc.). Any advocacy we do is locally focussed (usually with the Adelaide Hills Council) and is aimed at protecting & enhancing our project area. In 2007/08 we did get involved in advocacy over proposed changes to the Native Vegetation Act which may have allowed destruction of cemetery reserves. This is because one of the most significant public reserves (marking one end of the Valley of the Bandicoots project) is the Stirling Cemetery Bush.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Overpopulation
2. Climate change
3. Biodiversity degradation

***New member group as of October 2008*

Animal Liberation Inc

Spokesperson: Geoff Russell

Contact Details: Geoffrey.russell@gmail.com

Key Role of Member Group:

The key role of Animal Liberation is to prevent harmful exploitation of animals.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Vegan cooking classes
- Various publications in general media and scientific journals relating to the impact of diet on climate change and water shortages.
- Various public education activities, school visits and the like.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate change
2. Water shortages
3. The previous two should dominate SA action.

Association of South East Field Naturalists

Spokesperson: Heather Kriesl, President
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Key Role of Member Group:

To foster the appreciation and knowledge of the natural environment amongst members

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- To monitor environmental issues
- The conservation and appropriate use and management of water
- Monitor and encourage the use of bio-control agents against weeds
- Feral animal control
- Lobby against the introduction of animals that would destroy our wildlife
- Encourage further research into "Mundulla Yellows"

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Water or lack there-of
2. Invasive weeds and garden escapees
3. Climate change

Australian Plants Society SA Inc

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Key Role of Member Group:

- Encouraging the cultivation & study of and gardening with Australian plants for their protection.
- Support the strengthening of protective legislation and encourage compliance.
- Publish information to further these aims.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Monitoring issues and network building.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Vegetation fragmentation and habitat loss.
2. Weed invasions.
3. Un-sustainable water use leading to the draw down of aquifers and drying of riverine systems.

Bicycle Institute of SA

Spokesperson: Jeremy Miller
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Key Role of Member Group:

Advocating for a safe and pleasant environment for cyclists in South Australia.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Successfully lobbied, with other groups, for the building of cycle overpass over South Road.
- Held seminars to promote the Green Travel Corridor concept
- Maintained pressure on state government for provision of cycling infrastructure
- Held successful Ride of Silence, attending numbers increased from prior year.

Current Activities:

- Campaigning for Car Free Day in Adelaide
- Campaigning for increased State Government funding for bicycle infrastructure
- Interest in Adelaide City Council Cycling Strategy.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Water supply & usage
2. Climate change
3. Impact of transport on the environment.

Bird Care & Conservation Society SA Inc

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Key Role of Member Group:

Advice on rescuing and caring for sick, injured and orphaned wild birds.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Active BCCS members receive phone calls through:

- Referrals (From animal welfare groups, vets, national parks, councils etc)
- White pages phone book
- BCCS website
- Community publications

Seeking assistance with wild birds found by the public and asking for advice on matters to do with wild birds and their welfare.

Bird Care supplies:

- 'Fact sheets' for care of various species of birds available from the BCCS secretary or downloadable from the BCCS website
- BCCS publication 'Handbook Caring for Rescued Birds' which may be ordered through the BCCS website or requested through the BCCS Secretary.

Bird Care endorses actions such as the current National Common Position Statement to the Federal Government, of conservation, animal welfare and political groups calling for a ban on the recreation shooting of native waterbirds.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Over population
2. Native vegetation destruction
3. Water pollution

Coastal Ecology Protection Group Inc

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Key Role of Member Group:

Conservation of coastal dunes, flora & fauna from Grange Jetty to Bower Rd, Semaphore.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Continued to have Council and State Government development and destruction of coastal dunes system put on hold.
- Negotiating with City of Charles Sturt Council and Coast Park and local area Bike Plan.
- Program to remove dune encroachment and weeds and replace with indigenous plants.
- Encouraging neighbourhood education and responsibility via newsletters, signage, individual approaches and informative community meetings.
- Lobby for environmental responsibility with all levels of government.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Sea level rise and climate change, impact on marine & coastal environment.
2. Discharge of storm water and sea grass destruction.
3. Conservation of remnant coastal dunes and eco-systems from unnecessary, destructive development.

Economic Reform Australia (SA)

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Key Role of Member Group:

ERA is a non-party-political organisation, formed in 1993 as a union of the Economics Review Association and other economic reform groups. Its long-term goal is to achieve a socially, environmentally and financially sustainable economic system. ERA's commitment to economic sovereignty seeks to return control of the economic and financial system to the people. This requires full public scrutiny and accountability for all economic processes and a recognition that economic systems must serve the people for the global good.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Some active ERA members are spending time talking within the group concerning the type of policy proposals they would like to see promoted in relation to Australia's economic future, ie. what they are and why they are considered relevant, important and necessary.

With the winds of change blowing at gale force, we are being presented with a time in which we can help bring about constructive changes in society. We are endeavouring to be in the vanguard of constructive thinking and trying to make sure that we have something valid to offer and promote. The public's ear is showing signs of wanting to hear more of the realities of the marketplace. It does not want its good new wine put back into dirty old soiled containers.

The thrust of our endeavours is mainly educational. Our regular newsletter and selected extra articles are trying to bring some sanity to free-market madness and to academia which in some disciplines has exchanged intelligence for contrived ignorance and vested interests' corruption. The human mind is programmed with information from a variety of sources, all of which contribute to determining the outlook, attitudes, prejudices, beliefs and behaviour of each individual. We only too readily impute blame for past human follies to the brainwashing of the masses by opportunist leaders of church and state whilst at the same time we are consenting victims ourselves to the greatest deceptions and injustices ever foisted on human beings. In the worship of mammon's greed and lust for self-centred power, irresponsible advertising, seductive propaganda and malicious usurious monopolizing of purchasing power credit and the mass media threaten to envelop us in a social anarchy, the like of which would make the Dawn Ages of European History look immaculate by comparison.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. The most important change in recent times has been the enormous growth of one subsystem of the Earth, namely the economy, relative to the total system, the ecosphere.
2. The growth economy is failing. In other words, the quantitative expansion of the economic system increases environmental and social costs faster than production benefits, making us poorer not richer.
3. If expansion is to be mainly for the sake of the poor it must be comprised of good the poor need – clothing, shelter, and food on the plate, not ten thousand recipes on the Internet.

