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Table 1 presents the de-identified, verbatim responses to the long-form survey questions, but only where respondents consented to their answers being shared publicly. All other responses, while not reproduced here, were still fully considered in the development of the strategy.

Table 1: Verbatim survey responses (to all long-form questions)

Question	Verbatim response	Department response	Change to strategy?
Q7 Do you have any comments or feedback on how this [appropriately acknowledges First Nations peoples' traditional knowledges and perspectives?] could be done differently	Labels utilised to describe Aboriginal people needs to be standardised. There is Indigenous, Aboriginal and First Nations used throughout the document. Any reference to Aboriginal people needs to use a capital letter. Indigenous is used with a lower case i. I would like to see Aboriginal perspectives spread across a broader range of areas within the document and not just contained within the Aboriginal components of the document.	We have standardised the language (using First Nations peoples throughout), and included a summary of this under the acknowledgment of Country page. We have: - Added an Acknowledgement of Country to the front of the document - Added a Guiding Principle specifically about incorporating First Nation's knowledge, expertise and aspirations for Country - Edited the Introduction	Y
Q8 (What could the strategy do to support participation and leadership in Caring for Country?)	Engage with Registered Native Title Body Corporations, Acknowledged Aboriginal representative groups such as Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association.	The delivery of the First Nations specific enabling action will help to achieve that.	N

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Q9 (How could the strategy support the protection of places important to First Nations communities and individuals?)	Assert stronger protections and more resources for the ongoing improvement of IPAs and areas of Cultural Heritage across all areas of the country.	This has been noted, and will be considered as part of the strategy's delivery (specifically strategic priority 3.1)	N
Q11 (Do you have any additional comments or feedback (with regards to the strategy in general)?)	There needs to be a strong focus on land restoration to increase habitat, connectivity, and preventing road deaths by building safe animal crossings where a road crosses a conserved area (e.g., Cleland National Park, conserved areas divided by the Southern Expressway).	Land restoration: this is a key element of the conserved areas, and will be considered as part of their implementation. Connectivity: We have: - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scapes to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section	N
		Approaches to preventing road deaths: this sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	The locals remove obstacles placed at park entrances to enable 4x4 wheel vehicles to	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this	N

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	drive up walkways thus damaging the vegetation that holds the sand in place.	suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	
	This is desperately needed	Noted	N
	As referenced in first section of survey.	Noted	N
	Establishment of new wildlife corridors and the expansion of existing wildlife corridor networks.	We have: - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scales to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section	Y
	The areas likely to have lost most are cleared agricultural areas and our city. Can we be confident that we are doing more to identify and conserve both flora and fauna and aboriginal records in these areas?	The updated CARRS assessment (outcomes approach) provides a detailed snapshot of irreplaceable and unprotected habitat essential for species survival. In terms of cleared agricultural areas, the 'modified landscapes with natural habitat values' assessment identified areas with a proportion of modified landscapes (including cleared areas), that retain natural habitat values. These areas are	N

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	There are a number of important areas owned by the state government that can be added to existing state conservation parks in the West Coast Bays Marine Park area. These include Minister Of Environment and Water owned land between Point Labbatt CP and Searcy Bay CP and Searcy Bay CP and Cape Blanche CP. Also land gifted to Streaky Bay District Council at The Pinnacles could be gifted back to the state government and added to the Sceale Bay Conservation Park Also Minister of Environment and Water owned land abutting Sceale and Corvisart Bays could be gazetted as a Corvisart Bay CP protecting Smooth Pools and Granites up to an including Tractor Beach.	The department has noted these suggestions and will add them to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	N
	Plant natives local to the areas	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N

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	I am curious why ocean areas of significance have not been included. The development of marine parks is going to be vital in combatting climate change and ensuring that we retain strong biodiversity. The Great Southern Reef should be included in this strategy. Intertidal zones should also be included, I could not tell from the document if they were, but the mangrove zones and coastal dune systems should be of high priority in combatting climate change and protecting biodiversity and fish stocks.	This strategy focuses on land-based areas, including inland waterways, rivers, lakes, estuaries and some intertidal locations. The strategy does not cover marine parks, because they are guided by different legislative and management arrangements. The Department recognises the importance of marine parks in achieving broader conservation outcomes, so the implementation of this strategy will consider connections across land and sea.	Y
	the idea of developing corridors between pieces of high value vegetation should be considered. To reach 30% that figure should not be affected by adding large amounts of land from desert areas. It seems that the Fleurieu and Adelaide Hills should be a high priority.	Connectivity: we have - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scales to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section Identifying priority areas: The department has noted these suggestions and will add them to a	Y N

