



Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Limited

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POLICY - SOUTHERN BROWN BANDICOOT PROJECT

PURPOSE:

To declare the position of the Foundation Board in relation to its support for the sustainable management and conservation of the Southern Brown Bandicoot (as a threatened species (*Isoodon obesulus obesulus*)).

POLICY:

1. The Foundation has formed the view that the management and conservation of the Southern Brown Bandicoot within the Biosphere area (Stages 1 and 2) is a high priority.
2. The Foundation has authorised the Biosphere Research Committee to adopt a leadership role in progressing research, including on-ground conservation management, within the Biosphere Reserve, that will improve the chances of survival of the Southern Brown Bandicoot.
3. The Foundation is prepared to endorse letters of support that provide constructive input for the sound management of the Southern Brown Bandicoot and for these letters to be used in legitimate planning, inquiry, consultation and review processes.
Correspondence conveying the Foundation's position must be approved by the Foundation's Board or Executive in line with the Foundation's Advocacy Policy.
4. The Biosphere will be an advocate for ensuring that legitimate processes of inquiry in relation to the conservation and management of the Southern Brown Bandicoot are conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out for those inquiries.
5. A role of the Foundation will be to ensure that the best available information on the management and conservation of the Southern Brown Bandicoot and their habitat is made available to the planning, inquiry, consultation and review processes.
6. The Research Committee is permitted to publish plans and place material on the Biosphere's website, where these have been approved in advance by the Foundation Board. These will help guide the community and the Biosphere.

Definitions: The Board – The Board of the Foundation
The Executive – The Executive of the Foundation

Approved by the Board
18th September 2008