Fishers For Conservation Inc



Spokesperson: Josh Coates, Secretary

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Key Role of Member Group:

- i) To conserve natural environmental and ecological processes to ensure the future of sustainable recreational fishing.
- ii) To promote the understanding and protection of natural ecosystems with particular regard to marine, coastal and catchment environments.
- iii) To educate recreational fishers and others regarding the benefits of environment conservation and sustainable fishing practices.
- iv) To undertake research related to the objects of the association.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Community Based Sustainable Fishing Education Project (SA) - Practical ways to increase recreational fishing sustainability. Delivered by fishers, to fishers. Fishers acting to ensure a sustainable future for Australian recreational fishing. See http://www.ffc.org.au/Sustainable_fishing_education.html for details.
- Supporting call for protection for the Western Blue Groper and Harlequin fish.
- Opposing Spencer Gulf Desalination plant.
- Marine Park advocacy.
- Shark protection campaign (in development).
- Discarded line / stainless steel hooks campaign.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate change
2. Overfishing
3. Water management

Friends of Parks

Spokesperson: David Mitchell, President

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www.communitywebs.org/FriendsofParks/

Key Role of Member Group:

Friends of Parks Inc is the independent umbrella body established to protect and represent the interests of the large number of individual Friends of Parks groups and other volunteer groups working to help protect this State's natural and cultural heritage. Most member groups work on individual Reserves or a group of Reserves protected under the National Parks & Wildlife Act or on the cultural heritage at a particular site. A smaller number work on Council and privately owned land.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

The Friends of Parks Inc Board continued to assist member groups in their endeavours over the last year by:

- 'Sponsoring" our member groups in their applications for Grants for on-ground work and equipment.
- Encouraging member groups to seek grants from their Natural Resource Management Boards & other funding bodies.
- Providing grant money and overseeing training courses to help members update and improve their skills.
- Representing member groups on Departmental and other Volunteer committees and writing submissions on strategies and policies.
- Successfully advocating for earlier consultation with Friends groups on policies and management plans that may affect their on-ground work.
- Liaising with and being briefed by Senior Departmental managers on the directions and priorities of the Department for the next few years.
- Providing an informative website, a Friends of Parks recruitment brochure, and a regular E- newsletter to keep member groups up to date with Board initiatives and to provide an opportunity for member groups to network and exchange information and ideas.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. More government funding needed for on-ground conservation works in the Protected Area Reserve System including access to NRM funding.
2. Climate Change and associated issues, such as water.
3. The potential impacts from likely increased mining and recreational activities in the Protected Area Reserve System.

Friends of Willunga Basin

Spokesperson: David Gill / Chris Davies

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Key Role of Member Group:

Environmental protection of Willunga Basin, with a focus on planning issues.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Promotion of public transport (light rail) to outer Southern Adelaide.
- Opposing Urban Boundary expansion
- Opposing inappropriate retail development in historic towns
- Promoting sound planning in new developments

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate Change
2. Water
3. Biodiversity loss

Greening Australia (SA)

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Key Role of Member Group:

Landscape scale ecological restoration.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Implementation of landscape scale projects
- River Murray Forest and other carbon sequestration projects
- Delivery of (Southern Flinders) hotspots program
- Revegetation and direct seeding projects
- NRM partnerships
- Delivery of Green Corps in SA & WA
- Conservation action Planning workshops

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Water conservation and management
2. Clearance of native vegetation (ongoing)
3. Marine management – marine planning and marine parks – each of progress

Marine Life Society of South Australia

Spokesperson: Mr. Philip Hall, President

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Key Role of Member Group:

To foster the study of marine life, promote education and public awareness of all life in the sea and to encourage the conservation and protection of South Australia's unique and beautiful marine environment.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Lobbying government for the protection of the Southern Blue groper and the Harlequin fish
- Regular talks to Community groups (1-2 per month)
- Publication of the only SA marine life calendar, used to educate the community & promote marine life
- Participation in the process of the co-management of Prawn Fisheries
- Active participation and support of Janine Baker's field surveys of SA's U I-S Demersal fishes
- Provision of a Marine Life photo index for public worldwide use
- Assisting the Leafy Sea Dragon Festival 2009, including the creation and provision of a website for that festival.
- Continuing use of 'Jewels Of The Sea' (JOTS) kits for educating school children
- Participation in Reef Watch activities
- Support for the creation of wetlands within the Cheltenham racecourse precinct
- Ongoing support for the introduction of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. The runoff of storm-water into the Gulf of St Vincent, which is impacting the sea-grasses and therefore reducing fish habitat, as well as promoting sand movement up the Gulf.
2. The protection of the Southern Blue groper (formerly referred to as the Western Blue Groper) and the Harlequin fish in SA waters.
3. Saving Ewens Ponds, a world-renowned tourist icon and habitat for several of Australia's threatened native fish, and is currently under threat from the effects of algal bloom believed to be caused by nutrients entering the system from adjacent farmlands.

Natural History Society of South Australia Inc



Spokesperson: Dr Peter Clements, Public Officer
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Key Role of Member Group:

To promote and raise public awareness of conservation and preservation of indigenous Australian flora and fauna through the maintenance and re-establishment of natural eco-systems and wiser land use.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Maintenance of five wildlife reserves as a demonstration that habitats can be restored and will recover after removal of the primary species responsible for their decline.
- Letter writing re key environmental campaigns in South Australia

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Loss of habitat for native flora and fauna species
2. Loss of entire ecosystems through fragmentation of habitats
3. Lack of water for aqueous environments

The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia



Spokesperson: Georgina Mollison, Scientific Officer
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Key Role of Member Group:

The Nature Conservation Society is a major environmental group, celebrating over forty years of devoting its energies to ensuring the survival of South Australia's biodiversity.