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		register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	
	Well I am one of those Australians who think we have too many rules around our National Parks and reserves. Too much land locked up to explore for the adventure person wanting to tour Australia. I like to drive all over our great Land with my wife and dog. Yes my dog too many places no dogs. Which I agree to some extent. Some places too many drug needles on the ground, my dog could step on one as well as a child or adult. As the dumped rubbish in some camps and Parks and side of the road makes me ashamed to be a tourist. I have never dumped anything anywhere in Australia. Way too many National Parks in Australia. Freed the people now. Nothing will ever change as administration at the top of government departments are always trying to make themselves look good for the	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation. The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	Y

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	environment people wanting to control our lives. Sorry that is how many of my friends feel too. Have a good day as the world needs a lot of honest people which doesn't happen.		
	We need more protected green areas, especially in SA where so much of the land is farms.	Noted	N
	I would have strongly supported this strategy however I have identified a serious error on map 15. The bottom tip of Eyre Peninsular, known as Whalers Way is not degraded land but original uncleared native vegetation that is healthy and home to a wide variety of native wildlife including endangered species. The area is 100% under a heritage agreement and while suitable for and contributing to eco tourism needs to be valued as a wilderness area with any industrial, space or military operations specifically forbidden in such an original uncleared wilderness area as these activities are detrimental	Map 15. We have noted your comment about the quality of land at Whalers Way. Map 15 has been developed using the wilderness inventory (specifically the Human Industrial Footprint Index), which uses a range of variables to calculate an area's wilderness value (including built environments, human population density, roads etc). It is most likely the presence of roads at Whalers Way that has resulted in it being identified as degraded. We would like to reiterate that the wilderness value of a site is just one of many factors that are considered when the department considers land for addition to the protected area estate. Identifying priority areas (Whalers Way): The department has noted your suggestion and will	

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	to the environment. State planning laws need to designate suitable non wilderness areas as zones suitable for such activities	add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	
	While I applaud the goal of protecting nature areas, I don't think National Parks are the way to go due to a total intolerance of dogs. State forests would be much preferable.	The purpose of this strategy is not to prioritise national parks over other types of protected areas (for instance conservation parks, recreation parks etc). When considering the type of protected area to establish, the department considers the conservation or heritage values of the site, with the aim of supporting long-term survival and protection of these important values. In instances where recreation values are high, this will influence (a) the type of protected area established (for instance, a recreation park), and (b) the development of the park management plan.	N
	I am deeply concerned about human impacts on ecological systems. I am particularly concerned about the threat to Whalers Way where a long standing Heritage agreement, wilderness area and many vulnerable and threatened species are under imminent	Identifying priority areas: The department has noted your suggestion and will add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy. Heritage agreements: Native Heritage Agreements are formal, legally binding agreements developed between the landholder and the South Australian Government.	N N

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	threat. If this Heritage agreement is meaningless and not binding then all existing Heritage Agreements in South Australia are potentially meaningless. Please let's not lose what small gains we already have made.	As part of the delivery of this strategy, the department aims to look at enhancing protected areas on private land to ensure they are achieving conservation outcomes, and can become more readily adopted.	
	XXX(Name removed) is supportive of this Strategy which clearly lays out the priorities to conserve biodiversity across the State and provides a clear line-of-sight from vision and goals to enabling actions. Noting that the current challenges of insufficient resources for management, monitoring and reporting, the Strategy should build pathways for new sources of funding to support a clear set of priorities. To maximise delivery, we recommend a co-investment model where the State signals and maintains public funding in ways that stimulate philanthropic funding and private capital to resource conservation at scale.	These suggestions will be considered in the development of the Funding and Investment Framework (as part of the enabling actions).	N

