

2025 Request for Letter of In-principle Support from National Parks & Wildlife Service

National Parks and reserves, wilderness protection areas and marine parks sanctuary zones are protected because of their unspoilt landscape, outstanding or representative ecosystems, Australian native plants and animals, and places of natural or cultural significance.

The Government of South Australia has announced the establishment of the \$2 million [Experience Nature Tourism Fund \(ENTF\)](#), to revitalise nature-based tourism.

The purpose of the ENTF is to support tourism projects which create nature-based tourism experiences that enhance the visitor experience and encourage visitors to enjoy and learn more about these natural places.

Successful projects will demonstrate care for the fragile nature and cultural heritage of these valuable resources and will operate in accordance with licence requirements specified by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

Prior to lodging your application, you will need to secure a Letter of In-Principle support from DEW, if your project includes access to a national park or reserve, a wilderness protection area or a marine park sanctuary zone.

Note: a response will be provided within 10 business days.

We strongly encourage you to engage with key stakeholders relevant to the protected area/s in question. These could include Friends of Parks groups and/or Traditional Owners.

Do I need in-principal support?

Will your project result in your guests entering a national park/reserve, marine park sanctuary zone or wilderness protection area?

If NO, you do not NOT need in-principle support.

If YES but your guests will not be accompanied by your business (e.g with a guide or driver), you do NOT need in-principle support.

*If YES: Do you have a current CTO licence, Marine Parks Permit or Marine Mammal Interaction Permit **AND** your proposed project is covered under your current licence/permit? e.g your project only includes staff training, marketing activities, the purchase of new equipment to support existing tours etc*

If YES, you do NOT need in-principle support. If NO, you will need in-principle support. Please complete the form below.

Business details

1. Business name *

2. Contact person *

3. Contact email address *

4. Contact phone number *

5. Postal address *

Project details

6. Project title *

7. Project description (see ENTF FAQs for example):

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Please include both a description of your product/experience (including if it is a new or existing) and an outline of what you are seeking funding for.

8. National park/s or reserve/s, wilderness protection area/s or marine park sanctuary zone/s that your application relates to:

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Provide as much detail about locations in the park, tour routes, itineraries, access requirements.

If your project does not take place within a national park or reserve, a wilderness protection area or a marine park Sanctuary zone, then you do not need a Letter of In-principle Support from National Parks & Wildlife Service i.e you do not need to complete this form.

Permits, licences and leases

Note: if you do not hold a licence or permit to operate within the relevant national park or reserve, wilderness protection area or marine park sanctuary zone, you may apply for ENTF without a licence/permit but funding will not be released until proof of the required licence or permit is provided to SATC.

9. Do you hold a **current** Commercial Tour Operators Licence to operate within national parks and reserves, wilderness protection areas and marine sanctuary zones? *

- ☐ Yes - and it covers the parks and activities associated with my project
- ☐ Yes - but it does not cover the park and/or activities associated with my project (I will need an amendment to my licence if successful)
- ☐ No

10. Do you hold a **current** Marine Mammal Interaction Permit? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Do you hold a current Marine Parks Permit? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Do you hold a lease or other licence from the Department for Environment and Water to operate within national parks and reserves, wilderness protection areas and marine sanctuary zones? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13. If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, enter your licence number and expiry date, or permit details:

Alignment with park management plans

A management plan is a strategic document that sets a long-term vision for each park and outlines the objectives and strategies developed to meet that vision. Management plans outline the types of activities permitted in parks.

It is important for you to become familiar with the management plan for the park/s you intend to operate in.

Park management plans can be found online: www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/park-management/statewide-park-strategies/park-management-plans

14. Is your project consistent with the management plan for the park/s? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ There is no park management plan for the park/s
- ☐ Other

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