



SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 52 10 July 2012

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held on 10 July 2012: Peter Fairweather (chair), Anthony Cheshire, Bronwyn Gillanders, Martine Kinloch, Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd and Hazel Vandeleur. Apologies were received from Luciano Beheregaray, Sean Connell, Milena Fernandes, Charlie Huveneers and Luciana Moller.

The SWG wishes to advise the Minister of the following key outcomes:

- The SWG flagged that its outgoing and incoming Chairs (Professors Cheshire and Fairweather, respectively) would write to the Minister about the handover of that responsibility, including keeping lines of communication open between the Minister and the Chair of the SWG;
- The SWG discussed the recent 2-day workshop of the Marine Parks Council, which the Chair of the SWG attended as an observer to the meeting. The SWG requests that the Minister release to them the resulting advice about the zoning he received from MPC, for confidential consideration by the SWG;
- Similarly, the SWG would like to receive the Impact Statements for the Marine Parks, once they are finalised, for the information of SWG members;
- The SWG tendered some advice to the Department about how the Management Plans could be optimised, in particular by giving some more specific information about how the challenges noted in them relate to each Marine Park; and
- The SWG considered the progress being made by the Department in planning for the development and release of the plan for monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the Marine Parks later this year.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be "P. Fairweather", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Prof. Peter Fairweather
Chair, Scientific Working Group
