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### **Southern Gulf Natural Resource Management plan close to completion**

Southern Gulf NRM reached an important milestone in the renewal of the regional Natural Resource Management plan with a presentation to members at the recent Annual General Meeting.

The Regional NRM plan plays a very important role in identifying the most important assets in the region, the priority issues for each asset and the outcomes sought during the planning period.

Southern Gulf NRM Chief Executive Bob Wilson said the plan is the framework for future NRM investment in the region.

‘A critical purpose of the plan is to ensure it reflects the knowledge and aspirations of the regional community along with the best available scientific information,’ Mr Wilson said.

‘Southern Gulf NRM’s long-established relationships in the regional community ensure that the plan will be firmly grounded in our region, responding to regional needs and proposing regionally-relevant responses.’

Australian Government funding support for the plan requires that it incorporates a regionally-relevant response to climate change – identifying risks, and proposing adaptation and mitigation activities relevant to the Southern Gulf Region.

Collaboration with other northern Australian NRM bodies has helped Southern Gulf NRM to access the best available scientific analysis and predictions to support planning decisions.

Mr Wilson said colleagues at Northern Gulf Resource Management Group have produced: Spatial Analysis of Southern Gulf Climate Change Datasets for NRM Planning, which provides very detailed information about current environmental values and predicted change under different climate change scenarios.

‘Southern Gulf NRM has engaged NRM planning and climate expert Rohan Hampden to integrate community input and scientific information to bring the plan to completion. Rohan’s energy and expertise will help ensure a quality product.’ Mr Wilson said.

The draft plan and important technical appendices are available on the Southern Gulf website. [www.southerngulf.com.au](http://www.southerngulf.com.au)

While the formal consultation period has ended, Southern Gulf Catchments would be happy to discuss planning issues and opportunities as the finishing touches are put on the plan, due for completion early in 2016.



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