

Environment:

For
the
Future

Protecting
Parks



South
Australian
Labor



Foreword

South Australia has a proud history of protecting our environment – in parks, on Aboriginal lands, and on private landholders’ properties. In government, Labor was responsible for the greatest growth in national parks and is the only party in South Australia to create state-wide systems of wilderness protection areas and marine parks. As a result South Australia has an excellent system of protection for much of our important biodiversity, but the job isn’t done yet.

Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader

Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.



Labor's five point plan for National Parks and Marine Parks

- 1 Restore our parks**
 A Malinauskas Labor Government will invest in the national parks system for habitat restoration:

 - ▶ \$3m new money for Friends of Parks groups to work in national parks on weeding, planting, seed collecting and other nature restoration activities

- 2 Aboriginal consultation**
 Aboriginal people have lived on this land for time immemorial and hold in Aboriginal culture a wisdom many more recent arrivals are yet to appreciate.
 A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

 - ▶ Establish an Aboriginal Ministerial Advisory Group to ensure the minister for the environment hears directly from Aboriginal people.
 - ▶ Increase the number of co-managed parks, in partnership with traditional owners. Protect Aboriginal heritage and cultural sites.
 - ▶ Employ 15 new Aboriginal rangers. (\$4.8m over four years.)

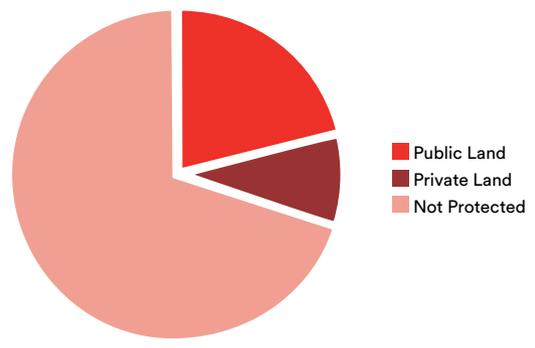
- 3 Protecting nature in parks**
 A Malinauskas Labor Government will repeal the regulations imposed by the Marshall Liberal Government that exempted private tourism developments in Flinders Chase National Park from standard processes for planning approval and the protection of native vegetation.

- 4 Increase protection**
 A Malinauskas Labor Government will commission an update of the wilderness inventory to ensure iconic intact nature is protected, and a review of South Australia's performance in delivering Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative protection of ecosystems in order to strategically increase protection of our bioregions.

 Labor will fully support World Heritage status for the Great Australian Bight so the whales are protected forever, and will explore establishing Whale Nursery Protection Areas where whales come close to shore with their young. Labor will also ensure the protections for the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary are strong enough and are enforced.

- 5 Protect Marine Parks**
 A Malinauskas Labor Government will maintain all marine parks and sanctuary zones.

30% of SA land is protected



44% of SA coastal waters are protected

