

Amendment of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Plan

Volume 2: Business and operational plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 (draft)

Summary of consultation

Background

The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management (AMLR NRM) Board's *Business and operational plan 2016-17 to 2018-19* is due to expire 30 June 2019. In accordance with the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, the board reviewed its current plan and prepared a new draft to cover the period of 2019-20 to 2021-22.

The draft *Business and operational plan 2019-20 to 2021-22* (the draft plan) sets out:

- the income the board receives through levies and other funding
- how the board will spend that money to achieve the regional targets in the region's strategic NRM plan
- the conditions under which the board will issue a permit for a water affecting activity (WAA).

Consistent with the State Government's policy, the draft plan proposes to limit increases to the regional NRM land and water levies to CPI over the life of the plan, while maintaining the board's active commitment to the sustainability of the region's natural resources.

It is anticipated that the new business and operational plan will be a transitional plan while the State Government implements NRM reforms across the state. While the plan covers a three-year period it is expected that it will be replaced by new Landscape and Green Adelaide plans before the end of the three-year period.

Consultation on the proposed amendments

The board undertook statutory consultation on the draft plan for a period of 53 days from 28 November 2019 until 7 January 2020.

The board invited submissions from the community through the South Australian Government's community engagement website – YourSAy – and made the draft plan publicly available on the Natural Resources AMLR website.

The consultation was also promoted via the Natural Resources AMLR Facebook page.

Over 170 letters were sent to key stakeholders, including local community members, industry groups, local government, non-government organisations, Traditional Owners, and other external stakeholders who work in partnership with AMLR NRM Board.

Copies of the YourSAy listing, website and Facebook post(s) are provided in Appendix A. Copies of letters sent to key stakeholders are provided in Appendix B.

What the board heard

A total of 24 submissions were received during the consultation period.

Several suggestions were received with respect to natural resource management priorities for the board, including management of the River Torrens, and flora and fauna management.

Responses to these submissions acknowledged the suggestions, with reference to current and planned future board expenditure in these areas and recent achievements.

A number of submissions raised concerns regarding the consultation timeframes. These were noted, and a commitment was made to adjust the timeframe in future years to avoid the December and January period where possible.

Some submissions requested further detail in the expenditure table. These suggestions were noted, acknowledging that the business and operational plan is a high-level document as it covers a three year period.

It was advised that further detail, including the amount of operating expenditure per project, will be available in annual implementation plans published on the board's website.

Several submissions referenced the limited investment towards climate change adaptation projects. This was acknowledged, noting that investment in climate change adaptation is incorporated into a wide range of projects in the other investment areas.

A number of submissions provided support for the board's proposal to limit increases to the levy by the CPI for each of the three years.

Two submissions acknowledged the positive outcomes being achieved through investment in local and educational NRM projects as well as the ongoing success of partnership arrangements.

Some submissions noted concern regarding the new Landscape SA region boundaries and legislative frameworks.

These submissions were responded to noting that these issues were outside the scope of responsibility for the board and that they would be considered by the Minister as part of developing the draft Landscape SA Bill.

YourSAy submissions and other feedback received as well as subsequent responses are summarised in Appendix C.

The next steps

The suggestions and input from the community and key stakeholder groups received during the consultation period has been considered by the board in finalising the draft plan.

Upon endorsement by the board, the final draft plan will be provided to the Minister for Environment and Water, along with this consultation report, for consideration and adoption by June 2019.

Once the plan has been adopted it is intended that it will not undergo further review until the Landscape SA legislation is in place and the plan is replaced by new Landscape and Green Adelaide plans.



Appendix A:

YourSAy listing, website and Facebook post(s)



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The region hosts a range of land uses and management practices, so planning and evaluating actions, and continuing to improve our projects, are priorities.

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Consultation now open

The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board is seeking community feedback on its draft business plan.

The draft [AMLR NRM Plan \(Business and Operational\) 2019-20 to 2021-22](#) is a three-year plan that sets out:

- the income that the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board receives through levies and other funding
- how the board will spend that money to achieve the targets in its strategic plan
- the conditions under which the board will issue a permit for a water affecting activity.

The draft plan is a transitional plan while the [State Government implements NRM reform across the state](#). While it has been prepared to cover a three-year period, it is anticipated that the plan will be replaced by the State Government's new Landscape South Australia and Green Adelaide plans before the end of the three-year period.

You can [have your say](#) on the draft business plan until **Monday 7 January 2019**.

