

Conservation Council of SA Inc
Call for nominations to Native Vegetation Council

Name of Body	Native Vegetation Council
Nominations (to CCSA) Close	COB Friday 9 June 2017
Term of Office	2 years, commencing 14 September 2017
Current	Maurice Roche (member) Mary-Anne Healy (deputy member) Current membership expires 13 September, 2017 – current member is eligible for re-nomination.
Type of Body	Independent body to administer the Native Vegetation Act
Commitment	
<input type="checkbox"/> To represent CCSA on the Native Vegetation Council in any matters proper to its function (see below); <input type="checkbox"/> To operate in a manner consistent with the policies of CCSA, to liaise with and report to CCSA on a regular basis, and be involved with any redevelopment of CCSA Native Vegetation policy. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend meetings every 2 months at the Dept of Environment, Water and Natural Resources offices, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. Meetings are generally run between 9.30 am and approx 4.00 pm. Regional meetings are also held on occasion. <input type="checkbox"/> May also be asked to become a member of the Native Vegetation Council Sub Committee (Native Vegetation Assessment Panel)	
Summary of Role and Functions of the Body	
<p>The Native Vegetation Act establishes the Native Vegetation Council (NVC), with the NVC responsible for making decisions on a wide range of matters concerning native vegetation in South Australia.</p> <p>The Council is an independent body appointed by the Minister of South Australia. It is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> monitor the overall condition of the State's vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> encourage the re-establishment of bush on over-cleared land <input type="checkbox"/> encourage the protection of remnant areas of bushland under Heritage Agreements and <input type="checkbox"/> to oversee Grants into aspects of Significant Environmental Benefits. <p>It also makes decisions on applications to clear native vegetation in South Australia, and establishes conditions under which that clearance may be carried out. Annual reports and further information are available on http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/About_Us/Native_Vegetation_Council</p>	

Selection of Council Members

- The Native Vegetation Council consists of seven members appointed by the Minister, including one person selected from a panel of three persons nominated by the Conservation Council of South Australia. Deputy members may also be appointed and the deputy may, in the absence, or during a temporary vacancy in the office of that member, act as a member of the Council.
- All members of the Council must have some knowledge of, and experience in, the preservation and management of native vegetation.
- Due consideration of gender balance will be given to the selection of Council members.

Skills / Qualifications / Knowledge / Experience required:

- Extensive knowledge and experience of the preservation and management of native vegetation,
- An understanding of the principles of biodiversity conservation; land management and landscape health; threatened species and habitat preservation;
- An understanding of SA's NRM framework;
- Knowledge of programs and legislation relevant to nature conservation;
- Experience working on Committees and/or Boards with a broad range of stakeholders including government agencies, NGOs, and peak bodies;
- Ability to explain issues and communicate suggestions for improving native vegetation management in SA from CCSA, its members and its Native Vegetation Action Group, through the Native Vegetation Act;
- Ability to liaise with CCSA about the activities of the NVC.

Other/Special considerations

- Remuneration for members and deputies will be \$206 per four-hour session, plus travel and other expenses (this excludes reading time).

Administrating Body

- The Native Vegetation Council is an independent body. The responsible Minister is the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation.