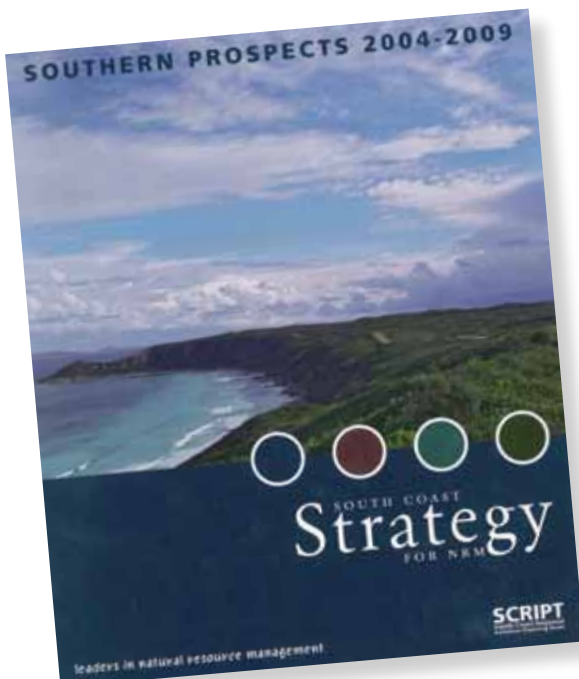


Chairman's Foreword

It is with pleasure that South Coast NRM presents the revised *Southern Prospects 2011-16 - the South Coast Regional strategy for Natural Resource Management*. The previous strategy for the period 2004-09 has served the South Coast region very well in prioritising investment from the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality. Many priorities remain unchanged but we now have to be mindful of emerging issues and priorities such as climate change and the carbon economy, as evident in the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

Once again the whole NRM family has mobilised and contributed time and energy to the strategy review and update process over 2010. Individual community members have provided input particular to their sub-regional area or field of special interest. Others have contributed their skill and specialist knowledge through the theme-based reference groups. All have been supported by our dedicated management and staff.



But a strategy is only worthwhile if it is actioned and *Southern Prospects* is no exception. Judging by the significant engagement with the 2004-2009 strategy, I have no doubt the revised edition will be equally exercised.

It's important that *Southern Prospects* is the starting point for project development so that we know how our plans and efforts fit into the bigger picture. It is equally important that we are mindful of priorities when funds and resources are limited, and to avoid duplication.

I am proud that *Southern Prospects* continues to be a community-owned and developed framework helping us to set and achieve our goals in caring for our environment.

Thank you,

Alex Campbell
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