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Future

Aldinga
Washpool
Conservation
Park



South
Australian
Labor

A RARE COASTAL WETLAND AND ESTUARINE ECOSYSTEM

The Aldinga Washpool is a seasonal wetland south of the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park and is one of the last remaining freshwater wetlands on the metropolitan coast.

The wetland is host to a wide variety of plants and animals, including more than 100 species of bird and 20 plant species listed as vulnerable or endangered at a local level.



SA Labor will create the Aldinga Washpool Conservation Park.

Background

The SA Labor plan would consolidate the land holdings of various state government agencies, protecting the land through granting Conservation Park status and ensure a lasting connection to the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park.

Labor will listen and work together with the traditional owners of this sacred place to ensure its protection for the coming generations.

This commitment is strongly supported by local environment groups and nearby residents.

The Washpool Lagoon is a now rare, but formerly much more common, ephemeral freshwater wetland. For a relatively small conservation area, it has an astonishing number of resident and visiting bird species, some travelling from northern hemisphere countries, including Japan and China, along the East Asian - Australasian Flyway. The shallow water teems with invertebrate aquatic life. Some years 150 plus swans can be seen there for weeks. It has high biological diversity and productivity and is relatively intact. We hope its importance as an almost unique and very dynamic ecosystem, with its estuarine and coastal connections, will be increasingly appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

Source: Aldingawashpool.net, Friends of Aldinga Scrub



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

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This is a site of special significance for the Kurna People, the traditional owners of this sacred place. It also provides a crucial habitat for birds, frogs and more than 100 plant species.

We must work to protect what precious urban natural habitats we have left, and I am proud to be able to make this commitment on behalf of the Labor Party.”

Susan Close MP

*Deputy SA Labor Leader
Shadow Minister for Environment & Conservation*

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The Washpool is a significant and special part of South Australia and is cherished by local people.

I’ve listened to locals and they want this special land protected, not carved up and sold off. As a region we need to stop environmental vandalism and protect what we have before it’s too late.”

Leon Bignell MP

Member for Mawson

