

Hon Gail Gago MLC



**Government
of South Australia**

08EC0524

**Minister for Environment
and Conservation**

**Minister for Mental Health
and Substance Abuse**

**Minister Assisting
the Minister for Health**

9th Floor
Chesser House
91-97 Grenfell Street
Adelaide SA 5000

GPO Box 1047
Adelaide SA 5001
DX 138

Telephone (08) 8463 5680
Facsimile (08) 8463 5681

Minister.Gago@saugov.sa.gov.au

Professor David Fox
Director
Adelaide Coastal Waters Study
University of Melbourne
PARKVILLE VIC 3052

Dear Professor Fox

Thank you for your recent email concerning the Adelaide Coastal Waters Study (the Study) Final Report.

I am sorry to hear of your disappointment in regard to the manner of the release of the Final Report. It was clear to me from your earlier correspondence that both you and other stakeholders were keen to have the Final Report released at the earliest opportunity. Once the Final Report had been considered by the Government, it was released as soon as practical.

I believe that the release conveyed the positive nature of the work involved in the Study and demonstrated a Government commitment to consider its findings.

The process currently underway to develop an Adelaide Coastal Water Quality Improvement Plan to address the recommendations of the Study will provide opportunities for further promotion of the Final Report and I encourage you to liaise with the Environment Protection Authority if you wish to pursue this approach.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you and your team in undertaking this ground breaking work, where good science and knowledge is now influencing policy and strategy to deal with the health of our coastal waters.

Thank you for drawing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail Gago".

HON GAIL GAGO MLC

4/4/2008