The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia is a voluntary body with members drawn from all parts of the State and all walks of life. The Society's primary objective is to foster the conservation of the State's wildlife and natural habitats through scientific research and on-ground work. Our activities include:

- protecting and managing habitats, particularly native vegetation
- researching threatened species and habitats
- working to ensure adequate park dedication, management and legislation
- educating the community and all tiers of government
- co-operating with other conservation groups and land managers

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Active campaigns against the destruction of ecologically significant areas due to environmentally unsustainable mining practices. For example the mining of uranium at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and the plan to mine brown coal at the Parakie Wetlands in the State's South East.
- Active campaigns and involvement in the development of native vegetation legislation in South Australia.
- Ongoing scientific, legislative and on ground involvement in the South Australian National Parks system.
- The work of the Threatened Plant Action Group has undertaken in-situ conservation measures to protect threatened plant populations and habitats in the wild, and has worked with government organisations (such as the Department for Environment & Heritage) and other community groups to implement on-ground recovery actions throughout South Australia.
- Ongoing research and community education about plant communities and assessing their condition using the Bushland Condition Monitoring Manual produced by the Society.
- Ongoing community education in the form of community workshops and scientific publications.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. The loss of remnant native vegetation and habitats throughout South Australia.
2. The decline of native fauna species and the rise in introduced species within South Australia.
3. A lack of public understanding about the importance of protecting the environment for the future.

North East Hills Environmental Conservation Association (NEHECA)

Spokesperson: Jasemin Rose
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Key Role of Member Group:

To promote and protect the biodiversity of the NE Hills (in the Mt Lofty Ranges) and to try to halt the deterioration of native vegetation particularly on roadsides and reserves in that area.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

This has been a quiet year with some of our key members suffering serious illness or travelling on extended holidays. NEHECA has continued to follow up on local issues related to illegal dumping and breaches of planning laws and have organised some weed control on our bush care sites.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate Change (particularly reduced water quality and quantity, increasing likelihood of species loss, bushfires and extreme weather events).
2. Weeds
3. Ambiguous/inadequate legislation failing to protect indigenous flora and fauna, which is also suffering through a lack of enforcement of that legislation.

Orienteering Association of SA

Spokesperson: Mr John Lyon

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Key Role of Member Group:

To protect the cultural and natural environment of our native (and commercial) forests to allow urban people to enjoy the bush and hence to:

1. Become conservationists
2. Improve their 'heart health' and lifestyle
3. Challenge those who want to exclude homo-sapiens from native forests

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

As above, and to stop horses and bikes creating tracks which become gullies and hence make our treasured maps out of date and inaccurate!

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

The spread of weeds in Para Wirra, Belair, Kersbrook forests – hence we as 'friends' of these & other areas in SA (eg. Cape Donnington near Port Lincoln) work with National Parks & Wildlife Service to remove pines, boneseed etc.

People for Public Transport SA Inc

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Key Role of Member Group:

To defend and extend public transport in South Australia.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Made submissions to the following enquiries:

- The Prime Minister's 2020 Summit
- The Legislative Council Select committee on the Impact of Peak Oil in South Australia (May 2008) and spoke at the Hearings on September 2
- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
- Federal Infrastructure Enquiry
- As at October 2008 working on submission to Environment, Resources & Development Committee enquiry into public transport

Use was made in some of these submissions of material from the Public Transport Users Association of Victoria (PTUA)

Joined with the PTUA and other interstate public transport organisations as a signatory to submissions to the federal government

Met with ministerial advisors on transport and discussed public transport infrastructure and services (April 2008)

Fielded questions from the media

Article in Sunday Mail on public transport March 2008

Corresponded with Minister and other politicians

Letters to Editor/media releases

Corresponded with transport providers and answered DTEI questionnaires

Replied to email enquiries from public

Identify three Key Environmental Issues Impacting on South Australia:

1. Greenhouse Emissions
2. Peak Oil
3. Water

People's Environment Protection Alliance

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Key Role of Member Group:

Raising awareness of environmental risks to individual and community well being. Community wealth is not a single economic measure. It is about social, environmental and economic factors contributing to how well a community can function, provide for those in its midst, and for the future. Diminish any single element of sustainability and you compromise the others. For example, social and organic health is not just about patching up injury, it is about understanding cause. Cause may be environmental, social and or economic. It can be dysfunction because of mechanical failure.

Government departments, industry and community acting in isolation diminish the quality of process and promote conflict. Courts do not provide solutions, they just provide rulings. It is up to us to make more of opportunity by improving integration of our assets, activities and interests. Our organisation is determined that our community will share widely, the benefit of healthy economic success. Success driven by all the elements of sustainability.

