



GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL
ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC

Proposal to Constitute Bullock Hill Conservation Park

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The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning (GWLAP) Association is a not for profit community based umbrella organisation with the primary role of managing natural resources and supporting community involvement in natural resource management across the South Western Corner of the Murray Darling Basin. The GWLAP Planning area covers approximately 265,000 ha and encompasses the water bodies and wetlands of Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert, and all the catchments and plains adjoining and terminating in Lake Alexandrina between the towns of Goolwa and Wellington. The administrative boundaries include the Alexandrina Council, large parts of the District Council of Mount Barker, The Coorong Districts Council, and the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council and small areas of the Adelaide Hills Council and Barossa Council municipalities.

The Goolwa to Wellington LAP has played a key role in the management and conservation actions undertaken within this region over the past decade through the implementation of large scale environmental restoration programs that have incorporated remnant vegetation protection, wetlands management revegetation programs and erosion control works. We have also had significant involvement in actions to manage pest plants and animals, and have undertaken numerous monitoring and evaluation programs to assess their density and distribution. Our activities encompass land management programs to assist and enhance productive enterprises to achieve and maintain profitable and sustainable enterprises. As such we are very well aware of the ecological attributes and functioning of natural and farming systems throughout this area and the relationship of these to the broader community.

In undertaking these programs we have worked very closely with a range of South Australian Government Departments including the South Australian Murray Darling Basin NRM Board, The Department for Environment, Water, and Natural Resources (and all preceding departments Agencies and Boards) Local Indigenous Communities, Local Government authorities (as detailed above), Community Landcare and Environmental Management Groups, and individual Landholders

We would like to commend the efforts of those involved in the process culminating in the development of the Proposal to Constitute Bullock Hill Conservation Park. We see the Park as a very important environmental asset in a local and regional context and as such have undertaken past investment in the park through weed and pest animal management activities in collaboration with the District Rangers. We have also conducted weed and pest animal management activities, revegetation works and ecological monitoring on many of the properties adjoining the park and continue to build our relationship with these property owners through the delivery of collaborative works programs that enhance biodiversity conservation and improve agricultural production. As such we are supportive of the proposal to proclaim sections 2082, 2083, 2084, and 2086 in the Hundred of Kondoparinga as the Bullock Hill Conservation Park.

We would like to offer continued assistance in the park in the form of weed and pest animal management funding in line with the identified priorities for the park where resources are available. This will be undertaken in consultation with, and through advice from, the department's representatives for the park, namely, the District Ranger. This is a partnership we value greatly and one that has been beneficial to all parties across several parks through the opportunity to combine and share resources and value add to achieve greater ecological outcomes than could have been otherwise realized. We are keen to see this successful and rewarding partnership continue and grow.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposal to Constitute Bullock Hill Conservation Park and trust that these comments will be considered for incorporation into the final document. Please contact me if you require clarification on any matter set out in this submission or for any additional information you may require,

Regards,



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