The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management (NRM) Plan is developed by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board in partnership with the community and key stakeholders. The plan is a clear, defensible and transparent statement of what needs to be done to manage our natural resources, why action is needed, and how the best possible actions are determined and delivered.

The plan provides leadership, encourages action and fosters valuable partnerships to better manage the region's natural resources. It also includes long-term goals and aspirational targets for the future.

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The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board is seeking comment on its next business plan.

What is being decided?

The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Board (the Board) is seeking the community's feedback on its next business plan.

What is the business plan?

The draft [AMLR NRM Plan \(Business and Operational\) 2019-20 to 2021-22](#) (PDF 7MB) (the AMLR Business Plan) is a three-year plan from 2019-20 to 2021-22 that sets out:

- the income that the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board (the NRM Board) receives through levies and other funding
- how the NRM Board will spend that money to achieve the targets in its strategic plan
- the conditions under which the board will issue a permit for a water affecting activity.

The draft plan is a transitional plan while the [State Government implements NRM reforms across the state](#). While it has been prepared to cover a three-year period, it is anticipated that the plan will be replaced by the State Government's new Landscape

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South Australia (SA) and Green Adelaide plans before the end of the three-year period. This regional business plan recognises the State Government's reform agenda and aligns with the Landscape SA priorities.

What are the changes?

The current [Natural Resources Management Act 2004](#) requires regional NRM boards to review their business plans at least once every three years. The AMLR NRM Board has reviewed its business plan and prepared a new draft plan for 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Consistent with the State Government's policy, the draft plan proposes to limit increases to the regional NRM land and water levies to CPI over the life of the plan, while maintaining an active commitment to the sustainability of the region's natural resources.

How can your input influence the decision?

The community's input, as well as input from key stakeholders such as local government, industry, environmental organisations, community groups, nation groups and others, will be considered by the board in finalising the plan.

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How will your input be used?

All feedback will be summarised in a consultation report, along with details of the efforts the NRM Board made to consult on the plan.

The consultation report will be published by March 2019.

The plan and consultation report will be provided to the Minister for Environment and Water for consideration and adoption by June 2019.

For more information please [visit the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges website](#).

Get involved

Have your say by [joining the online discussion](#).

You can also have your say by:

- emailing a written submission to DEW.AMLRFeedback@sa.gov.au
- mailing a written response to:
Regional Director
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges
Natural Resources Management Board
205 Greenhill Road
EASTWOOD SA 5063

Submissions close on 7 January 2019.

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Contact details

For general enquiries, please call Natural Resources AMLR on (08) 8273 9100 between during business hours of 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday, or email DEW.AMLRFeedback@sa.gov.au.

Please note that feedback cannot be accepted by phone.

Closing date: Monday 7 January 2019.

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The 'Background' section contains the following text:

Currently, Natural Resources Management Boards are required to meet legislative requirements under the current Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (the NRM Act).

Under the NRM Act, regional NRM boards must review their business plans at least once in every three years. The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board has reviewed its current plan and prepared a new draft plan to cover the period of 2019-20 to 2021-22. The NRM Board is seeking your feedback on this new draft plan.

Consistent with the State Government's policy, the draft plan proposes to limit increases to the regional NRM land and water levies to CPI over the life of the plan.

A new bill, the Landscape SA Bill, is expected to be introduced into Parliament in early 2019, as part of [NRM reforms in South Australia](#). This bill aims to replace the current NRM Act.

On the right side of the page, there are several engagement sections:

- Follow this engagement**: Includes social media icons for Facebook and a globe.
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The bottom of the page features a purple banner with the Government of South Australia logo and the text 'Government of South Australia Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board'.

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Below this, there is a link [» Discussion](#) and the text "Feedback on the business plan". The footer of the page includes the **yourSAy** logo, a "Subscribe" button, social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, and logos for the Government of South Australia and sa.gov.au.



Garry Morrison

21 Dec 2018

I encourage and suggest greater effectiveness on regeneration of flora and fauna with the money provided. With climate change looming and species extinction enormously and significantly urgent there needs to be greater effect.

David Lindley > Garry Morrison

24 Dec 2018

I agree, Garry, and considering the collapse of biodiversity in recent decades, encourage and suggest that flora regeneration should focus on species that existed in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges prior to 1836.

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Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges > Garry Morrison

03 Jan 2019

Thank you for your comments Garry and David - we will pass your feedback onto the Board.