Government can do more to recognise the potential of better integration by at least having Departments recognise the benefit of modelling indicators of sustainable success. Government functioning as a patchwork of special interests with good intention, is an inefficient and expensive path to inaccessible service that will increasingly isolate our need. Isolation is illogical in a successful society. Our organisation will continue to relate these matters.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Legislation – Submissions: SA Planning - Urban boundaries
- Project Applications – Camberwell Council re air quality measures and public health profiles.
- Press Releases: The failure of the EPA to measure air quality in Adelaide city since 2005. Interview on Carol Whitelock's show on ABC 891 re the need for Development Plan review. Interviews on Radio National Australia Talks, and Background Briefing, re noise management in Australia failing residential communities. EPA executive separation welcome, now for open and honest process - the need for an independent audit of EPA process, and an audit of EPA license sites. Support for Sandra Kanck's "Commissioner for the environment"
- Federal Election: Proposal: A National Audit for Development Change – positive action when the State and Local Government processes have failed us.
- Partnerships and networking: People's EPA has targeted alignments with organisations and individuals expressing an interest in strengthening our community. EcolIntegrity - Introducing business efficiency to process improvement and waste management. Adapting software that has been in Europe for more than a decade, adapting it to Australian business situations. The University of SA and Adelaide, with GIS mapping interests – collecting measures and making them available to build and strengthen decision making processes.
- Planned Activities: A raffle to raise funds for our organisation to defend the community and its living environments. Public meetings re air pollution associated with Bus interchange sites.
- Public Health
The importance of healthy environments we live and work in is critical to the incidence and the severity disease and injury. Respiratory illnesses, heart disease, vascular disease, and depression don't just happen; there are causes that are beyond diseases we inherit. The Health Department has a responsibility to make planners and regulators of our work environments aware of the risks imposed by poor quality air, noise and chemical contamination. Without dimension of "development and growth", the scale of local complacency becomes a hazard in itself.
- Dispute activity- Assistance with community and business members in many locations
Direct support and assistance to Paradise residents re potential of poisonous air from the bus fleet servicing the O'Bahn bus interchange site. Development of argument there should be air quality monitoring at all bus interchange sites. Assisting community members at both Adelaide and Parafield Airports re noise and air pollution. Assisting primary school staff at Port Adelaide with risks associated with poor air quality identified at the Jenkins St air monitoring station. Support relating negligence by Council, EPA, Ombudsman's Office, and NRM Board with contamination issues at Maslin's Beach stormwater drainage control; now proven to be hazardous and is subsequently redirected. The media admission by Government of soil and water contamination in most of Adelaide's western suburbs, caused us to relate the irresponsibility of Government in passing the 2005 contaminated sites legislation without developing and providing public data access locating contaminated sites across South Australia. Support for a resident with site contamination at Kapunda. Relating again the lack of public disclosure severely compromising the health and financial burden of the public by having no public disclosure of contamination. Reference support and interstate contacts identifying noise, chemical pollution, and excessive energy consumption at the proposed desalination plant for South Australia

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. No interactive modelling for public administration, community, climate change, and sustainability.
2. Poor Planning
3. No local environmental monitoring

Permaculture Association of SA

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Key Role of Member Group:

- Facilitate Permaculture and sustainable initiatives
- Promotion, networking & information & skill sharing
- Central body for many Permaculture groups
- Education of public

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Promotion of Permaculture at environmental events – sustainable living
- Facilitation of workshops all over the state to implement Permaculture systems
- Network over the world, Permaculture initiatives & opportunities
- Regular journal and newsletter to our members
- Sustainable garden & house design functions
- Food Forest SA
- Co-organising the Cuba Power of Community presentation with Roberto Perez.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Unsustainable building construction and design.
2. Mismanagement of our water – needs more capture, re-use & recycling.
3. Overconsumption.

River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group

Spokesperson: Paul Davis (Waterkeeper)

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Key Role of Member Group:

To reduce over allocation of the River Murray, and return healthy flows to the River, Lakes and Coorong.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Providing water for the environment is now being talked about.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Over allocation of all proclaimed watercourses, especially the River Murray
2. No environmental flows into the Lakes and Coorong for several years.
3. Degradation of Ramsar sites.

Scientific Expedition Group Inc

Spokesperson: Richard L. Willing, President
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Key Role of Member Group:

Convening and operating scientific expeditions to remote areas of South Australia – biodiversity surveys at Myponga SA, rainfall and biodiversity surveys in Gammon Ranges, Mallee fowl surveys in Mallee lands SA.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- 14 day expedition to “Mangualpie” in Innamincka Regional reserve (north of Innamincka) in Sep 08
- 4 visits to Gammon Ranges to monitor rainfall gauges and opportunistic surveys of Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby / feral animals and photo point survey
- 2 visits to Myponga property to conduct mammals & land surveys in remnant scrub areas.
- Data from surveys are forwarded to SA Govt Biological Database & Bureau of Meteorology.

SA Genetic Food Information Network (SAGFIN)

Spokesperson: Anne Clements
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Key Role of Member Group:

- To gather and disseminate information on all aspects of biotechnology, with a particular focus on Genetically Engineered (GE) foods and crops.
- To lobby state and federal governments, local councils and food companies on GE issues. SAGFIN acts as an advocate for community concerns and food and environmental safety.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Maintain email list to publicize urgent information and calls to action.
- Distributing petitions and gathering signatures to call for more comprehensive labelling of GM food.
- Attending public meetings and forums on GE foods and crops.
- Writing submissions to parties as per invitation. Most recent submission to the SA parliament was in respect of *The SA GM Crop Management Act 2004*. Most recent submission to the OGTR was in respect of application DIR077/2007 for GM Wheat and Barley Trials currently being undertaken by Adelaide University in Marion Shire.
- Made contact with local community group that caretakes land adjacent to the approved GM trial site in Marion shire and Kris Hanna who is independent state MP for this area and supports GM moratorium.
- Networking with other organisations regarding GE issues. Organisations include: GeneEthics Network; Institute of Health & Environmental Research, Greenpeace and Reclaim the Food Chain (Friends of the Earth), GM-Free National Coalition.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. GE crop risks include environmental contamination by cross-pollination of conventional crops and related weeds resulting in 'super-weeds' and loss of bio-diversity.
 2. Increased use of herbicides associated with herbicide resistant crops.
 3. Release of GE DNA into soil, possibly damaging soil fertility; potential gene transfer of gene switches to micro-organisms, plants and animals causing unpredictable gene expression.
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Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance

Spokesperson: Doug Reilly

Contact Details: 0427 000 109

Key Role of Member Group:

- A forum for members of groups and individuals, offering mutual support, co-operation and information sharing regarding environmental issues related to Spencer Gulf and environs.
- Coastal habitat protection in certain areas around the Gulf.
- Advocacy and community education of environmental issues around Spencer Gulf.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Old Salt Works Conservation Zone (just north of Port Augusta) coastal habitat protection and recovery involving weed control, limiting off road vehicle access, revegetation, flora and fauna surveys, community education, media campaign.
- Port Augusta mangrove dieback publicity involving media campaign and talks with government and business.
- BHP facilities (desalination and port) at both Whyalla and Port Augusta – media campaign and talks with government and business.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate Change
2. Marine Habitat Destruction
3. Coastal Development

Southern Eco-Alliance

Spokesperson/s: Kamini
John Edmeades

Key Role of Member Group:

Ecological Advocacy

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

Ongoing attempts to attain a buffer increase.

