



## **Media Release**

### **'Blue Carbon' Funding Announcement**

Adelaide Plains Council is very pleased to advise that two South Australian projects have been awarded Federal Government funding as part of a multi-million dollar investment in the restoration of blue carbon ecosystems across Australia.

The Nature Conservancy-led 'South Australian Blue Carbon Ecosystem Restoration Project' received a \$2.9 million grant. It is the aim of The Nature Conservancy to restore and enhance 12,400 hectares of carbon-rich mangroves and saltmarsh habitats in Council's very own Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.

In notifying Council of the exciting news, representative from The Nature Conservancy said, "South Australia has done very well, with close to \$5 million (of the \$9.5 million available) being secured for two projects, and the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary is a clear project hotspot."

The other South Australian project will fund seagrass restoration at Port Gawler and is being managed by the University of Adelaide and the South Australian Research and Development Institute.

Projects were chosen based on ecosystem variety, scale of restoration, partnerships with local communities and Traditional Owners, as well as the benefits provided to biodiversity, fishing, water quality, and coastal protection.

Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, The Honourable Tanya Plibersek, said "Backing Blue Carbon is a great investment. It's a win for the environment, it's a win for the economy, it's a win for the climate, and the community."

Mark Wasley

**Mayor**

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