Investment in flora and fauna regeneration and conservation is a key priority under the Draft Business and Operational Plan and the NRM board is committed to measuring the effectiveness of its investment in this area over both the short and longer term (see intermediate targets 8, 9 and 10 as well as longer term regional targets on pages 6 and 7 of the Business and Operational Plan).

With regards to the impacts of climate change on biodiversity you might be interested in the board's Framework For Nature Conservation Under Future Climates [<https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidentloftyranges/about-us/climate-change-in-the-region>]. This work provides a landscape-scale assessment of climate change impacts on terrestrial biodiversity as well as identifies adaptation strategies.

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Kym McKay

19 Dec 2018

How about putting levy monies collected in the suburbs back into cleaning up and making the Torrens River a river again instead of the sewer drain east and west of the CBD lake that it is now, the NRM plunders millions of dollars and does diddly squat in real terms instead of paper shuffling committee meetings and mother hood statement projects.

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Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges > Kym McKay

21 Dec 2018

Hi Kym - thanks for your comment. The NRM board has been very active in funding and supporting efforts to protect and improve water quality along the length of the River Torrens from the hills to the sea. For example, the board operates gross pollutant traps that collect around 2000 tonnes of sediment, leaf litter and other organic matter each year. The board also takes the lead each summer to help control blue-green algae in Torrens Lake, and delivered the construction of the Breakout Creek wetlands, which improved water quality in the lower Torrens and reduces impacts on our coastal waters.

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Alisdair Murray

30 Nov 2018

I feel that farmers should be paying more of the levy/ higher water usage charges as they use a greater share of the land/water. They are a commercial entity and for profit business so they should be paying more and if their business model is unsustainable and they can't afford the fees/ water rates, they shouldn't be propped up by other users in the system.

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Planning Team - AMLR NRM Board > Alisdair Murray

06 Dec 2018

Thank you for taking the time to comment Alisdair. We will forward your response to the Board and it will be considered, along with others, upon completion of the consultation period.

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 **Sara Wall** What a good looking bunch 😊

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Appendix B:

Letters to key stakeholders



List of key stakeholders mailed

State government

Chief Executive	Department for Education
Chief Executive	Department for Environment and Water
Chief Executive	Department for Health and Wellbeing
Chief Executive	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
Chief Executive	Department of Primary Industries and Regions
Chief Executive	Department for Energy and Mining
Chief Executive	Department for Industry and Skills
Chief Executive	Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment
Chief Executive	Department of Treasury and Finance
Chief Executive	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Chief Executive	Environment Protection Authority
Chief Executive	Green Industries SA
Chief Executive	South Australian Country Fire Service
Chief Executive	SA Tourism Commission
Chief Executive	SA Water
Entomologist	SARDI

Non-government agri-industry bodies

CEO	Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Regional Development Association
President	Adelaide Hills Wine Region Inc
CEO	Adelaide Hills Wine Region Inc.
Chief Executive	Adelaide Produce Markets Ltd
Administration Manager	Ag Excellence Alliance
Chairperson	Agricultural Bureau of SA Inc
CEO	Apple and Pear Growers' Association
President	Australian Forest Growers
CEO	Australian Perry Agricultural Laboratory
President	Australian Plants Society, SA Region Inc.
Chairperson	Australian Wine Research Institute
State Manager	AUSVEG SA
CEO	Barossa Grape & Wine Association Incorporated
Chair	Barossa Improved Grazing Group



Chair	Barossa WAPAC
Chairperson	Berry Growers of South Australia
Chair	Central Adelaide WAPAC
President	Cherry Growers Association of SA
Chairperson	Dairy Authority of SA
Chairperson	Dairy SA
Chairperson	Eden Valley Wine Grape Growers Group
Secretary	Fleurieu Beef Group Inc
Treasurer	Goat Industry Council of Australia
Secretary	Koonunga Agricultural Bureau
Chairperson	Lenswood Coop
President	Livestock SA
CEO	Livestock SA
Secretary	Mallala Agricultural Bureau
Chairperson	McLaren Vale Business Association
General Manager	McLaren Vale Grape Wine & Tourism Association Inc.
Chairperson	McLaren Vale Grape, Wine and Tourism
Chairperson	Northern Adelaide Plains Almond Growers
Chief Executive Officer	Nursery and Garden Industry SA
President	Olives South Australia
President	Parawa Agricultural Bureau
Chairperson	Primary Producers SA
Chief Executive Officer	Regional Development Australia - Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island
Chief Executive	Regional Development Australia Barossa
Secretary	SA Beef Cattle Breeders Association of SA
Chief Executive Officer	SA Citrus Industry Development Board
Chairperson	Sheep Connect SA
Secretary	Soil Association of SA
Chairperson	South Australian Dairy Farmers Association
Chief Executive	South Australian Wine Industry Association
Chairperson	Southern Fleurieu Landholders Group
Secretary	Stormwater Industry Association
Secretary	Strawberries Australia
Chief Executive Officer	The Water Industry Alliance

