

Swan Region Strategy

for

Natural Resource Management

Appendix 5

The Swan Catchment Council Membership Model

The thirteen members of the Swan Catchment Council are drawn from community, catchment and environment groups, and local and state government agencies.

Community – nine positions

- Six active community members of community NRM groups – chosen through a sub regional election process
- One elected member of a local government authority within the Swan region, representing a geographic spread through the Local Government working group
- One member who has a sound working knowledge of natural ecosystems, biodiversity and current environmental issues, representing a working group with wide ranging expertise and representation
- One member to represent indigenous issues in the Swan region

State Government – three positions

- Council representatives are drawn from the Departments of Environment, Conservation and Land Management and Agriculture. A representative from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is a key member of the Accreditation Working Group and may be called upon to attend Council meetings in an advisory capacity.

Community Landcare Professional

- This person operates within the Swan region and has been selected by the Catchment Officers Support Network.

The Council is reliant on the members of four working groups to initiate and manage strategic projects in line with the Regional Strategy. The four working groups focus on issues of:

- Accreditation of the regional strategy
- Natural diversity
- Local government
- Education, awareness raising and communication

The Management subcommittee has representatives from the Council membership and deals with administrative and management issues on behalf of the Council.

The Swan Catchment Council meets a minimum of six times per year in addition to the annual general meeting. The working groups are also required to meet a minimum of six times per year as well as reporting progress to the Council to coincide with their meetings.

The current membership arrangements will be subject to further review in twelve months time.