Issues with vermin proof fence.

The Knoll reserve and nearby significant and other trees.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Protection of and maintaining existing ecosystems (& expanding)
2. Overconsumption, overpopulation, greed, capitalism, non-sustainable living.
3. Corridors, buffering from 'civilization' Urban forestry.

Sustainable Population Australia (SA)

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TIFF (LZW) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

Spokesperson: Mr Peter Martin

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Key Role of Member Group:

Group attempts to have population growth and impact recognised as a national environmental issue.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Various letters to editors published
- Two submissions made to Legislative Council Select Committee on Peak Oil.
- Group began regular meetings on third Wednesday of each month at CCSA headquarters
- Group began program of fact sheet drafting
- Public meeting held at Adelaide University addressed by Barry Brook, on climate change & population.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Degrading landscape, habitat and biodiversity.
2. Population growth & housing spread.
3. Water

Trees For Life

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Key Role of Member Group:

The re-vegetation of South Australia and the protection of its remnant vegetation.

Tree Scheme: volunteers grow native seedlings for farmers and landowners across the State.

Bush For Life: trained volunteers manage and maintain a network of remnant vegetation sites.

Direct Seeding: our own in-house professional staff prepare management plans, select species, collect seed and direct sow seed for farmers and landowners.

Carbon Neutral: a recent initiative that facilitates the offsetting by individuals, families and organisations of carbon emissions.

These operational activities are supported by a professional administration that includes fund-raising, publications and promotion and corporate sponsorship.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Established native seedling nursery and expanded range of species grown
- Maintained grower and seedling numbers in the face of drought conditions & water restrictions
- Introduced a private land-holder program to support and train private owners of native vegetation
- Significant growth in our Carbon Neutral program
- Involvement in the River Murray Forest program through our Direct Seeding program
- Established Technical Advisory Panel to provide independent expert advice to program managers
- Increased representation at public events and increased involvement of children and students
- Nominated as finalists in the Banksia Awards and the UN World Environment Day Awards

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Increasing impacts of climate change (higher temperatures / lower rainfall).
2. Continued invasion by exotic plant and animal species
3. Impacts of development (residential, commercial and industrial) on the natural environment and native vegetation in particular

Urban Ecology Australia



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Key Role of Member Group:

Raising awareness of school, community and business groups about environmental issues by:

- (a) conducting regular guided tours of Christie Walk
- (b) lobbying government and private groups about environmental concerns
- (c) conducting regular forums on environmental and ecological issues
- (d) promoting the GoGet car-sharing scheme
- (e) maintaining UEA website.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Conducting regular guided tours of Christie Walk. These tours are designed to raise awareness of a wide range of ecologically good building practices and energy conservation issues.
- Lobbying government and private groups about environmental concerns.
- Regular monthly forums on a wide range of topics of interest and concern to UEA.
- Production of the book *Moving Towards Urban Sustainability* as an adjunct to the guided tours and to be for sale separately.
- Maintaining UEA website. The website is the repository for a large amount of information relating to ecological issues and is gateway to much more as well.
- Promoting the GoGet car-sharing scheme. This has been set up during the past year and is now running well, with three cars and four carparks available. Private and corporate membership is increasing steadily.
- Development of Story Wall at Christie Walk as (a) public art and (b) an interesting visual adjunct to the guided tours.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. The impact of climate change on the Murray-Darling basin and other river systems.
2. The over-use of natural resources.
3. Lack of proper building codes for domestic housing and commercial buildings.

Spokesperson: Julietta Cerin, Spokesperson

Contact Details: contact@vegetarianaction.org.au

Key Role of Member Group:

Vegetarian Action is a not for profit Charitable Trust based in South Australia, dedicated to promoting vegetarianism as an ethical, humane, healthy and ecologically sustainable way of life.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

'Great Green Quiz' campaign – highlighted link between animals raised for food and climate change. Livestock (almost exclusively raised for food) produce 18% of worldwide emissions, more CO₂ equivalent than transport. In Australia they produce more emissions in CO₂ equivalent than cars, residential power or industry.

Also **'Can't stand the heat? Get meat out of the kitchen'** and **'How d'you like it cooked? Rare, medium or well done?'** campaign materials.

June 2008 – World Environment Day saw the launch of our new campaign **'Bigfoot is not a myth'** – highlighting the link between the consumption of animal products and the unsustainable ecological footprint of South Australians and Australians.

These materials were promoted and distributed at Vegan Festival, Green City Festival, Walk Against Warming, Rock Against Warming, at Rundle Mall, the Central Market and Norwood Mall, and by other means such as letterboxing and via our website.

All our campaign materials can be viewed and downloaded/printed from our website www.vegetarianaction.org.au

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate change
2. Water shortage / drought
3. Food shortage / world food crisis (includes rising food prices, unavailability, etc)

Vegetarian Society of SA

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Key Role of Member Group:

Advocation of a plant based diet and lifestyle as the most effective way of protecting our environment and health.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

1. Advocating for a nutritious plant based diet through
 - participating in and assisting with the Vegan Festival on 16.11.08
 - contact with press/media as and when the opportunity arises.
 - assisting members of the public seeking information re vegetarian and vegan diets.
 - working cooperatively with other like minded groups (Animal Liberation, Vegan Society etc) to achieve these aims.
2. Promoting Vegan/vegetarian diet and lifestyle as the most immediate and effective means of protecting the environment

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Over use of the River Murray, especially for dairy industry
2. Loss of arable land to urban sprawl.
3. Loss of native habitat due to spread of agriculture, especially to feed cattle which produce a fraction of the food (for humans) that could be fed directly to humans.

