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**This plan of management has been prepared and  
adopted in pursuance of section 38 of the  
National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972-81**

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## Foreword

The Coorong National Park in the Upper South East of South Australia is an area of considerable recreational, biological, geological and cultural interest. The reserve preserves a unique set of coastal ecosystems and provides an important refuge for many waterfowl and migratory species. It also represents modern day examples of age old geological processes, contains a rich array of archaeological and historical resources and serves as a major focus for recreational, educational and tourist orientated activities.

A plan of management for the park was formally adopted in December 1990, and has served as a basis for park management since that time.

The *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972* recognises that, due to changing circumstances, some provisions of the park management plans will become superseded with the passage of time. Plans will, as a consequence, need to be amended and the Act includes provisions to facilitate formal changes to previously adopted plans.

This amendment focuses on the provision of public information throughout the Coorong in terms of staffing, funding and visitor needs. In particular it relates to the most effective use of available staff resources and utilisation of infrastructure within the park. Current priorities are implementation of park management programs and development and maintenance of recreational facilities to promote tourism whilst minimising the impact of visitors rather than staffing information outlets. Strategies have been developed to provide an acceptable level of public contact and information for park visitors.

The draft amendment was released for public comment in July 1994. Twelve responses were received and forwarded to the Reserves Advisory Committee for advice to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. The amendment within this document was approved in March 1995 and notice of its adoption published in the Government Gazette.

Hon David Wotton MP  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## **Amendments**

Changes to the Coorong National Park Management Plan (1990) are:

### **Section 5.2.2**

Delete;

*"Park management centres at Salt Creek and Meningie will be designed, staffed and maintained to encourage visitors to enter and gain information on the park and its features. The feasibility of using the present Noonameena facility as a resources will also be considered."*

Insert;

*"Due to DENR's inability to staff the administrative/information facility at Salt Creek and provide a personal information service to the public it may utilise the building for some other purpose, relocate or dispose of it."*

*Priority will be given to disseminating park information from the district office by personal contact and printed information, establishing a network of static displays and other devices in the park, and from local and regional business outlets."*

### **Section 5.4.1**

Delete;

*"Maintain the existing Salt Creek office as a key day visitor location"*

Insert;

*"Develop a visitor information display at Salt Creek."*

### **Section 6 Information and Interpretation**

Delete;

*"Establish Salt Creek and Meningie offices as information outlets."*

Insert;

*"Provide information to the public from the District Office and through the provision of printed information and displays throughout the park and at local and regional centres."*