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	A commitment to innovation in conservation finance could place South Australia in a leadership position, much as it has done in renewable energy. While biodiversity credits and other natural capital markets are still in their early stages, they have the potential to sit alongside carbon credits and other environmental market approaches as transparent, outcomes-based mechanisms that unlock new investment in conservation and restoration. By fostering pilot projects and signalling policy support, South Australia can demonstrate how these emerging markets complement existing public and philanthropic funding and build credibility in new approaches. Government has a particularly important role to play in these formative stages. It can act as an early buyer of biodiversity credits, the State can de-risk participation for landholders		
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	and investors, provide proof of concept, and stimulate broader private sector demand, whilst moving towards a performance-based model. Integration with established carbon and water markets offers opportunities to diversify revenue streams and strengthen project resilience across working landscapes, not only in areas managed solely for conservation. Blended finance models that combine public, private, and philanthropic capital, together with performance-based mechanisms tied to independently verified outcomes, will be key to scaling delivery. By signalling openness to these approaches, South Australia can extend its reputation as a leader in market-based climate solutions into biodiversity. Consistent with XXX(Name removed) submission to South Australia's Draft Biodiversity Bill consultation, GreenCollar welcomes this Strategy as a		
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	much-needed opportunity to scale up investment in biodiversity conservation and restoration outcomes across the State. XXX(Name removed) has particular interest in Goal 4 “Develop a robust protected and conserved area system that leverages diverse tenure arrangements” and the supporting Strategic priorities (see below). XXX(Name removed) is also a member of XXX(Name removed) and supports the submission provided by A XXX(Name removed)		
Q13 (Do you have any additional comments about Goal 1 or its Strategic Priorities?)	I think goal 1 is great, and should have a focus on increasing connectivity as I previously mentioned.	We have - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scales to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are	Y

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		protected and conserved areas important section	
	Enhance biodiversity through a strong network of wildlife corridors - across bioregional landscapes.	We have - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scapes to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section	Y
	Focus on main developed agricultural areas. Identifying any remnant vegetation to conserve and even enable expansion.	The 'modified landscapes with natural habitat values' assessment identified areas with a proportion of modified landscapes (including cleared areas), that retain natural habitat values. These areas are not suitable to be made a protected area but may be suitable to become a conserved areas.	N
	Yes a our wildlife needs a safe undisturbed habitat but also needs to include a continuous tract of land joining conservation areas.	We have - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scapes to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are	Y

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		protected and conserved areas important section	
	Conservation is slow, and easily we lose significant natural habitat before we have a chance to protect it.	The aim of this strategy is to ensure we can act strategically, with precision and intention.	N
	The proposals for additional park extensions and a new park meet these goals.	Noted.	N
	More understories to help small native birds and beings. More rabbit eradication is needed in One Tree Hill. More laws to keep cats on their properties not roaming. A cull of minor birds to help smaller birds increase their numbers	These suggestions sit outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge their importance and have passed these suggestions on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	The theory is good, but as we currently see with our protected areas they are often left to go feral.	The department acknowledges that the draft strategy did not discuss how the department would consider funding and resources available for effective park management. We have edited the section What does this strategy do? to articulate that by setting a clear vision and direction, the strategy will help the department to use resources more strategically; and confirm that the implementation of the strategy will therefore consider the need for	Y

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		adequate resourcing to support effective park management and conservation outcomes.	
	See first comment re ocean and coastal protected areas	Noted.	N
	it is important that all regions are covered in this goal	This will be considered in the implementation of the strategy (specifically Goal 1)	N
	Nil	NA	NA
	Yes. Please see my previous comment.	Noted.	N
	Whatever we have left should not be further destroyed. Do not allow existing Heritage Agreements to be torn up in favor of private profit (as is being contemplated for Whalers Way).	This will be considered in the implementation of the strategy (particularly with regards to Goal 4)	N
	A more comprehensive, adequate and representative protected area system will require building the enabling environment for a variety of tenures and land management approaches, including those that attract private investment.	This will be considered in the implementation of the strategy (particularly with regards to Goal 4)	N

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Q15 (Do you have any additional comments about Goal 2 or its Strategic Priorities?)	Funding should be provided to fauna rescue organisations, or the government should create its own fauna rescue service, to care for sick and injured wildlife (including those affected by climate change). It's ridiculous that our native animals rely primarily on volunteers for their care. We should have dedicated, paid carers and vets to perform these roles.	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	Same as qu. 9	Noted.	N
	Restore and build wetlands. Manage our underground water through the limestone coast.	This will be considered through the delivery of the strategy (particularly Goal 2)	N
	As per 9.	Noted.	N
	More water catchment areas and storage facilities needed	This will be considered through the delivery of the strategy (particularly Goal 2)	N
	Increase protection is a notional goal that is difficult to disagree with but there need to be explicit protection from developments such as mining and road building	When considering additions to the protected area estate the type of protected area, and what is permitted within the park, is a key consideration.	N

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	Again the theory is sound but without management and funding protected areas will end up the same as our National and Conservation parks that are unvisited and a growth sight for invasive weeds and animals	The department acknowledges that the draft strategy did not discuss how the department would consider funding and resources available for effective park management. We have edited the section What does this strategy do? to articulate that by setting a clear vision and direction, the strategy will help the department to use resources more strategically; and confirm that the implementation of the strategy will therefore consider the need for adequate resourcing to support effective park management and conservation outcomes. In instances where government resources are not available for effective management, private protected areas will be pivotal for providing that protection.	Y
	Once again ocean/marine protected areas need to be included in this plan to combat against climate change.	The strategy does not cover marine parks, because they are guided by different legislative and management arrangements. The Department recognises the importance of marine parks in achieving broader conservation outcomes, so the implementation of this strategy will consider connections across land and sea.	N

