

SA Coastal Councils Alliance

Expressions of Interest - Coordinator

(part-time role, approx. 15 hrs/wk)

Closing Date Monday 4th November 2019

1. BACKGROUND – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COAST

Half of South Australia's Councils 68 are coastal.

Eight are located along the 80km metropolitan Adelaide coastline, from Sellicks Beach to St Kilda, with the remaining 26 spread around the vast regional coastline, from Eyre Peninsula, Spencer Gulf, Yorke Peninsula, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island and Limestone Coast.

All Councils are under increasing pressure to do more, with less. Coastal Councils have an additional responsibility to provide, manage and maintain a wide range of coastal assets that not only benefit local residents and ratepayers, but a much wider visiting population.

Active and well considered investment into the coast - be it to provide asset protection, recreational infrastructure, environmental management – contributes to a wider range of more intangible benefits including public health and wellbeing, local placemaking and liveability and ecosystem services.

The cost, risk and resourcing implications for Councils in managing the coast is increasing exponentially as the impact of climate change and sea level rise and resultant increasing storm surge, erosion and coastal flooding events exacerbates existing vulnerabilities.

The South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance is a new, informal network of the state's 34 coastal councils formed in 2019 to help raise the profile of coastal issues and advocate for workable solutions. Specifically, the role of the Alliance is to provide:

- an informed, coordinated advocacy voice for issues impacting on Coastal Councils in SA
- a forum for information sharing and networking on coastal management issues facing Councils across SA.

The Alliance is managed by an Executive Committee and supported by a Technical Reference Group.

The establishment of the Coastal Councils Alliance has been financially supported by grant funds through the Local Government Research and Development scheme (R&D), along with contributions from the Metropolitan Seaside Councils, Limestone Coast, Eyre Peninsula and Southern and Hills Local Government Associations, Spencer Gulf Cites and Legatus Group of Councils.

The Alliance has recently been successful with further project funding from the R&D scheme to review the funding arrangements for coastal management in South Australia, noting these have been found to be disparate, often inconsistent and inequitable and,

fundamentally, not enough for the rapidly escalating task ahead.

This project will be a key focus of the Coastal Councils Alliance over the 2020 calendar year and has been jointly funded by the R&D scheme, local government regional associations and the SA Coast Protection board.

To build on the momentum generated by the Alliance over 2019 and continue to escalate coastal priorities and develop workable solutions, the support of a suitably skilled and experienced part-time Coordinator is now sought for an initial 12 month period, commencing by January 2020.

2. ABOUT THE ROLE

The Coastal Councils Coordinator will be the key contact for coastal issues for local government and provide an important conduit between Councils and key stakeholders.

Key tasks will include to:

1. Provide executive support to the Coastal Councils Alliance Executive Committee and Technical Reference Group,
2. Provide oversight and coordination of Coastal Councils initiatives, including the 2020 Local Government Research and Development funded review of coastal funding,
3. Ensure coastal councils are regularly updated on the work of the Alliance,
4. Build and maintain links with coastal stakeholders including the South Australian Local Government Association, Local Government Risk Services and Mutual Liability Scheme, Australian Coastal Councils Association, South Australian Coast Protection Board, Metropolitan Seaside Councils, Regional Local Government Associations, State and Federal Governments.

The Coordinator will require a broad range of competencies including:

- proven ability to build collaborative networks across regional and metropolitan areas
- skills in providing executive support to committees including agendas, reports, minutes
- experience in political advocacy and media
- understanding of local government coastal issues
- familiarity with key coastal stakeholders, legislation and funding arrangements in SA
- ability to regularly travel around South Australia, and on occasions, interstate.

3. PROJECT BUDGET AND RESOURCING

The available budget for the 12 month coordination role is in the vicinity of \$50-60,000 and will be negotiated dependent on the nature of engagement, skills and experience.

This role may be offered as an employee, independent contractor or consultancy arrangement, depending on the preference of the right individual.

Whilst there is no required base location for the role, access to office space and a range of administrative and specialist support including IT, media and communications is anticipated to be available at the Local Government Association of SA, 148 Frome Street in Adelaide.

Regional local government associations (including Metropolitan Seaside Councils, Limestone Coast, Eyre Peninsula and Southern and Hills Local Government Associations, Spencer Gulf Cities and Legatus Group of Councils) will provide additional support to the Coordinator in relation to Council engagement.

4. LODGING YOUR SUBMISSION AND FURTHER INFORMATION

To register your expression of interest for the Coastal Councils Coordinator role, a current CV and written submission that clearly demonstrates ability and experience should be submitted, along with (a) salary or fee structure; (b) preferred method of engagement; (c) current referees and (d) any other assumptions or requirements considered relevant.

Expressions of interest should be provided electronically to eo@lclga.sa.gov.au.

For further information, please contact Mr Tony Wright, Executive Officer of Limestone Coast LGA on: 0417 442 296 or eo@lclga.sa.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close 5.00pm, Monday 4th November 2019