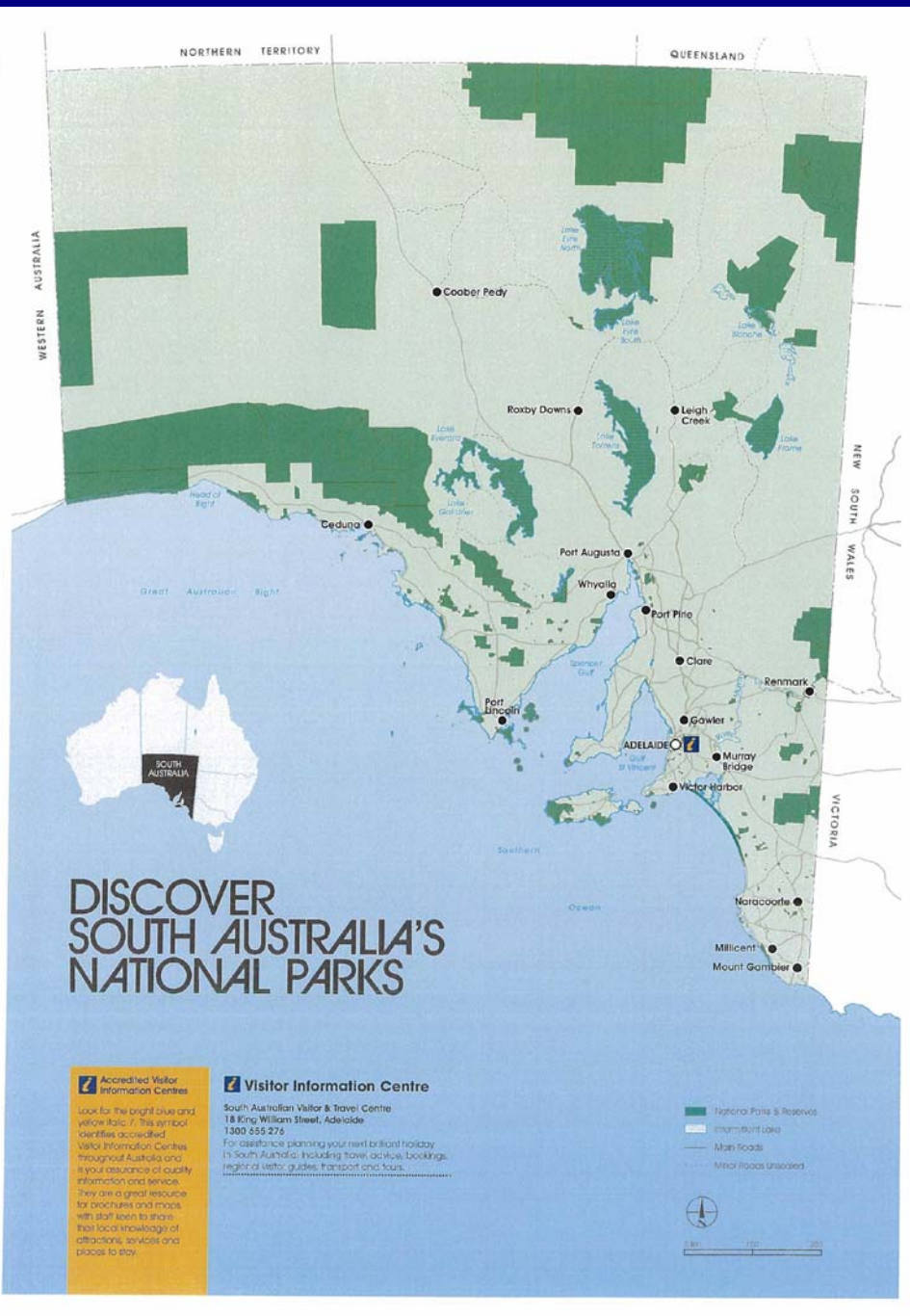


**The Terrestrial Environment:  
Is the *National Parks and Wildlife Act (SA)*  
1972 working for terrestrial biodiversity or is  
an update overdue?**

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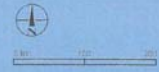
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# What does the Act do?

- Establishes the *South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Council*
  - Members of the Council
  - Role of the Council
  - Function of the Director

# What does the Act do?

- Establishes advisory committees
  - Role of the advisory committees
- Establishes consultative committees
  - Role of the consultative committees

# What does the Act do?

- Types of parks established by proclamation:
  - National Park
  - Conservation Park
  - Game Reserve
  - Recreation Park
  - Regional Reserves

# What does the Act do?

- Management of reserves & co- management
- Establishment of management plans
- Role of management plans

# What does the Act do?

- Conservation of native animals:
  - Protected animals
  - Restrictions upon taking of protected animals
  - Permits to take protected animals
  - Keeping and sale of protected animals
  - Farming of protected animals
  - Restrictions on hunting



# What does the Act do?

- Conservation of native plants:
  - Unlawful taking of native plants
  - Illegal possession of native plants
  - Permits from Minister to take native plants

# The Limitations of the Act

- Act is 38 years old and out of date with current biodiversity practices
- Act does not reflect international treaties and agreements
- Development (including mining) permitted in reserve areas

# The Limitations of the Act

- Biodiversity protection of reserves only
- Does not deal with destruction of habitats or ecological communities outside reserves
- No planning process for biodiversity protection or recovery

# What is the alternative?

- A “whole of government” approach to biodiversity protection
- Private Land vs Public Land
- Economic Incentives
- A comprehensive Biodiversity Conservation Act for South Australia?

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