

## **SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP**

### **COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 26 15 September 2009**

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 15 September 2009: Peter Fairweather (acting Chair), Martine Kinloch, Hazel Lindsay, Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd, Sean Connell and Cath Kemper. Apologies were received from Anthony Cheshire and Bronwyn Gillanders.

Members of the SWG would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that at its meeting held 15 September 2009 the SWG:

- Were briefed by Andy Burnell (Acting Principal Marine Advisor, Science) on key learnings from the community engagement process for the Capricorn Coast (GBRMPA) zoning plan development.
  - Re-nominated Anthony Cheshire as chair of the SWG
  - Developed a short-list of potential candidates for SWG membership to fill the vacancy created by John Middleton's resignation.
  - Were briefed by Jon Emmett (Senior Project Officer, Planning) on the proposed risk assessment process to inform the development of activity and use regulations. The SWG provided advice and recommendations on components of the process, including proposed activities for Habitat Protection Zones.
  - Committed to provide final advice on the design principles for zoning plan development at their October meeting.
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