President	Vietnamese Farmer's Association
CEO	Vine Health Australia
Chief Executive Officer	Volunteering SA & NT
Secretary	Weed Management Society of SA
Executive Officer	Wine Grape Council SA
President	Wine Makers Federation Australia
	Winegrape Council of South Australia

Local government

Chief Executive Officer	Adelaide City Council
Mayor	Adelaide City Council
Chief Executive Officer	Adelaide Hills Council
Mayor	Adelaide Hills Council
Chief Executive Officer	Alexandrina Council
Mayor	Alexandrina Council
Chief Executive Officer	Campbelltown City Council
Mayor	Campbelltown City Council
Chief Executive Officer	City of Burnside
Mayor	City of Burnside
Chief Executive Officer	City of Charles Sturt
Mayor	City of Charles Sturt
Chief Executive Officer	City of Holdfast Bay
Mayor	City of Holdfast Bay
Chief Executive Officer	City of Marion
Chief Executive Officer	City of Mitcham
Mayor	City of Mitcham
Chief Executive Officer	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
Mayor	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
Chief Executive Officer	City of Onkaparinga
Mayor	City of Onkaparinga
Chief Executive Officer	City of Playford
Mayor	City of Playford
Chief Executive Officer	City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Mayor	City of Port Adelaide Enfield



Chief Executive Officer	City of Prospect
Mayor	City of Prospect
Chief Executive Officer	City of Salisbury
Mayor	City of Salisbury
Chief Executive Officer	City of Tea Tree Gully
Mayor	City of Tea Tree Gully
Chief Executive Officer	City of Unley
Mayor	City of Unley
City Manager	City of Victor Harbor
Mayor	City of Victor Harbor
Chief Executive Officer	City of West Torrens
Mayor	City of West Torrens
Chief Executive Officer	Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
Mayor	Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
Chief Executive Officer	Adelaide Plains Council
Mayor	Adelaide Plains Council
Chief Executive Officer	District Council of Mount Barker
Mayor	District Council of Mount Barker
Chief Executive Officer	District Council of Yankalilla
Mayor	District Council of Yankalilla
Chief Executive Officer	Light Regional Council
Mayor	Light Regional Council
Chief Executive Officer	Local Government Association
Chief Executive Officer	The Barossa Council
Mayor	The Barossa Council
Chief Executive Officer	Town of Gawler
Mayor	Town of Gawler
Mayor	Wakefield Regional Council
Chief Executive Officer	Wakefield Regional Council

Traditional Owners

Chair	Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation
Chair	Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Inc
Vice Chair	Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association



Chair	Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association
Chair	Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation
N.A	Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
Chair	Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority
Chair	Ngopamuldi Aboriginal Corporation
Deputy Chair	Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation
Chief Executive Officer	Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority

Non-government environmental agencies

President	Bird Care and Conservation Society SA
N/A	Birdlife Australia
Chief Executive Officer	Conservation Council of SA
Chairperson	Conservation Volunteers Australia
SA/NT Manager	Conservation Volunteers Australia
President	Field Naturalists Society of South Australia Inc.
Executive Director	Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Inc
CEO	Greening Australia SA
President	Greening Australia SA
CEO	KESAB
Chairperson	Landcare Association of SA
Executive Officer	Landcare Association of SA
President	Marine Life Society of SA
President	National Trust Reserves
Secretary	Native Orchid Society of SA Inc.
President	Natural History Society of SA
President	Nature Conservation Society
CEO	Nature Foundation SA
Director SA	The Wilderness Society
CEO	Trees For Life
President	Trees For Life
CEO	Zoos SA
President	Zoos SA

