

Exmouth Gulf Taskforce Communique

Meeting 8, 13 June 2024

Latest news

The eighth meeting of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce (the Taskforce) was held at Joondalup on 13 June 2024. The meeting was chaired by Mr David McFerran, Taskforce Chair.

The Taskforce discussed a range of topics, including:

- Dr Lyn Irvine, Irvine Marine Fauna Research: Exmouth Gulf Marine Megafauna
- Associate Professor Jatin Kala, Murdoch University and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation: Climate change projections and impacts on Exmouth Gulf
- Water Corporation: Exmouth water supply planning and waste water treatment plant
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation: Water allocation limits review
- Tourism Western Australia: Tourism priorities, Coral Coast and Tourism and the Exmouth Gulf
- Roadmap to develop the final report for the Minister for Environment.

Who is on the Taskforce?

The Taskforce comprises representatives of member organisations appointed by the Hon Reece Whitby, MLA, Minister for Environment. Membership includes:

- Independent Chair;
- Commonwealth Department of Defence;
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions;
- Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation;
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Department of Transport;
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;
- Gascoyne Development Commission (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development);
- Fisheries (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development);
- Shire of Exmouth;
- Shire of Ashburton;
- Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation;
- Sea Harvest;
- Recfishwest;
- Cape Conservation Group / Protect Ningaloo Campaign; and
- Community members.

Background

The Exmouth Gulf Taskforce was established under section 25 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Secretariat support is provided by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

What is next?

The next meeting of the Taskforce is planned for 23 August 2024 in Exmouth.

More information

The Terms of Reference describes the role of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce and can be found at:

[Exmouth Gulf Taskforce | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/committees-and-inquiries/exmouth-gulf-taskforce)

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