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	it is important to allow space for living things to adapt and survive	This strategy will help to ensure the protection of ecosystems and landscapes that support our biodiversity to survive.	N
	Biodiversity wasn't even a word when I went to school	We hope this strategy was clear in defining what biodiversity is in the context of conservation planning.	N
	As a landholder with a Heritage Agreement in place, it would be wonderful to see a strategic drive to connect the protected areas on private land together to form more cohesive habitats. In my experience in the highly modified limestone coast region, high biodiversity protected areas on private land are vulnerable due to fragmentation, and it would be excellent to see such protected areas linked together to improve their resilience.	This will be a consideration when implementing Goal 4.	N
	Algal bloom is controlled in Europe using barley straw in lakes and rivers. I realise the ocean is quite different however I wonder if a barrier of barley straw might work in the Port River, West Lakes etc. Just an idea.	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N

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	Whalers Way is home to the White Bellied Sea Eagle, Osprey, Whipbirds, Eyre Peninsula Southern Emu-wren, and Australian Sea Lions, to name a few. It is an area of pristine wilderness and has not been burnt or cleared. It is a last refuge in that it is at the southernmost tip of Eyre Peninsula. It is between two existing National Parks (Coffin Bay and Lincoln). It is precious and needs protection.	The department has noted this suggestion and will add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	N
	Support should include subregions with high climate sensitivity and restoration potential (e.g., Fleurieu, Mount Lofty Ranges, Glenelg Plain, Lucindale, Mount Gambier). Mapping registered carbon vegetation and blue carbon projects intersecting areas with high climate vulnerability should be used to highlight where permanence obligations and ongoing management may already be supporting adaptation outcomes.	The department has noted these suggestions and confirms that this will be achieved through the delivery of Goal 2. These specific priority areas have been noted and added to a register for considered in the implementation of this strategy. In terms of additional mapping and analysis, the department has made the data and analysis used in the strategy publicly available (see the final strategy). We encourage conservation groups and others in the sector to utilise this data for different analyses.	

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Q17 (Do you have any additional comments about Goal 3 or its Strategic Priorities?)	First Nations people should be consulted throughout, and should guide how these areas are maintained and cared for per tradition as the custodians of the land.	There is a need for ongoing, meaningful engagement with First Nations peoples and groups throughout the strategy's life. The delivery of the following enabling action will help to achieve that: "Seek to better understand First Nations social, economic, and cultural aspirations for Country, and work with communities to support capacity and identify locations of cultural significance that require protection".	N
	More emphasis needs to be added to 3.1 to ensure it is taken seriously and implemented thoroughly for the benefit of cultural heritage protection.	The department agrees that 3.1 is key and must be taken seriously. The delivery of the following enabling action will help to achieve that: "Seek to better understand First Nations social, economic, and cultural aspirations for Country, and work with communities to support capacity and identify locations of cultural significance that require protection".	N
	Respect and implementation of other knowledge to deal with a changing landscape.	The department agrees that it is important to consider diverse knowledge, including Traditional Knowledge, to help manage conservation in a changing landscape. We have: - Added a guiding principle: Incorporate First Nations' knowledge, expertise and aspirations for Country	Y

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		- Added strategic priority 2.3: Continue refining our response to climate change by drawing on Traditional Knowledge and modern science	
	Particularly in the city of Adelaide and suburbs	The department has noted this suggestion and will add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	N
	Agree with 3.1 and 3.2 but wildlife takes precedent over recreational areas. People have already taken over too much land and made it into a concrete jungle.	Protected areas' primary objective is conservation. This is stated in the final paragraph of the section, How will this strategy operate: "The outcomes of the strategy will be influenced by and seek to achieve community aspirations and intergenerational equity, but its highest priority is to protect, conserve, and where possible, improve biodiversity."	N
	Duck shooting needs to end. Also more monitoring of illegal hunting is necessary. Game reserves need to be reserves only	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	As per 9.	Noted	N
	This depends on the definition of protection. Often in SA, this means lock the gate and let it grow.	We have edited the section What does this strategy do? (pg. 7) to articulate that (a) by setting a clear vision and direction, the strategy will help the department to use resources more strategically; and confirm that (b) the implementation of the strategy will therefore	Y

