

## SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 22 12 May 2009

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 12 May 2009: Anthony Cheshire (chair), Bronwyn Gillanders, Martine Kinloch, Hazel Lindsay, Hugh Kirkman and Scoresby Shepherd. Apologies were received from Sean Connell, John Middleton and Cath Kemper.

Members of the SWG would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that at its meeting held 12 May 2009 the SWG:

- noted the progression of the marine parks working groups;
  - noted that the Commonwealth is preparing to release marine protected areas in the South West of Western Australia and will be holding discussions with stakeholders in South Australia. The meeting acknowledged that this may present an opportunity for a media statement on the Commonwealth's endorsement of South Australia's work on marine parks;
  - continued discussion to support the development of design principles for zoning arrangements;
  - reiterated its willingness to contribute to the evaluation of the working groups' proposals against the Design Principles; and
  - recommended the development of a protocol, using Encounter Marine Park, for applying zoning design principles to a marine park. This protocol would be used to facilitate the work plan for future marine park working groups.
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