



Want to make a difference?

If you use the coast for recreation, do all you can to minimise your impacts. Follow guidelines for protecting the environment and your own safety, respect other users, and take any rubbish home with you.

To help stop rubbish from reaching our oceans - reduce, reuse and recycle where you can. Rubbish can make its way to the oceans where marine mammals can eat or get entangled in it - leading to their injury or death.

When you can, leave the car at home - take public transport, ride a bike or walk. Cars do more than pollute the air - coolant, oil and tyre rubber are left on the road and can be picked up in stormwater when it rains, making their way to the ocean through the drains. We can all do our bit to keep the drains just for the rain, and the seas and rivers healthy.

Like to find out more?

Visit the website:

www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/dolphin.html

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Where to from here?

The Department for Environment and Heritage is currently working to finalise legislation to establish the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary.

Community consultation will follow to develop a Management Plan for the sanctuary area.

Rangers, based at Pt Adelaide will support education and information programs and provide assistance to community based activities. They will also increase patrols in the area.



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The proposed Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary is a South Australian Government initiative aiming to provide long-term protection for the resident population of dolphins and their habitat in the Port Adelaide River and Barker Inlet Estuary area.



What is it all about?

Development of the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary has commenced. It offers the opportunity for the community, industry and local and state government agencies to focus their energy into collectively managing the area to minimise the impacts on the resident dolphin population, and the environment around them.

Sanctuary Dolphins at risk

Whilst sharks are a dolphins main natural predator, humans and their activities pose a greater threat to them and their habitat.

Dolphins of the Port Adelaide River and Barker Inlet are subject to many human impacts. These include pollution, stormwater run off, introduced marine pests, entanglements, noise and rubbish.

These impacts not only affect the dolphins environment, they are affecting our environment too.

Who manages the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary?

The proposed Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary is managed by staff from the Department for Environment and Heritage.

Where is the proposed sanctuary?

It is a 118 sq km area extending from the upper reaches of the Port Adelaide River and North Haven, through North Arm and Barker Inlet, extending into Gulf St Vincent and Pt Gawler.

The proposed boundaries include all waters within the area along with Torrens and Garden Islands and Pt Gawler Conservation Park.

Map of Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary



Torrens Island, Garden Island, Mutton Cove and the land known as Bird Island are included in the Sanctuary.