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		consider the need for adequate resourcing to support effective park management and conservation outcomes.	
	It is important to ensure we strike a balance between recreation and conservation/biodiversity. If people are not able to connect with a place due to lack of access, they will be less likely to be involved in it's protection.	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation.	Y
	I want to be able to drive walk to any geological or heritage site in Australia with out having to pay Parks for something they didn't construct but may be did put a road into. example water falls gorges or stone railway stations.	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. Many of our parks are free to enter but where they are payable, park entry fees are used by the department to fund park operations, including maintenance of park assets (like trails, toilets, roads), and conservation efforts.	Y
	I strongly support all of these goals, however I feel that recreational value, whilst important, must not be allowed to overshadow broader environmental goals. The Mount Remarkable bike tracks which were allowed to be constructed	Environmental goals: Protected areas' primary objective is conservation. This is stated in the final paragraph of the section, How will this strategy operate: "The outcomes of the strategy will be influenced by and seek to achieve community aspirations and intergenerational equity, but its highest priority is to protect, conserve, and where possible, improve biodiversity."	N

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	through, and in doing so has damaged, the EPBC listed Peppermint-box Grassy Woodland ecosystem is the sort of reckless management that I do not support.	Mount Remarkable: Your concerns about Mount Remarkable have been noted and passed on to the relevant team in the department.	
	Yes. Whalers Way is extremely important to the Nauo people, the Port Lincoln and local Eyre Peninsular people and international visitors. The area has great geological and environmental significance.	The department has noted your suggestion and will add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	N
	I don't agree with making areas exclusive (or alternatively unavailable) to particular groups (eg excluding dog owners from National Parks).	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation. The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	Y

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	As long as access to the public is allowed especially low impact access such as bushwalking and non-vehicle camping.	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation. The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	Y
	Whalers Way is a top tourist attraction for Southern Eyre Peninsula. The Nauo people have native title over the coastal strip and there are songline sites. It is an area of wild coastal beauty. Cape Carnot is the oldest rock in SA. It is very important to me as a local person.	The department has noted your suggestion and will add it to a register for consideration in the implementation of this strategy.	
	Support should be provided for the identification and protection of places of cultural significance only in collaboration with, and	Supporting First Nations in the strategy delivery: The department agrees that there is a need for ongoing, meaningful engagement throughout the strategy's life, particularly to	N

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	led by, First Nations communities. This should include creation of enabling environments to engage first nations people, building livelihoods through the protection and management of significant areas. Capacity funding and long-term support would help enable participation by First Nations communities and integrate cultural values into acquisition and restoration decisions.	support the identification and protection of places of cultural significance, led by First nations communities. The department is committed to doing this through the enabling action “Seek to better understand First Nations social, economic, and cultural aspirations for Country, and work with communities to support capacity and identify locations of cultural significance that require protection. Creation of enabling environments and capacity funding: These suggestions have been noted and will be considered by the department for the strategy’s delivery.	N
Q19 (Do you have any additional comments about Goal 4 or its Strategic Priorities?)	Excellent initiative. Any land that can be conserved and protected is fantastic. Land acquired should be restored with many trees and native flora planted to support wildlife.	Support: Noted. Tree planting: This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N N
	Focused on extending the wildlife corridor network.	We have: - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scapes to the Climate Change section	Y

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		- Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section	
	Support for regional councils to play a role.	Noted. We appreciate the importance of partnerships with diverse actors across the sector.	N
	As per 9.	Noted	N
	This can never happen. Private land must be left private land, there are too many examples of how the National Parks in South Australia have managed land so badly that it is now nothing more than an overgrown mass of weeds, for example - every national park outside a radius of 50kms of Adelaide.	The involvement of private lands in South Australia's protected area estate was not clearly described in the draft strategy. We have updated the <i>What are Protected Areas</i> section (pg. 7) to clarify the role private protected areas play, and that any addition of private land to the private protected area estate through voluntary agreements. The department acknowledges that the draft strategy did not discuss how the department would consider funding and resources available for effective park management. We have edited the section What does this strategy do? to articulate that (a) by setting a clear	Y

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		vision and direction, the strategy will help the department to use resources more strategically.	
	I strongly support the heritage land support system that preserves extra vegetation	Noted.	N
	Well what I see and hear of this strategy land as mostly were farms or cattle stations etc are bought then become a no-go zone for the ordinary working Australians. Locked up and controlled only people with a made-up degree never heard of are allowed to study some extinct animal or bird. Which at times are a real value to us all as we love our wildlife too. But like to drive from point A to point B at times but some new reserve or national Park has been formed without public consultation which doesn't matter as Parks and environment groups seen to have laws made for them, don't you agree?	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction (pg. 4) to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation. The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	Y
	While I would support an increase in heritage land agreements I have some concern regarding diverse	The involvement of private lands in South Australia's protected area estate was not clearly described in the draft strategy.	Y