Community groups



Coordinator	Barossa Bushgardens Natural Resource Centre
Chair	Barossa Bushgardens Natural Resource Centre
Chair	Gawler Environment Centre
Coordinator	Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
Chair	Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
Coordinator	Normanville Natural Resource Centre
Chair	Normanville Natural Resource Centre
Coordinator	Willunga Environment Centre
Chair	Willunga Environment Centre
Coordinator	Adelaide Hills Natural Resource Centre
Chair	Adelaide Hills Natural Resource Centre
Coordinator	South Coast Environment Centre
Chair	South Coast Environment Centre
Coordinator	Gawler Environment Centre
N/A	Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Group
President	Friends of Parks Inc
Chair	AMLR Water Allocation Plan Advisory Committee
Chair	Parks and Wilderness Council

Non-government conservation and land management associations

President	Australian Marine Wildlife Research & Rescue Organisation
	Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)
Publicity Officer	Gawler Environment & Heritage Association Inc
Chairperson	Horticulture Australia
President	Marine Life Society Of South Australia
Secretary	Native Grass Resources Group
Secretary	SA Herpetology Group
President	South Australian Conservation Research Divers
N/A	South Australian Malacological Society
Secretary	Sustainable Communities SA Inc
President	Threatened Plant Action Group
Treasurer	Trees Please Inc
Chair	Watiparinga Management Committee (NTSA)
Treasurer	Weed Management Society Of South Australia



Appendix C:

Summary of submissions and responses



Email and post submissions

Author/organisation	Text	Response
Norwood Payneham & St Peters	I advise that the Councils next scheduled meeting will be held on 21 January 2019 and as such, any comments which the Council may wish to make in respect to the draft Plan, will be provided to you after the meeting. In this respect, I wish to advise that the Christmas - New Year period is not an appropriate or convenient time within which to undertake consultation, particularly on a document such as the draft Plan. As you would also appreciate, most Councils have already held their scheduled meetings for December and will not be meeting again until late January 2019.	Concerns regarding consultation timeframes have been noted. Timing of consultation will be adjusted in future years to avoid the December and January period where possible.
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the plan. The Department does not have any comment on the Plan at this stage in time. I wish you well with your work on behalf of the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges region.	Noted - no response required.
Forestry SA	On page 9 of the Draft Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Plan Vol. 2 Business & Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 under the section heading ' <i>Managing public land in the region</i> ' it incorrectly states that forestry reserves are managed by Primary Industries and Region SA (PIRSA). Forest reserves in the Mt Lofty Ranges are managed by the South Australian Forestry Corporation, trading as ForestrySA. Could you please amend this error in the final draft of the plan.	Comment noted - an amendment will be made to the final Business and operational plan accordingly.
City of Adelaide	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft <i>AMLR NR Management Plan Volume 2 Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22</i> (the Plan). I acknowledge the challenge of delivering a new three year Plan that ensures continued strategic investment and progress towards NRM regional goals, whilst transitioning through the current NRM reform process.	Noted - no response required.



City of Adelaide	Unfortunately the time frame provided to respond has only allowed us to provide comments from the City of Adelaide administration. Local Government elections were held in November 2108, and a longer consultation period for this important document could have enabled our new elected body to both consider the Plan, and also understand the NRM process, regional issues and local opportunities in this context.	Concerns regarding consultation timeframes have been noted. Timing of consultation will be adjusted in future years to avoid the December and January period where possible.
City of Adelaide	Continuity of support for natural resource management actions is critical to achieve successful long term outcomes, particularly given climate change impacts. To this end, certainty about regional directions, priorities and funding, as well as sufficient time to plan and budget for the implementation of local, on-the-ground collaborative works (e.g. water sensitive urban design infrastructure) is essential. The Plan mentions the 2019-20 Implementation Plan and the fact that it will be published following endorsement by the Board, prior to the commencement of the financial year. This timing of this process does not provide local government with sufficient visibility of the Board's priorities to inform our 2019-20 financial planning, and consequently limits opportunities to partner on key projects.	Concerns regarding proposed publication date for release of the regional annual implementation plan are noted. It is noted that discussion on opportunities to partner on projects can and do occur outside of the formal process to publish the annual implementation plan.
City of Adelaide	Unfortunately, the limited information available in the summary expenditure in Table 4 is insufficient to inform a considered response. It is noted that the bulk of funds (\$23,497,673) are being spent on Land Management and Change, however there is no indication of how this is allocated amongst the seven key priorities. There is also no indication of what proportion is labour and on-ground works, how the priorities have changed over time, or any new priorities. An indicative analysis of the 18/19 and 19/20 Plans show that investment in Land Management and Change has increased by 5%, Economic Impacts reduced by 37%, Community Capacity increased by 13%, Climate Change reduced by 81% and Planning and Improvement increased by 7%. It would be useful to have more visibility and a greater understanding of these changes in expenditure priorities.	Concerns regarding the level of detail in the expenditure table are noted. As the business and operational plan covers a three year period the board has chosen to identify the broad investment areas in this plan but provide further detail including the amount of operating expenditure per project in annual implementation plans. In regards to the reduction in funding to the investment areas of 'economic impacts' and 'climate change' as identified in the comment, investment that promotes