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association

Spokesperson: Jim Douglas
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Key Role of Member Group:

Building a healthy, vibrant, inclusive and sustainable community.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

- Coastal management of metropolitan beaches (ongoing).
- Stormwater collection, storage, acquifer chargin and reuse (ongoing)
- School/community garden Henley High school (established and growing)
- Residential Development Code (submissions and campaigning)
- Develop Torrens River Wetlands and water capture.
- Coastal Public Art mosaic sea creature walk Henley Beach (completed and ongoing).

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Climate change
2. Marine environment
3. Water use and re-use.

Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society



Spokesperson: Mike Bossley AM
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Key Role of Member Group:

The WDCS is an international organization with offices in the UK, USA, Germany, Argentina and Australia. The head office in Australia is in Port Adelaide, with a key focus here being the research into and welfare of the Port River dolphins by marine biologist, Dr Mike Bossley, AM. Mike's 20 years work with the local dolphins is one of the most detailed studies of dolphins anywhere in the world.

The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS) aims to reduce and ultimately eliminate the continuing threats to whales and dolphins and their habitat. Cetaceans face many threats including chemical pollution, boat strikes, entanglement in nets and habitat loss.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

By studying populations of dolphins and orca, we begin to understand what they eat, how they catch it, how many animals live together and if this changes over time, what skills they pass on from one generation to the next, how long they live and how many calves they have.

WDCS funded researcher, Dr Mike Bossley AM, continues his long-term study of the Port River dolphins. In addition Mike is leading a campaign with other NGO's to save the Maui's and Hector's dolphins (New Zealand).

Education plays an important role in the long term conservation of the Port River dolphins and WDCS undertakes educational activities within schools and partners with the Maritime Museum to delivery education talks to schools visiting the port. WDCS's Award winning school's program, *Dolphin Watch*, has been extended from its original base in Kangaroo Island to include schools in Port Pirie and Whyalla.

Conservation and research work, supported by the Australian office, is taking place in the Pacific Islands Region (all species) and New Zealand (orca). The Australian office supports the WDCS international team at the International Whaling Commission.

Fisheries is a major global threat to dolphins and the Australian office is extending its campaigning to study and highlight the significance of this threat to dolphins and whales in waters off both South Australia and Australia as a whole.

WDCS continues to advocate for the conservation and protection of whales and dolphins through the International Whaling Commission, published reports, media statements and other awareness raising and campaign activities

WDCS monitors the conservation status of whale and dolphin species, secures habitat protection and supports over 40 field research and conservation projects in 27 countries. WDCS does this by working with the United Nations, island communities, national governments and local conservation organisations. Adopting a dolphin or orca funds the work of WDCS.

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Stormwater pollution into Port River
2. Factory pollution into Port River
3. Fisheries, especially large scale commercial fishing

The Wilderness Society (SA)

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Key Role of Member Group:

To protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes across South Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on earth.

Key Achievements and Activities for 2007/8:

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007-2008:

- ✚ Marine Parks Act passed into law with the establishment of a Marine Parks Council
- ✚ Indigenous engagement developing shared environmental and cultural conservation objectives
- ✚ Rollout of Wild Arc Project
- ✚ Raised community awareness of key environmental challenges through campaigns, actions and media advertising
- ✚ Securing wilderness protection over significant areas in cooperation with other environmental agencies
- ✚ Application of leading edge science and strategic advocacy in all campaigns

KEY CAMPAIGNS IN 2008-2009:

- ✚ Wild Country Program
- ✚ Establishment of boundaries for 19 Marine Parks
- ✚ Wilderness protection for the Nullarbor
- ✚ Prevention of mining and other inappropriate activity in areas of high conservation value
- ✚ River Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong

Identify three Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Biodiversity loss as a consequence of invasive species and loss of habitat
2. Over extraction of surface and ground water
3. Need for better consideration of environmental consequences in the regulation of mining, agriculture and fisheries activities

CCSA Representatives on Committees

We thank the following people who have worked for the environment as Representatives or Nominees for the Conservation Council of South Australia during 2007/8:

<i>Pat Harbison</i>	Adelaide Coastal Waters Study
<i>John Lyon</i>	Belair Entry Precinct Reference Group
<i>Fraser Vickery</i>	Cape Forbin Fire Management Plan Reference Group
<i>Geoff Russell</i>	Duck & Quail Hunting Committee
<i>Cherie Hoyle</i>	Essential Services Commission of SA Consumer Advisory Committee
<i>Ian Miller</i>	
<i>Fraser Vickery</i>	Kangaroo Management Reference Group
<i>Rob Palmer</i>	Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Council
<i>David Moyle</i>	Mining Act Review Steering Committee
<i>Steve Vines</i>	Ministerial Selection Committee for Establishment of the Fisheries Council of SA
<i>Vicki-Jo Russell</i>	National Parks & Wildlife Council
<i>Ali Ben Kahn</i>	Native Vegetation Council
<i>Georgina Mollison</i>	Nature Conservation Legislation Project Steering Committee
<i>Vicki-Jo Russell</i>	Natural Resources Management Council
<i>Tim Milne (Acting)</i>	Natural Resources Management Council
<i>Janet Pedler</i>	Natural Resource Management Volunteer Advisory Committee
<i>Pauline Frost</i>	Plastic Bag Phaseout Taskforce
<i>Margaret Lee</i>	Powerlines Environment Committee
<i>Jamnes Danenberg</i>	Recreational Vehicle Policy Reference Group
<i>Fraser Vickery</i>	Region 1 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>Keith Cowley</i>	Region 2 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>Bob England</i>	Region 3 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>Keith Simmonds</i>	Region 4 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>Fred Aslin</i>	Region 5 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>John Hunwick</i>	Region 6 Bushfire Prevention Committee
<i>Fred Aslin</i>	Review SE Water Conservation & Drainage Act Stakeholders Reference Group
<i>Jasemin Rose</i>	SA Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee
<i>David Moyle</i>	SA Minerals Council
<i>Iris Iwanicki</i>	SA Pastoral Board
<i>Jasemin Rose</i>	SA Water Customer Advisory Council
<i>Jasemin Rose</i>	Trails Alliance SA
<i>Margaret Bolster</i>	Upper South East Program Board
<i>Steve Vines</i>	Upper South East Program Board Environmental Management Advisory Group

