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AMLR NRM-
North Para Natural Resources
Management Committee

The Honourable Ian Hunter MLC
Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation
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Dear Mr Hunter,

I write in response to the letter PREM14DO3458 dated July 8th. 2014 regarding information about decision to reform South Australian State Government boards and committees.

The North Para and Upper Light Land Management Committee operates as an Advisory Committee of the AMLR NRM Board to oversee the delivery of Natural Resources Management projects in the North Para and Upper Light District and has been in existence for 10 years. Membership consists of a wide range of stake holders including community, Local Government, Landcare representatives, DEWNR Park Rangers and District Officers.

In 2013/14 the Committee presided over a budget of \$265K - funding 40 landholder and community group projects that contribute to the AMLR NRM Plan outputs. As a local community based group the Committee provides a role that cannot be modelled or substituted by government officers, including:

- . Participating at every step of the planning system from NRM Plan input to on ground delivery of NRM projects.
- . Delivering the NRM Regional Plan, its goals and strategic directions - through direct community participation and development of knowledge and capacity.
- . Ensuring that the NRM's strategic plan is translated into real, local and regional outcomes.
- . Assisting and supporting DEWNR District Officers by providing direct local and regional knowledge to assist with the planning and delivery of on ground works in natural resource management focused projects.

- . Disseminating information - including the work of the Board, directly back to the local community through its wide ranging community networks - not paid.
- . Advocating to policy makers and the broader community about the value of natural resources - to the community and industry.
- . Providing transparency around on ground decision making and planning, recommending funding for Board approval - particularly allocation of funding to groups and individuals, both on public and private land.
- . Meeting 6 times per year in Local Government Offices to reduce costs and actively involve local government in natural resource matters.

I believe the Committee is a model for low cost, effective and efficient community driven participation and best practice example. If abolished the Government will effectively cut a reliable and tested method of communication with regional based community that can't be duplicated or substituted by Government. It would also tear at the heart of the Regional NRM Plan whose strength has been built on community participation.

Yours Sincerely

Wesley Seeliger.