

## **Media Release**

### **INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DRAFT SOUTHERN SHORES 2009 – 2030 REGIONAL COASTAL STRATEGY**

**DATE: 20 April 2009**

The South Coast Management Group, with support from South Coast NRM Inc, the Western Australian and Australian Government, would like to invite you to provide comments on 'Draft Southern Shores 2009 – 2030' a strategy to guide coastal zone planning and management in the South Coast Region of Western Australia.

'This document is the product of a review of Southern Shores 2001 – 2020 and allows the South Coast community to recognise our achievements in coastal management over the last eight years and identify the future needs of the coastal zone. This review will contribute to the maintenance of our natural assets and lifestyle values and promote development that is carried out in a sustainable manner, so that the coast is protected for current and future generations to enjoy' said South Coast Management Group Chairman, Bill Auburn.

Regional Coastal Facilitator, Dylan Gleave said, 'Southern Shores has been successful in attracting and directing funding to projects on the South Coast and has resulted in greater cooperation between the community, Local, State and the Australian Government and relevant organisations in solution seeking and issue resolution relating to the management of the Region's coastal zone'.

The project has been facilitated by Melanie Price of Coffey Environments. Ms Price said, 'There are important issues emerging on the South Coast, such as the impacts of Climate Change. Southern Shores will assist communities in adapting to meet challenges of the future'.

The review process has included a coastal forum and community consultation meetings in Esperance, Hopetoun, Bremer Bay, Albany and Denmark.

Southern Shores 2009 – 2030 is available for public comment from 20 April 2009 to 18 May 2009 (4 weeks).

The document can be downloaded from the South Coast Management Group

website: <http://southcoastmanagementgroup.org.au>

Comments can be submitted to Melanie Price, at Coffey Environments:

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