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	tenure arrangements. This term is not sufficiently clarified. I would oppose public private partnerships or land lease arrangements where a corporate entity with commercial interests is able to operate on heritagaged land or land identified as being of environmental, geological or culturally significant importance to South Australia.	We have updated the What are Protected Areas section to clarify the role private protected areas play, and that any addition of private land to the private protected area estate will be through voluntary agreements. We want to confirm that the use of ‘diverse tenure arrangements’ refers to supporting protected and conserved areas on private land, working with the private land owners	
	Whalers Way is private land. The Heritage Agreement is over 40 years old. The owners have benefitted financially for all these years. They have not done a wonderful job of cleaning up the rubbish from tourists but other than that they have not impacted too badly on the ecological values of the place. They should not be allowed to sign agreements with a company that wants to build an industrial space facility on the land that is under Heritage Agreement. Otherwise all	The department has noted your concern.	

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	Heritage Agreements are meaningless.		
	Our land is in a Conservation zone at Point Sturt on the shore of Lake Alexandrina, which is a RAMSAR site. We would like to revegetate our land but it is an expensive exercise for one owner and a big job to plant, water and maintain new vegetation across our whole property. It would be helpful if we could subdivide our land into smaller allotments of more manageable sizes for revegetation. Perhaps a reclassification of the Conservation zone could allow for subdivision with a caveat that new allotments must then be revegetated to 70% of land size (as an example). This could apply to all previously cleared land like ours that is unable to sustain primary production.	This will be considered as part of the implementation of the strategy, specifically with regards to how we can best support private landholders in engaging in conservation activities.	N

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	"Goal 4 and its Strategic Priorities represent an opportunity through investment in carbon and/or biodiversity credits to grow the amount of land which is protected and conserved and also to grow the extent of land outside of formal designation to our conserved area network.	This will be considered as part of the implementation of the strategy, specifically with regards to Goal 4	N
	A tiered/graduated system that recognises conserved outcomes across multiple tenures and land uses will broaden participation, deliver outcomes at scale and bolster social licence by enabling multiple industries to coexist with conservation. This aligns with the Strategy's emphasis on conserved areas and modified landscapes.	This will be considered as part of the implementation of the strategy, specifically with regards to how we can best support private landholders in engaging in conservation activities.	N
Q21 (Do you have any additional comments about the Enabling Actions?)	Seek to better understand First Nations social, economic, and cultural aspirations for Country, and work with communities to support capacity and identify locations of cultural significance that require protection.	This change has been made.	Y

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	This point needs to be elevated in the list of dot point as it currently looks like a tack on at the end of the document. All Aboriginal content should be raised to the top of the document. This perspective also needs to be embraced throughout the document, not just in the Aboriginal content sections.		
	Expand not sustain the status quo.	Noted. This aligns with the Strategy's vision and purpose.	N
	All citizens are guaranteed equal rights under constitutional law. To preserve the integrity and purpose of any related studies, external agents with potential financial interests should not be involved. For the same reason, such work should not be outsourced or contracted to parties who may be influenced by profit motive	Noted.	N
	Oppose Councils who seem intent on 'converting' designated conservation areas to housing	The department notes your concern. This is not within the scope of this Strategy, or within the department's remit. For Council specific feedback we suggest contacting them directly.	N

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	estates and sporting grounds (eg LIV Golf).		
	Strongly support the point regarding first Nations.	Noted.	N
	especially if tracts of land can be included to join conserve areas for better wildlife flow/movement	We have: - Added a section that highlights the importance of connectivity and protection at landscape scapes to the Climate Change section - Added a section that illustrates the role that conserved areas can play in enhancing connectivity in the Why are protected and conserved areas important section	Y
	As per 9.	Noted.	N
	Having areas public can access	The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation.	Y

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		The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	
	These are all good theories but SA National Parks do not have the staff or the funding to manage these lands. Most of our parks are full of feral animals and so overgrown that helicopter culling is ineffective and baiting has proved to be of little use. They have become a breeding ground for both native and introduced animals that it is becoming of serious concern for farmers. Coastal Wattle has taken over in these parks has killed out many of the native plant species.	Inadequate resources or funds: The department acknowledges that the draft strategy did not discuss how the department would consider funding and resources available for effective park management. We have edited the section What does this strategy do? to articulate that (a) by setting a clear vision and direction, the strategy will help the department to use resources more strategically; and confirm that (b) the implementation of the strategy will therefore consider the need for adequate resourcing to support effective park management and conservation outcomes.	
	convert unused crown land to natural reserves even if they need to be revegetated- there may need to be funding to allow for this. Bio R and some	The department recognises this suggestion. Land restoration is a key element of the conserved areas, and will be considered as part of their implementation.	

