

## SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 16 July 2008

#### Meeting 16: Tuesday 8 July 2008

Members of the Scientific Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its sixteenth meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2008.

- ❖ SWG members present included Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Sean Connell, Peter Fairweather, Hugh Kirkman and Scoresby Shepherd; apologies from Cath Kemper, Bronwyn Gillanders and Matthias Tomczak.
- ❖ A presentation was given by Sheralee Cox, CMCB Planning Project Officer, seeking advice from the SWG on the rules developed for the South Australian Representative System of Marine Protected Areas (SARSMPA) proposed inland boundaries. The SWG recommended:
  - a) to include all unallocated crown land from the beach inwards to cater for nearshore coastal environments active over time (inclusive of climate change),
  - b) to include as much of the marine component of an estuary as practicable, and
  - c) for DEH to rationalise the intersections of terrestrial and marine parks, ie abuttal, overlays or picking up of new areas.
- ❖ A presentation was given by Jonathan Phillips, modelling contractor, on Marxan biophysical modelling for the proposed outer boundaries of the SARSMPA. The SWG provided advice on the features required in the system including deepwater habitat.
- ❖ The SWG was briefed on Interim Protection Orders (IPOs) and asked to provide examples if possible on potential risks in regard to commercial interests or private investment. Activities and uses pressures noted included tourism speculation, increased seismic exploration, aquaculture leases and changed commercial fishing patterns.