



NRM Research Alliance



Who

- PIRSA, DWLBC, DEH
- 8 Regional NRM Boards
- NRM Council
- UniSA, Adelaide University, Flinders University
- CSIRO
- Independent Chair



- Linking between practitioners and researchers to direct research investment into high priority areas
- Build capability and capacity of research institutions to meet market needs.
- Attract investment into NRM research in SA
- Advocacy for uptake of research outcomes



- **Meets a need to:**
 - Identify, define, prioritise, integrate, coordinate and enable research into the big NRM research questions of the State, from a whole of state perspective
 - Integrate across disciplines and organisations
 - Increase the profile of NRM science and advocate uptake into policy, planning and practice



Two broad themes

1. Facilitating access to existing knowledge and expertise
2. Development of new knowledge, focussed on addressing the needs of regional NRM Boards and state NRM agencies



- *Facilitating access to existing knowledge and expertise*
- Pursuing the option of wrapping relevant state agency databases to allow efficient access
- Links to NRM research funding opportunities to be placed on nrmra.org.au
- Proactive links to CRCs, RDCs CERFs.



Current Activities

2. *Development of New Knowledge*

- Development of an NRM research need and capability map
- Facilitate development of two new research clusters and support continued development of a third, in addition to working with existing areas of strength, eg NCGR&T
- State Complementary NRM Program projects
- Development of a land use planning and NRM practitioner network and forums
- Establishing the Occasional Paper series and forums
- Science and policy paper to peak State Government bodies



Fleurieu Wetlands

- How can the Alliance assist?
- NCGR&T – through facilitating joint practitioner-researcher workshops to determine research projects that fit into NCGR&T programs – eg surface groundwater interactions



Fleurieu Wetlands

- How can the Alliance assist?
- The Alliance can bring together representatives from research, conservation, forestry, land use planning and other users together to determine critical questions that need answering and facilitate development of subsequent research projects:
 - eg on completing the pieces of the puzzle to enable assessment of land use development proposals using an interdisciplinary team, and assist in seeking funding