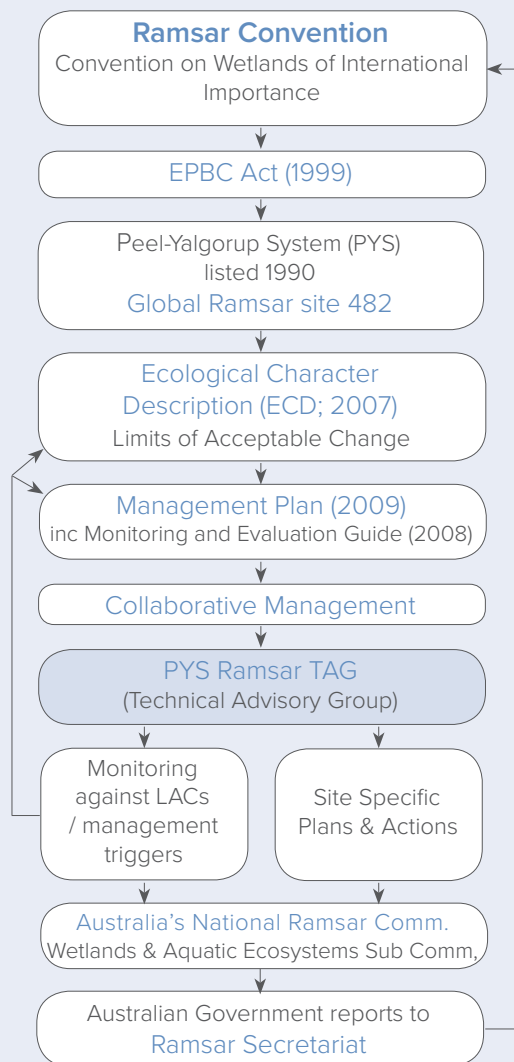


Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar TAG



27 Stakeholder Organisations make up our Ramsar Technical Advisory Group

These dedicated people have worked together since 2007, playing a key role in the development of the Ecological Character Description and the Management Plan for our Peel-Yalgorup System. Ten years on, the TAG continues to play a vital role in collaboratively managing our Ramsar 482 System.

The TAG's primary objectives are:

- Collaborative management of the System (Global Site 482)
- Reporting their activities against the Management Plan's Strategies and Actions
- Reporting monitoring results against the Limits of Acceptable Change (Management Triggers) and assessing, as far as data allows, ecological health of the system

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council facilitates the TAG and meetings will be held on the second Thursday of March each year.

“This TAG is very different to many others I have worked with. The ongoing, highly collaborative approach is very progressive. The work you are doing is inspiring and it is awesome that you have a CEPA Plan - the only one I know of for an individual site”

~ Dr Rhonda Butcher, Water's Edge Consulting ~

Australia became a contracting party to the Ramsar Convention on 21 December 1975

“3 pillars” of the Convention - contracting parties commit to:

- work towards the wise use of all their wetlands
- designate suitable wetlands for the list of Wetlands of International Importance (the “Ramsar List”) & ensure their effective management
- cooperate internationally on transboundary wetlands, shared wetland systems and shared species

Australia meets its commitments to the Convention in part through the EPBC Act

The Act's matters of national environmental significance pertinent to PYS:

- ecological character of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar wetlands)
- migratory species

7 of 9 Ramsar Criteria Met

- The largest and most diverse estuarine complex in SW Australia; particularly good examples of coastal saline lakes and freshwater marshes
- Supports critically endangered Lake Clifton Thrombolite community and vulnerable Fairy Terns (IUCN list)
- Maintains biological diversity in biogeographic region - One of only two locations in the SW and one of very few in the world where living thrombolites occur in hyposaline water.
- Supports species at critical life stages and provides refuge to > 50 species of birds, fish, Crustacea
- Regularly supports >20,000 shorebirds (150,000 recorded in 1977)
- Regularly supports 1% or more of the world's population of 14 waterbird species
- Important source of food, spawning ground and migration path - 50 species of fish rely on the system for nursery, feeding, breeding

Ramsar 482

The Peel-Yalgorup System of Ramsar-listed wetlands covers 26,530 hectares across four sub-systems:

Peel Inlet & Harvey Estuary (estuarine complex) • Lakes McLarty & Mealup (freshwater marshes) • Lands & Lakes of Yalgorup National Park (coastal saline lakes) • Goegrup & Black Lakes (riverine lakes - proposed extension)



Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar Site Management Plan

Vision

The Peel-Yalgorup System is internationally recognised as a major environmental asset and is highly valued for its ecological, social, cultural and economic benefits. The diverse wetlands and waterways are managed wisely as a place and space for all to play, learn and live in a sustainable way. We acknowledge our stewardship role in the conservation and protection of the land, water, flora and fauna for the long term

Management Objectives

- 1 The PYS will be managed in accordance with the principle of wise use, that is, the conservation of the wetlands and human uses that are compatible with maintenance of the natural properties of the ecosystem
- 2 Community stakeholders will be engaged and supported in active environmental stewardship
- 3 The ecological character of the PYS, including services and values, will be maintained or enhanced to achieve long-term positive outcomes



27 Stakeholder Organisations & Friends*

Traditional Custodians	Department of Transport
Birdlife WA (Birds Australia)	FRAGYLE
City of Mandurah	Lake Clifton Herron Landcare Group
Commercial Fishers	Friends of Lake McLarty
Conservation Council (WA)	Lake Mealup Preservation Society (Inc)
Department for Planning (& Infrastructure)	Mandurah Bird Observers Group - Birdlife WA
Department of Agriculture and Food	MAPTO
Department of Fisheries WA	Peel Development Commission
Department of Parks and Wildlife (Dept. Environment and Conservation) - Wetlands	Peel-Harvey Catchment Council
Department of Parks and Wildlife (Dept. Environment and Conservation) - Swan Coastal District	Recfishwest
Department of the Environment and Energy (Aus Gov)	Shire of Harvey
Department of Water	Shire of Murray
- Waterways	Shire of Waroona
- Science	Alcoa of Australia (Industry)

*We acknowledge the important contributions of our Friends groups in addition to the formal Stakeholders