positive outcomes in these areas is incorporated into a wide range of projects in the other listed investment areas.

City of Adelaide	A key area of concern is the lack of specified funds allocated for climate change adaptation. Past Operational Plans have included \$950K (\$150K Board + \$800K Australian Government funds) on climate change adaptation across the region. Whilst it is acknowledged that Australian Government funds may not be granted this year, the findings of the recent State of Environment Report indicate the high priority for South Australia to adapt to the impacts of climate change. It is considered that the Board's financial strategy should reflect the importance allocated to this area.	As per comment above, investment in climate change adaptation is incorporated into a wide range of projects in the other listed investment areas.
City of Adelaide	The City of Adelaide is a member of Resilient East, a climate change adaptation partnership involving the Cities of Burnside, Norwood Payneham and St Peters, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Unley, Campbelltown City Council, the Town of Walkerville, and the State Government. The goal of Resilient East is to improve the resilience of our communities, assets and infrastructure, local economies and natural environment so they can cope with the inevitable impacts and challenges of climate change. There is an ongoing need to fund regional climate change adaptation coordinators, as well as specific on-the-ground works. The allocation of \$150K (and No. 2 notation to Table 4) does not adequately represents the urgency of the issue, nor the significant opportunity to leverage collaboration between metropolitan councils. It is considered that more funding should be targeted towards climate change adaptation and allocated for on-the-ground works.	As per comment above, investment in climate change adaptation is incorporated into a wide range of projects in the other listed investment areas.
The Barossa Council	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 prepared for the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region. It is noted that the Plan is to remain operational until such time that the new Landscape SA Boards are established across the State.	Noted - no response required.



The Barossa Council	NRM Programs: The Barossa Council has been fortunate to host a number of NRM programs in association with the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board that have delivered successful engagement with local communities, namely - NRM Education, Natural Resource Centres and Land Management Program. It is encouraging to see that the draft Business and Operational Plan continues to support these programs, and is hopeful that their funding extends beyond the three year plan under the new landscape regime.	Noted - no response required.
The Barossa Council	Landscape Regions: Council has voiced its concerns, through the NRM Reform engagement, that the new Landscape governance framework may diminish the success of these programs, as there will be a reduction in the revenue generated from the smaller, more rural Plains and Valleys Landscape Board region.	Noted - this issue has been captured in the consultation for Landscape SA and will be considered as part of development of the draft Landscape SA Bill.
The Barossa Council	Council has also written to the Minister for Environment and Water seeking clarification on the future structural arrangements for the forecast Northern Hills and Plains region, within a peri-urban region that has more affinity with the Greater Adelaide Planning Region (as defined by the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act). Further, the Barossa Valley is an area of distinctive cultural, economic and environmental character that has been acknowledged through the Character Preservation District.	Noted - this issue is outside the scope of responsibility for the board. The issue will be considered by the Minister as part of developing the draft Landscape SA Bill.
The Barossa Council	Planning process: Council supports the Adaptive Planning Framework adopted by the Board, and sees that the model is critical to the success in managing our natural resources. Council is however concerned over the lack on integration in our legislative frameworks which can impede innovation.	Noted - response as per comment below.
The Barossa Council	Planning process: Of note, Council has raised the opportunity of having a better connection between the land use planning and natural resource management systems with the introduction of a 'Resource Consent' thereby reducing the potential number of approvals that are needed for the 'use' and 'management' of land within the State. The current regime of 'referrals'	The comment is noted however is out of scope of responsibility for the board. It is suggested that council raise this issue with the Minister for Environment and Water as well as the Minister for Planning who have



for certain development types could be streamlined with the introduction of a 'Resource Consent' that encompasses existing natural resource licensing and approval requirements. In addition, the current ambiguity of when an activity on land constitutes 'development' or a 'water affecting activity' needs to be addressed. The ability for councils to undertake operational works needs to be exempted from approvals through a more streamlined process.

responsibility for the relevant legislation. The board will provide the Minister for Environment and Water with a consultation report on feedback received on the business and operational plan which will highlight this feedback.

