

2014 State Report Card

How many NRM boards have conservation goals in their regional NRM plans?

Many organisations and individuals work and invest in the management of our natural resources. To coordinate these efforts, Natural Resource Management (NRM) boards develop a vision for the use and protection of natural resources. These are outlined in regional NRM plans, which NRM boards develop in partnership with communities, industries, government agencies, non-government organisations, and Aboriginal communities.

Each NRM Board regularly evaluates how their plan was implemented and whether it achieved its goals. By evaluating and reporting on the effectiveness of their natural resources management programs and policies, NRM boards are able to refine their goals and focus their investments to improve conservation outcomes.

This report card summarises the improvements that have been made to the conservation goals in regional NRM plans.



Regional trends in the number of NRM boards with conservation goals in their regional plans



State target

All NRM planning and investment decisions take into account ecological, social and production considerations

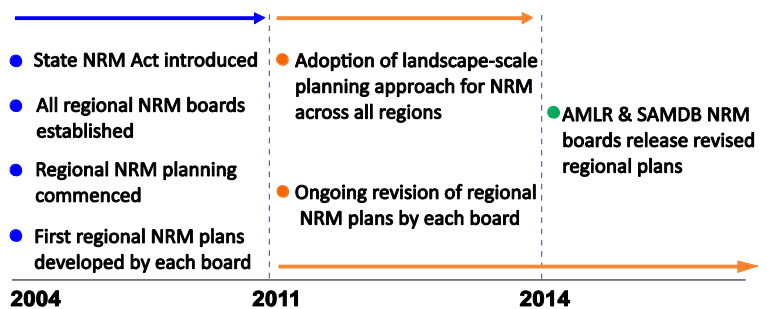
Trend (2004-14)

Getting better

Since 2004, NRM boards have developed regional NRM plans that contain goals for improving the condition of natural resources. These plans are now being evaluated and updated to refine the goals.

Regional NRM plans were first developed by NRM boards in 2004 (figure on right). Each plan includes goals for the conservation of natural resources. The progress toward these goals is evaluated and reported on a regular basis.

Most NRM boards are adopting a broad, 'ecosystems approach' to natural resource management. Conservation goals are set by considering the NRM region as a landscape of linked ecosystems, rather than by evaluating the condition of individual natural resources.



Where we are at (2014)

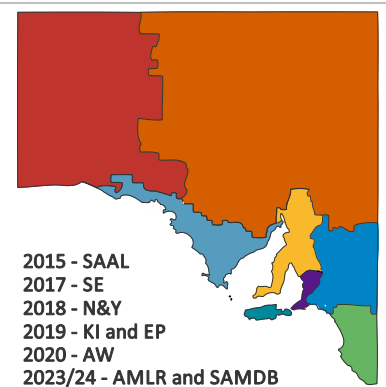
Good

Two regional NRM boards have updated their plans and six NRM boards are revising their plans

In 2014, the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges and SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM boards revised their regional NRM plans. The revised plans include information on the trends in the condition of natural resources. They also highlight issues that require management, and set specific conservation goals at both regional and more local scales.

The six other NRM regions are in the early stages of revising their NRM plans (map on right). All NRM regions will have updated their plans by 2020.

The next round of reviews commences in 2023/24.



Reliability of information



Excellent

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