

EP Desalination Project: MSRP Meeting – July 2023

Project Name	EP Desalination Project					
Purpose	Regular MSRP Meeting (08)					
Date	7/07/2023			Time	10am (ACST)	
Venue	Online (Webex)					
Attendance Ab =Absent Ap=Apologies P=Present	Dr Don Plowman MSRP Chair	P	Dr Anu Kumar MSRP	P	Prof Sean Connell MSRP	P
	Dr Ian Wallis MSRP	P	Dr John Luick MSRP	P	Dr Beth Fulton MSRP	P
	Dr Hazel Vandeleur SA Water EP Environmental lead	P	David Henchcliffe SA Water EP Project Director	Ap	Tiani Zollo Semmler SA Water – Executive Officer	Ap
	Tenille Anderson (WSP)	P				

The eighth meeting of the Marine Science Review Panel for the Eyre Peninsula Desalination Project was held on the 7th of July 2023. The meeting began with an acknowledgement of country.

The Chair welcomed Dr Beth Fulton (CSIRO) as a new panel member.

Meeting outcomes

The panel discussed the ongoing role of the group and agreed that the role of the MSRP panel is to provide independent advice and review of the science undertaken for the EP Desalination project.

The group were informed by the SA Water representative that, given the Billy Lights Point site announcement, the Site Selection Committee's role has now finished. There is now an external Project Reference Group, into which the MSRP will likely be asked to feed through advice in future.

The MSRP will receive for review the marine concept design and any supporting draft modelling when complete to ensure all potential environmental considerations as previously raised by the MSRP are sufficiently addressed.

SA Water will prepare a summary of completed, ongoing and planned marine studies for the project. The panel discussed the concept and benefits of developing and implementing a strategic/regional plan or wider monitoring/bigger picture of the bay. This matter will be discussed further in the next meeting, including considering monitoring undertaken in the wider bay.

Next meeting

Panel agreed to reconvene in late September/early august 2023 once more design information has been provided and the panel have been able to review.