The Barossa Council	NRM Levy: Council notes that the Minister will seek to place a cap on annual land and water levy rises, either set by an Independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and that councils continue to collect land levies via council rates.	Noted - no response required.
The Barossa Council	NRM Levy: Council supports the draft Business and Operational Plan intent to increase the levy by the CPI in each of the three years.	Noted - no response required.
Primary Industries and Regions South Australia	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Boards Draft Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 I endorse the acknowledgement given to primary industries in the Mt Lofty Ranges and its valuable economic contribution. The Board's proposed investment in support of land managers to protect and improve resources condition, sustainable production and adaption to climate change will greatly assist in maintaining this unique agricultural landscape. Primary Industries and Regions SA has had a long and fruitful engagement with natural resources management in your region. I look forward to maintaining that connection and continuing to work with you in the future.	Noted - no response required.
Department for Education	Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2018 regarding the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board (NRM Board) draft business and operational plan 2019-20 to 2021-22. I am pleased to read that under the Landscape South Australia reforms, the new boards will continue to have an investment priority in nature education and that the	Noted - no response required.



NRM Board will continue to invest resources in community capacity which includes school education. I am appreciative of the NRM Board's investment and willingness to explore opportunities that benefit the natural environment our children and young people will inherit.

Department for Education	The Department for Education has a long-established partnership with Department for Environment and Water and the NRM Education team by the providing expertise and input for the development of educational programs and resources for South Australian students and through the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative - South Australia and Youth Environment Council. The department remains committed to continuing this partnership and the positive impact that these educational programs have for our schools and students.	Noted - no response required.
Department for Education	I note the department's Memorandum of Understanding with the NRM Board is due to expire on 30 June 2019, however, I understand that representatives from department are continuing to liaise with the Department for Environment and the Water and the NRM Education team during the reform period to maintain the important collaborative work into the future.	Noted - no response required.



YourSay submissions

Author/organisation	Text	Response on YourSay
Alisdair Murray	I feel that farmers should be paying more of the levy/ higher water usage charges as they use a greater share of the land/water. They are a commercial entity and for profit business so they should be paying more and if their business model is unsustainable and they can't afford the fees/ water rates, they shouldn't be propped up by other users in the system.	Thank you for taking the time to comment Alisdair. We will forward your response to the board and it will be considered, along with others, upon completion of the consultation period.
Kym McKay	How about putting levy monies collected in the suburbs back into cleaning up and making the Torrens River a river again instead of the sewer drain east and west of the CBD lake that it is now, the NRM plunders millions of dollars and does diddly squat in real terms instead of paper shuffling committee meetings and mother hood statement projects.	Hi Kym - thanks for your comment. The NRM board has been very active in funding and supporting efforts to protect and improve water quality along the length of the River Torrens from the hills to the sea. For example, the board operates gross pollutant traps that collect around 2000 tonnes of sediment, leaf litter and other organic matter each year. The board also takes the lead each summer to help control blue-green algae in Torrens Lake, and delivered the construction of the Breakout Creek wetlands, which improved water quality in the lower Torrens and reduces impacts on our coastal waters.



Garry Morrison and
David Lindley

GM: I encourage and suggest greater effectiveness on regeneration of flora and fauna with the money provided. With climate change looming and species extinction enormously and significantly urgent there needs to be greater effect.

DL: I agree, Garry, and considering the collapse of biodiversity in recent decades, encourage and suggest that flora regeneration should focus on species that existed in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges prior to 1836.

Thank you for your comments Garry and David - we will pass your feedback onto the board.

Investment in flora and fauna regeneration and conservation is a key priority under the draft business and operational plan and the NRM board is committed to measuring the effectiveness of its investment in this area over both the short and longer term (see intermediate targets 8, 9 and 10 as well as longer term regional targets on pages 6 and 7 of the *Business and operational plan*).

With regards to the impacts of climate change on biodiversity you might be interested in the board's Framework For Nature Conservation Under Future Climates

[<https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/about-us/climate-change-in-the-region>].

This work provides a landscape-scale assessment of climate change impacts on terrestrial biodiversity as well as identifies adaptation strategies.