

The EPA Board Communique has been developed to provide information on matters discussed by the Board at its monthly meetings.

Meeting No. 163: 14 June 2005

Chair's Report

The Chair reported to the Board on the following issues:

- Debrief discussion followed the Board's meeting with Professor Tim Flannery, Chair, Premier's Round-table on Sustainability. Professor Flannery spoke with the Board about the key focus areas for the Premier's Round-table on Sustainability which are greenhouse and climate change. Members agreed that this would be an appropriate subject for consideration at the next EPA Round-table Conference in 2006.
- Members also considered the recent EPA Round-table Conference held on 7 June 2005, stating that they had received positive feedback both during and following the Round-table, with a number of attendees commenting that it had been the best Round-table they had attended. Members agreed that the case study was a good opportunity to engage participants. It was noted that two participants had expressed their disappointment to one member that time had not been allocated to discuss their specific issues and concerns.

Mt Lofty Ranges Water Resources Coordinating Committee

Some Board members attended the Mount Lofty Ranges Water Resources Coordinating Committee (MLRWRCC) meeting held at Stirling on 2 June 2005. This committee is made up of senior government officers with roles in the Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment. They reported that the group would consider forwarding a response to the Metropolitan Planning Strategy through the NRM CEOs Group. Members considered this a very productive session and the Board requested a briefing on the role and progress of the MLRWRCC.

Adelaide Coastal Waters Study

The Board noted the progress of the Adelaide Coastal Waters Study, a study to develop knowledge and tools to enable the sustainable management of Adelaide's coastal waters, supported and funded by a cross-section of stakeholders including SA Government agencies, local Catchment Water Management Boards, local industry, environment and interest groups. The Board agreed that the EPA would undertake a proactive role in promoting and marketing the goals and outcomes of the Study.

Formation of a Local Government Board Sub Committee

The Board of the EPA will establish a sub-committee to provide a forum for the formal discussion and resolution of issues with local government. The Board endorsed draft terms of reference and appointed Mr Stephen Hains to Chair the sub-committee. This sub-committee will focus on supporting local government in its application of the *Environment Protection Act* and will not cover issues relating to the regulation of local government activities. The subcommittee will not replace existing temporary consultation mechanisms that have been established to work through issues such as regional landfill guidelines.