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	landcare groups have good experience and success.		
	I admit I just done this survey to see just how diverse a conservation survey could be for the ordinary pubic to comment on. As nothing changes for us motor bike trail riders, four-wheel drivers even horse riders mostly as there is always a rare beetle does not seen for fifty years living in a cliff face. Now come on the working Australian does not have time for these surveys as they are paying mortgage and a family to raise. They don't care either so these laws get passed because all the environment movements do these surveys people to lock up as much land as they can. Sorry, that view I know is greatly agreed with my friends. Me being 72 years old now do still get around our country a great deal.	The department wants to confirm that this provides strategic guidance only (refer to the What does this strategy do? section (pg. 5)). It is not a statutory document (not legally binding) and will not impact any statutory processes.	
	Sounds like a lot of waste of money and long lunches	Noted	

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	I particularly strongly support the conversion of crown land into protected areas, as well as supporting First Nations groups in protecting culturally important areas.	Noted.	
	I would have strongly agreed, however there is not enough detail in the draft on how this might work. For example, squashing more people into smaller spaces in Adelaide is creating an ocean of cement, warming the environment & destroying gardens that were providing shade, as well as food and homes for native species such as birds, possums, frogs, insects etc. What is not clear is the effect of prioritising designated areas will have on non designated lands. A whole state approach, managed and checked by government and environmental protection organisations is preferred. Also, Woolworths paid fines for	Impacting residential areas: The department notes your concerns and wants to clarify that the intention of this strategy is not to target residential areas. By providing a state-wide approach, this strategy will help steer discussions and actions across government, and with other stakeholders working in this sector. Fines for corporations in vegetation clearing: This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We	N N

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	removing very large old gum trees to clear land for building The Stables shopping complex at Golden Grove. Could the planning department have refused the application so they could have built somewhere else? Fines are not much of a deterrent for large corporations. Finally, small farms and farmers need to be able to grow enough food for our population. Protection and incentives for permaculture food farming, organic production, community gardens and home gardens need to be considered.	acknowledge its importance and have passed this conc on to the relevant units within the department for consideration. Support for food growers: This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	I agree that these formal arrangements between landowners and government should not be 'set and forget', that a dialogue must be ongoing to ensure that obligations for care of land are not overlooked or dismissed, as seems to be the case for Whalers Way. Audit of Crown Land also seems to be	Better private land management: the department notes your suggestion, and will consider this in the delivery of Goal 4. We have updated Strategic priority 4.1 to better articulate that through the Strategy's implementation, we will work with conservation partners and private landholders to explore and clarify the role of protected areas, and identify where additional support is needed.	Y

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	a great idea. We do need active monitoring and care of all these land parcels	Audit of Crown land support: noted	N
	Consideration should be given to establishing an investment framework roundtable (involving government, First Nations Peoples, philanthropy, conservation NGOs, landholders, market participants) to codesign the model. This could include: a public matching commitment, a public funding floor, guardrails for additionality, Indigenous partnership principles. XXX<name removed> would welcome participating in such a roundtable.	Investment framework: The department notes your suggestion, and will consider this as we implement this enabling action.	N
	Re the second last enabling action: Conservation covenants need to be administered by an agency with expertise in ecological conservation. Mechanisms are needed to protect all tenures where land managers are prepared to	Investment framework: The department notes your suggestion, and will consider this as we implement this enabling action.	N

