

State of the Environment Report SOER 2023

How Healthy is Country?



January 2023

Every five years, the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) produces a major report on the State of the Environment, as required by the *Environment Protection Act 1993*. The last report was released in 2018 and can be found at the [EPA website](#).

What is the purpose of the SOER 2023

The Report must:

1. Assess the condition of the environment in SA
2. Identify significant trends and issues
3. Review progress in protecting the environment
4. Make recommendations to the Minister.

We will deliver the report to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water (Hon. Susan Close, MP, Deputy Premier) by December 2023. The Act requires the Minister to table the report in both Houses of Parliament, to prepare and publish a response to the report, and to table that response in both Houses of Parliament.

The report aims to influence State Government policy. It will supply information to assist with efforts to protect the environment by Landscape Boards, State Agencies, local government, environmental and research organisations, First Nation peoples, industries, landholders, educators and community groups.

Incorporating the perspectives of First Nations peoples

It is important to the EPA that the voice of First Nations people is heard in the report. We are committed to seeking the views of First Nations peoples from across the State.

What we want to know

- Who is commenting?
- Why is the health of Country important?
- How healthy is Country?
- What is affecting the health of Country?
- What is being done to look after Country?
- What more needs to be done to look after Country?

What will happen with your feedback?

We will be incorporating localized information to make it relevant to people in the regions. We are also focusing on the vital link between people's wellbeing and the health of the Country. First Nations perspectives about 'Healthy Country, Healthy People' are particularly important in this area.

How can you be involved?

You are invited to have your say in the 2023 State of the Environment Report to the State Parliament.

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