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The first meeting of the Local Advisory Board (LAB) for Native Vegetation Management, formed late last year by Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Wendy Campana, was held recently in Kingscote. The role of this Local Advisory Board is to provide advice on matters referred to them by the Commissioner.

Members of the LAB attended an induction program addressing the background to the Board's establishment, legislative provisions and an overview of the Terms of Reference. Russell Seaman from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources) explained the legislative and policy frameworks underpinning the management of native vegetation in SA. Richard Trethewey from Natural Resources Management Board outlined their various plans and Andrew Boardman, CEO of KI Council discussed the status of the Council's Roadside Native Vegetation Management Plan and related issues.

Following induction, a formal meeting was held chaired by Craig Wickham, one of the two public nominees on the LAB.

The first item of business was to identify a list of issues that impact on the management of native vegetation on the island and over the coming months, these issues will be further considered. Some issues identified were: road safety, single paddock trees, environmental credit schemes, public education, balancing economic/social/environmental management of native vegetation in decision making, research and data collection for effective native vegetation management.

This LAB is one of three that the Commissioner has formed under the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act. The other LABs are addressing Housing and Economic Growth.

Information about the issues being addressed by the LABs is provided via media releases that are available on the Commissioner's website. www.kangarooislandcommissioner.sa.gov.au

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Neil Pontifex, Heinrich Klein (DEWNR), Richard Trethewey (Presiding Member KINRM), Deb Sleeman (Public Representative), Wendy Campana Commissioner for KI, Craig Wickham (Chairperson), Russell Seaman (DEWNR), Graeme Connell (Proxy KI Roadside Safety), Lyn Dohle (PIRSA), Jennifer Grinter (Public Representative), Andrew Boardman (KIC-CEO, Ex Officio)