



24 January 2018

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
Protected Areas Unit
GPO Box 1047
Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Adrian Robb,

RE: Nullabor Parks and the Yellabinna and Warna Manda Parks Draft Management Plans

SACOME welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Nullabor Parks and Yellabinna and Warna Manda Parks Draft Management Plans.

The **Nullabor Parks Draft Management Plan** has been well-received by SACOME.

The paragraph on page 10 of the Draft Plan regarding permitted water extraction for mineral sands mining and energy resource activities under strict conditions to protect cultural and environment values of parks is accurate. Further reference to mineral and energy resource activity and compliance in accordance with the cited acts and other legislation is also correct.

Further, 'Objective and strategies' point 5 is well expressed and supported:

- *As appropriate, authorise resource exploration and extraction activities and work with mining and energy resource companies to ensure that any future resource development activities have minimal impact on the parks cultural, environmental and tourism values.*

The **Yellabinna and Warna Manda Parks Draft Management Plan** has also been well-received by SACOME.

In relation to *Theme 1: Maintaining Healthy Country* on page 10 of the Draft Plan, SACOME understands that maintaining healthy water sources is critical and supports these principles and objectives.

The clear delineation of over eighty percent of the Yellabinna parks as available for the exploration and development of mineral and energy resources and the area protected from mining, as set out on page 11, is useful. The clear articulation of the permitted area for mining of heavy mineral sands from 2009 and regulated by the Mining Act 1971 is similarly supported.

SACOME also supports the Objectives and strategies set out on page 12.

SACOME recommends that Point 6 under 'Objective and strategies' page 12 be consistently worded as per Nullabor Parks Draft Management Plan page 10 Point 5 objective as above.

Kind Regards,

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