

# Whereto for the Washpool?



# Minister Speirs' Announcement 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

- A new conservation park to protect Aldinga Washpool
- Bringing different parcels of land, including SA Water and City of Onkaparinga, under a more simplified tenure arrangement, to come under *NPWS Act 1972*
- *“Now that the land has been secured, it will be proclaimed as a conservation park”*
- *“All stakeholders will be brought together to help shape a management plan.”*

- Cultural interpretation and enhancing biodiversity through revegetation the focus
- Formalising access points and walking trails so as not to detract from biodiversity and cultural significance
- *“Working with community to co-design plans to nurture and revitalize this special place”*

## Implications

- SA Water land, corner of Justs and Button Rds, has been saved
- Aldinga Scrub and Washpool to be joined in a new entity, with a new name (likely Kaurna)
- DEW and NPWS will take over as lead agency from Greening Adelaide in Washpool planning
- State Government and Kaurna will co-manage through Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC)

- Glenelg Trust hydrology studies will inform what restoration works will take place, including modification of landscape
- Expect to see a formal Declaration with the Governor around October



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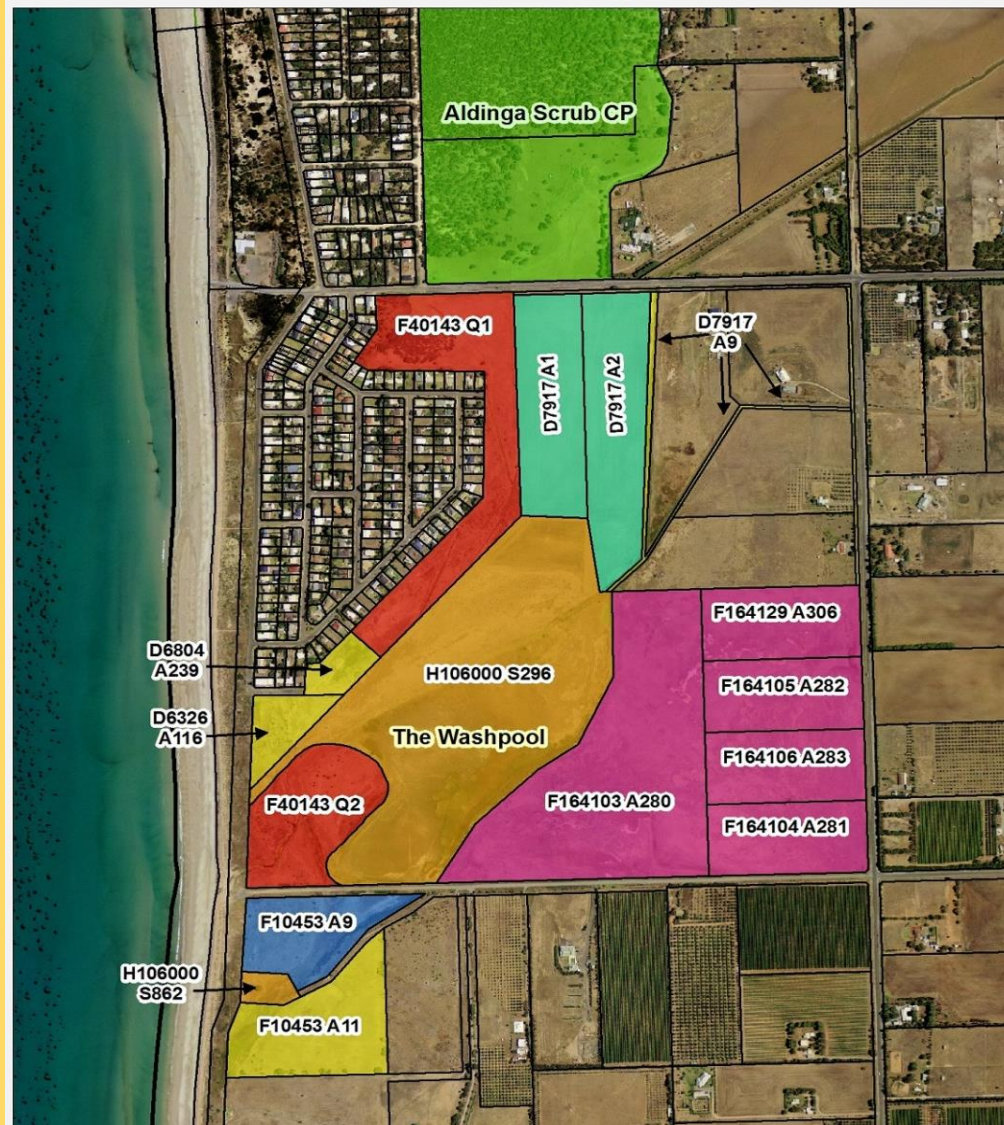
- DIT land not included, notably the Blue Lagoon
- Some Council land included, some not

Proposed new  
conservation  
park in Aldinga





# Land Tenure of the Washpool Area



- Min. Environment & Planning
- City of Onkaparinga (dedicated land)
- Coast Protection Board
- City of Onkaparinga
- Min. Housing & Urban Development
- SA Water

- DEWNR Reserves
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## Onkaparinga Council position

- Council still negotiating with State Government
- Has conditions on ceding land – Kurna interests being satisfied (including First Nations Advisory Group); infrastructure adjacent being appropriate (eg roads); flood mitigation for Silver Sands residences; community involvement in planning; addressing the sea-level rise issues from beach and pebble bank

## Next Steps

- Establishing of planning group, led by DEW, involving KYAC, NPWS, Council and Greening Adelaide
- Conducting a heritage survey of SA Water Land
- Council investigating conversion of upstream drains to retain, slow and filter water before it reaches Washpool
- Reformation of the Washpool Working Group, under the leadership of DEW, to continue revegetation plan implementation, with substantial 3-year funding approved in Budget



- New impetus to Basin-wide revegetation and improvement of hydrology through McLaren Vale Biodiversity Project and Willunga Hillsface Landcare – the Range to Reef concept
- Importance of Washpool Coalition in forming cohesive community participation