Adelaide Coastal Waters Study

Representative/Nominee: Pat Harbison

Reporting Period: Oct 07 – Oct 08

No. of meetings: nil

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other:

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- Nil
- EPA preparing Draft Adelaide Coastal Waters Water Quality Improvement Plan for release for public comment early 2009

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Final Report Vol 1, Summary of Findings. Nov 2007.

Bushfire Region 1 Prevention Committee

Representative/Nominee: Fraser Vickery

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: fire

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- Attendance at meeting when available

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Mitigation of impact of fire and improved fire management for ecological outcomes (ecological and environment)
- Reduced impact of fire prevention and fire management activities

Bushfire Region 3 Prevention Committee

Representative/Nominee: Robert England

Reporting Period 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

No. of meetings: 3

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: fire

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- Integration of bushfire prevention within the Region
- Community education
- Grain harvesting codes of practice – permits and permit management

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Sensitive management of fire hazards and biodiversity imperatives

Region 5 Bushfire Prevention Committee

Representative/Nominee: Fred Aslin

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

No. of meetings: 2, meetings number 51 & 52 both held at Naracoorte

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: fire

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- A lot of personnel changes in the Region 5 office have caused delays and interruptions to programs: hence only 2 rather than 4 meetings were held. CFS are proposing a change to fire Prevention structure from a 3 tier to a 2 tier, hence this could be my last report!

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Very little as the nature of meetings is basically structured to CFS outcomes rather than environmental ones. DEH reps must comply with burning strategies set by Head office who in turn are influenced by their Minister. Eyre Peninsula & Canberra fire reports clearly show this approach.

Cape Forbin Fire Management Reference Group

Representative/Nominee: Fraser Vickery

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: fire

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- Project completed – fire management plan produced and public.

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Improved management of proposed ecological and hazard reduction burning – at the landscape scale and in consideration of the Wilderness Protection Act & Code of Practice (Cape Torrens and Western River)
- Community engagement

Kangaroo Management Reference Group

Chair: Fraser Vickery

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: Management of abundant species

Major activities and/or issues of the committee during this period:

- Attend meetings (one only)
- Review of Kangaroo management program.

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Improved management of over-abundant species

National Parks & Wildlife Council

Representative: Vicki-Jo Russell

Reporting Period: 01/10/07 – 30/10/08

Meetings: 7/8 Apr, 2 June, 16 June, 4 August

The Committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: reserve system

Major activities and / or issues of the Committee during this period (dot points ok)

- Recommend National Parks & Wildlife park and fire management plans for adoption
- Provide advice on wildlife management guidelines and plans developed for commercial utilisation or humane destruction of unprotected species
- Provide comment on DEH's Park Management Effectiveness project
- Note progress on the No Species Loss strategy, Threatened Species Schedules Subcommittee review of species under NPW Act Schedules 7, 8 and 9 and the Reserve Classification Review
- Provided comment on DEH Tracks Strategy, various Visitor Management Branch Policies and Procedures
- Developed priorities for funding and undertook assessment of SA Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- Progressed activities guided by a list of strategic priorities for NPW Council
- Undertook field trip to Northern Region to better understand regional issues impacting on reserve management activities and planning

Environmental outcomes achieved through the Committee / Board (dot points ok)

- CCSA input provided to a number of strategies that guide biodiversity and wildlife management
- Developed priorities for funding and undertook assessment of SA Wildlife Conservation Fund to be spent on a suite of grant projects in research and on-ground activities in SA
- Progressed activities guided by list of strategic priorities for NPW Council which includes supporting the implementation of No Species Loss strategy with several key climate change adaptation targets

Natural Resources Management Council

Representative: Vicki-Jo Russell
Reporting Period: 01/10/07 – 30/10/08
Meetings: 10 monthly meetings attended (or represented)

The Committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: sustainable NRM

Major activities and / or issues of the Committee during this period:

- Progressing NRM Council strategic priorities of: drought, support for regional NRM boards, engagement, water, monitoring and evaluation, climate change, work plan for NRM Council, indigenous support, development planning and review of NRM Plan.
- Input to the Natural Heritage Trust 3 Bilateral, principles to allocation of state NRM funds, a state-wide monitoring framework, the Science Technology and Innovation Strategy, the NRM regional planning process, NRM Act regulation changes, implementation of the State NRM plan, 2008 Planning Reform, Biosecurity Strategy, State of the Environment 2008 etc
- Comment provided on concept plans submitted by regional NRM Boards for final regional NRM Plans and AMLR Regional Plan.
- Advice on Aboriginal engagement in NRM through the Aboriginal Statewide Advisory Committee (ASAC) advice, regional NRM Boards and annual NRM Council forum.
- As an individual NRM Council member representing NRM Council on the State of the Environment Steering Committee, Native Vegetation Review Working Groups, DEH's Nature Conservation Legislation Review Reference Group, State Fund Allocation Working Group, NGO NRM Joint Forums, Chair to the NRM Council's Regional Investment Strategy Assessment Subcommittee (CASc) and Deputy member of NRM Council's Capacity Building Working Group

