

Marmion Marine Park Community Reference Committee

8 February 2023, Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club

MEETING SIX COMMUNIQUE

The Community Reference Committee (CRC) for the review and proposed expansion of Marmion Marine Park (MMP) held its sixth meeting on 8 February 2023 at the Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Whadjuk Noongar Cultural Advice Committee (CAC), staff from the Department of Transport, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), as well as Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs.

The aim of the meeting was for CRC, SAGs and Noongar CAC representatives to consider and provide final advice on the draft proposed zoning scheme. The potential zoning options were identified based on advice received throughout the process to date. Ecological, cultural and socio-economic spatial datasets, as well as scientific design principles for effective sanctuary zone design, were also taken into account when formulating the draft proposed zoning scheme.

The draft proposed zoning scheme was shared with all attendees for consideration prior to the meeting. The CRC provided a consensus recommendation on the draft proposed zoning scheme. This recommendation will now be considered by the planning partners (DPIRD, DBCA and the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation) in finalising the proposed zoning scheme map, for inclusion in the indicative joint management plan.

All members of the Community Reference Committee and Sector Advisory Group representatives were acknowledged for their significant contributions to the planning process.

Subject to approval from the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation, and concurrence by the Minister for Environment, Minister for Mines and Petroleum and Minister for Fisheries, the indicative joint management plan will be advertised in mid-2023 for a 3-month public submission period.

Public submissions will be analysed and amendments made to the indicative joint management plan and proposed zoning scheme, as required. The joint management plan will then be finalised and the expanded marine park gazetted in early 2024.

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Chair, Community Reference Committee