

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING No. 28 10 November 2009

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 10 November 2009: Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Martine Kinloch, Bronwyn Gillanders, Hazel Lindsay, Scoresby Shepherd and Cath Kemper. Apologies were received from Peter Fairweather, Hugh Kirkman and Sean Connell.

Members of the SWG would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that at its meeting held 10 November 2009 the SWG:

- Were updated on the products being developed for the Local Advisory Groups (LAGs).
 - Advised that the report cards (the template developed during the working group proposals) should form part of marine park management plans and performance assessment systems.
 - Received a presentation on the draft of South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) and spent time entering ecological information into SAMPIT based on their scientific knowledge and expertise. The information entered will be considered during the zoning plan development process.
 - Advised that on comparison, South Australia's design principles are consistent with and in some cases improve on design principles from other jurisdictions both nationally and internationally.
 - Discussed their future role and the potential to provide advice on research needs, monitoring and evaluation and performance assessment systems for the marine parks program.
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