Environmental outcomes achieved through the Committee / Board:

- Matters of National and Environmental Significance given additional consideration in regional NRM Regional Investment Strategies and planning processes
- Input provided to a number of legislative and policy tools that impact on biodiversity management including State of the Environment 2008
- Progressed a list of strategic priorities for NRM Council which includes a number of key biodiversity and sustainability priorities for CCSA
- Focus on community engagement consistently reinforced and support to NGO NRM Joint Forums

SA Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee

Representative/Nominee: John Lyon

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

No. of meetings: 1, 4/4/08 (meeting no. 41)

The committee's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other:

Major activities and / or issues of the committee during this period:

- Only attending these meetings
- By its nature this committee (strongly pushed by CFS) is to protect built assets eg. The KI fires, Brownhill Creek (started by National Parks & Wildlife Service accidentally), Gumeracha Weir (where I was a CFS fire fighter) – these occupied most of the time of the meeting.
- Support by the majority of this committee for prescribed burnoffs

Environmental outcomes achieved through the committee:

- Little; however I pushed that:
 1. That in WA after prescribed low intensity burnoff, seed had not set for regrowth of native species.
 2. That species plant & animal apart from homosapiens must be considered by CFS/NPWS burns.
 3. That 'ipso-facto' authority from the Native Vegetation Council for Forestry burning needs to be questioned.

SA Water Customer Council

Representative/Nominee: Jasemin Rose

Reporting period: Oct 07 – Oct 08

Meetings: 5

The Council's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

All of the focus areas but most particularly climate change, the drought and the River Murray.

Major activities and/or issues of the Council during this period:

- The drought/climate change and related impacts on the River Murray, domestic, industrial and rural water supplies.
- Wellington weir
- Proposed desalination plants
- Need for additional storage for water from River Murray or Desalination plant (into Mt Bold).
- Provision of water (services and billing)
- Infrastructure issues
- Glenelg/parklands pipeline
- Public relations
- Customer education to encourage improved saving of water.

Pastoral Board of SA

Representative/Nominee: Iris Iwanicki

Reporting Period: 01/07/07 – 30/06/08

Meetings: Bi-monthly

Relevant Legislation: Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act.

Major activities and / or issues of the committee during this period:

1. Assessment programme (second round) running well behind the legislative requirement for completion. Not enough qualified staff to do the job and other problems.
2. Board meeting at Arkaroola saw sites that caused the mining exploration to be halted. The Spriggs (Arkaroola owners) are understandably upset that mining exploration is allowed at all in a place of world geological significance. The area including Mount Gee should be off limits to exploration.
3. Drought and depression in the rangelands
4. Diversification of activities on rangelands - legislation needs reviewing to accommodate same.
5. Shift in ownership of leases occurring - impact of mining.
6. Waterpoint planning to address the requirements of the Native Vegetation Act (clearance by grazing)
7. Feral camels and proposal for farming camels current before the Board
8. The Deputy member nominated by the CCSA has still not been appointed. There are many issues that should have conservation-based input provided at the Board meetings.

CCSA Accommodation and Building Committee

Chair: David Moyle
Reporting Period: Oct 07 – Oct 08
No. of meetings: 13

The Working Group's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
- Planning / Urban development
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Water / River Murray
- Other: Finding a new home for CCSA

Major activities and/or issues of the Working Group during this period:

- Securing short-term accommodation for CCSA at Franklin St
- Determining the principles that will apply to finding a new home for CCSA
- Determining that a trust should own and manage any future CCSA building
- Purchasing the Guide Centre on South Tce as the future home of CCSA
- Appointing Troppo Architects to guide the retrofitting of the Guide Centre

Environmental outcomes achieved through the working group:

- Completion of process that will establish a Conservation Hub in South Tce as the new home of CCSA and Conservation Centre for all South Australians.

CCSA Native Vegetation Action Group

Chair: Fraser Vickery

Reporting Period: 1/07/07 – 30/06/08

The Working Group's work aligns with the following CCSA focus areas:

In the context of climate change,

- Energy
- Marine & Coast
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Major activities and/or issues of the Working Group during this period:

- Meetings
- Issues (public issues re vegetation clearance etc)
- CFS fire management guidelines (& policy) review
- Planning SA native vegetation & development review

Environmental outcomes achieved through the working group:

- Reduction in clearance of remnant native vegetation – long-term
- Maintenance of habitats and biodiversity
- Communication education

CCSA Planning Working Group

Chair: Jasemin Rose / Julie Pettett (acting)

Reporting Period: 1/07/07 – 30/06/08

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Major activities and/or issues of the Working Group during this period:

The Planning Working Group (PWG) contributed to CCSA's campaign against the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary and co-hosted a public meeting on the topic. PWG members met with Prof Jennifer Westacott who conducted the Planning Review on behalf of the State Government. Along with an ongoing interest into the entire planning system, PWG is maintaining a watching brief on the following issues of concern: Significant Trees, Major Projects Status, Victoria Park, Hills Face Zone and the Cheltenham Racecourse development.

CCSA Roxby Expansion Working Group

Chair: Julie Pettett (acting)

Reporting Period: 1/07/07 – 30/06/08

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Major activities and/or issues of the Working Group during this period:

The Roxby Downs Mine Expansion Working Group continued to act as a watchdog of BHP Billiton, demanding greater transparency and accountability on the full spectrum of environmental impacts of the expanded mine. The Group produced a summary of environmental concerns, and circulated it to the media to inform the debate prior to the release of the Environmental Impact Statement. Unfortunately the EIS still has not been released. CCSA's CEO Julie Pettett visited the site of the mine expansion, and also attended BHP Billiton's AGM, causing the company to admit that it does not intend to power the energy-intensive expansion with renewable energy. The Group is now expanding its terms of reference so that it can monitor other mining activity in SA.