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	voluntarily commit to achieving conservation outcomes for the long term, e.g., for the term of a lease and any extension to that lease. Continuing the example, this would remove the barrier to including leaseheld land in a protected area. The Act, or the part of the Act, under which each conservation covenanting program is established needs to have an object that is protection not (ecologically sustainable) development. This does not mean sustainable use cannot be allowed; it should be, with the aim of retaining and restoring and protecting ecological value. It is vitally important, in this UN Decade of Restoration, that a mechanism be developed to prevent the complete loss of restored places after time-limited work programs end; otherwise, what's the point of the restoration. It is equally clear restored places may not have levels of value sufficient for inclusion in the protected area system; such places may have		
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	sufficient value for inclusion in a protected area in the future. They need protection from complete loss and degradation in the meantime.		
Q23 (Do you have any additional feedback you'd like to share?)	Thank you very much for doing this for our environment and wildlife - this is a fantastic step in the right direction!	Noted.	N
	There needs to be more emphasis on elevating the importance of protection of Aboriginal cultural heritages across the document. Whilst the overall document is great, Aboriginal heritage and cultural always gets dropped to the bottom of the “to do” list.	We have: - Added a Guiding Principle specifically about incorporating First Nation's knowledge, expertise and aspirations for Country - Moved the First Nations enabling action to the top of the list	Y
	I am unsure of the value derived from this survey. I would expect that any sane person with respect for the planet would support the sentiments behind this. First thing that should happen is stop the urban sprawl that is rapidly taking over the Adelaide Hills, it makes me sad	Survey simplicity: The department recognises the simplicity of the survey. The intention was to keep the survey succinct to invite participation, whilst providing free text responses where people could include more detailed responses.	N

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	driving to drive anywhere near Mount Barker or Strath anymore.	The department appreciates that this may have caused the survey to be over-simplified and hope participants were able to use the free text sections to express their feedback and concerns more fully. Urban sprawl: The purpose of this strategy is not to prevent urban sprawl, however, protecting or conserving land in urbanising areas may be a subsidiary outcome. For instance, where there are high conservation and or cultural heritage values in peri-urban areas, the department will investigate suitable ways to either protect or conserve that land.	N
	Very leading and minimal information provided	The department recognises the simplicity of the survey. The intention was to keep the survey succinct to invite participation, whilst providing free text responses where people could include more detailed responses. The department appreciates that this may have caused the survey to be over-simplified and hope participants were able to use the free text sections to express their feedback and concerns more fully.	N
	Keep up the good work! 👍	Noted.	N
	There needs to be an emphasis on expanding the parks and conservation areas.	Expanding parks: This is the central driver of this strategy, and the department hopes this comes across in the strategy's vision and purpose.	N

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	Additionally, stronger repercussions for those who break the law/damage the environment.	Repercussions for those who break the law: This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	The removal of pests both native and introduced need to be addressed in a way that it is not wasted as it is currently, this needs to be done by accredited hunters, this accreditation needs to be created by the government now. This will generate revenue on its own as well as the money saved from very expensive culling operations allowing for more staff and more invasive plants to be removed at a far lower cost to the tax payer.	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	N
	I think some of my views are out of the ordinary or did you get a few like mine from people who worked since being 15 years old till 67 and want to tour our land but Parks want money to drive through or visit some landmark	We hope to get varied feedback through this community consultation and thank you for providing your candid responses.	N

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	which nature just made before so called climate change. Still going to take me dog around Australia.		
	If you want people to enjoy the experience of national parks, you need to space out camping areas so they're not like caravan parks! Isolate camp areas and open plan areas. Amenities are a joke, non existent in most places, not even a bin on exit!!	This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration.	
	Yes. Some areas of South Australia such as the Coffin Bay, Whalers Way and Lincoln National Park should be considered for world heritage status. The draft report would benefit from some examples or models of how this could work as well as links to the academic and scientific evidence that supports the report.	World Heritage Status: This sits outside of the scope of the strategy. We acknowledge its importance and have passed this suggestion on to the relevant units within the department for consideration. Scientific evidence: the Supporting Technical Report provides a detailed summary of the method and datasets used to develop all the priority maps.	N N
	This is a very formulated survey. My concern is placing land	Survey simplicity: The department recognises the simplicity of the survey.	

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	under Protected and Conserved Area Management is an excellent undertaking however I would like to see more detail on how the end result looks for the general public. For example, the climate impact and biodiversity benefits are obvious but how do the general public interact with/in these spaces. Locking land up in Management Areas under the guise of Protection and Conservation is of concern to me.	The intention was to keep the survey succinct to invite participation, whilst providing free text responses where people could include more detailed responses. The department appreciates that this may have caused the survey to be over-simplified and hope participants were able to use the free text sections to express their feedback and concerns more fully. Public access: The department recognises that protected areas are important places for people to enjoy and recognises this was not adequately portrayed in the draft strategy. We have rewritten the Introduction to clarify that protected areas will remain important places for people to visit, enjoy, and engage in recreation. The department also acknowledges that depending on the conservation or heritage values, protected areas and their supporting management plans may limit access and the types of recreational activity, to ensure the long-term survival and protection of these important values.	
	Make sure Heritage Agreements mean something.	Noted.	N

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	NA	Noted.	N