Complement the existing great white shark tourism activities with the development of new transport options, unique accommodation and experiences on South Neptune Island.

Scope
- Partner with licensed tour operators to provide helicopter transport for great white shark tours.
- Develop a visitor experience focusing on the island’s marine wildlife and history.
- Partner with Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) to investigate alternative uses for the lighthouse keeper’s cottage.

Site objectives
- Establish the island as a nature-based tourism attraction.
- Protect and conserve the heritage features of the site and surrounding landscape.
- Conserve the natural and cultural values of the park.
- Avoid impact on threatened species.

Site description
Regional attractions
The rugged islands of Neptune Islands Conservation Park are surrounded by a pristine water world that is home to one of the planet’s most prehistoric survivors - the great white shark. The islands are also home to an abundance of reptiles, birds and sea lions.

Remote island adventures
Neptune Islands Conservation Park

The Eyre Peninsula comprises stunning landscapes and offers a host of one-of-a-kind experiences. Its 2,300 km of coastline provides some of the best seafood and unique aquatic experiences in the world. Further inland, you’ll find a land of ancient geological formations, expansive salt lakes, and an abundance of native wildlife.

The Eyre Peninsula is serviced by three airports offering daily flights to and from Adelaide in Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Whyalla. Driving from Adelaide to Port Lincoln takes about seven hours.

The Eyre Peninsula is one of the fastest growing tourism regions in South Australia. Tourism from the region contributes $300 million to the regional economy (approximately 7.2% of GDP) and directly employs 1,530 people (5.3% of regional employment).

Local highlights
South Neptune Island is approximately 80 km from Port Lincoln. There is an existing helicopter pad.

The South Neptune Island Lighthouse Complex comprises the lighthouse keeper’s cottage, a store, outbuildings, stone fences, stone rainwater tanks, grave sites, and footings of the now-removed original lighthouse.
The lighthouse keeper’s cottage features 27 rooms including 12 bedrooms and three bathrooms. When the building was last in use, there was a generator, septic tanks with French drains, gas tanks and rainwater tanks.

**Future potential**

**Transport support to shark cage diving tours**

Neptune Islands Conservation Park is the location of South Australia’s thriving great white shark tour industry. Additional licenses to conduct great white shark tours within the Neptune Islands Group (Ron and Valerie Taylor) Marine Park are not available. However, there are opportunities to add value to this iconic service offering by partnering with licensed operators to provide helicopter tours and access to the island.

The island provides habitat for a number of marine species, some of which are threatened. Future activities or new developments should be compatible with the protection of these species.

**Island tours**

Opportunities for people to experience the island’s history and wildlife have not previously been available. There is scope for a guided experience focusing on the island’s history and marine wildlife. Adventure-lovers will be attracted to the island’s remote location and rugged coastline.

**Lighthouse keeper’s cottage**

The lighthouse keeper’s cottage is a State Heritage Place. State Heritage Places are protected under the Heritage Places Act 1993 (SA). Any proposal to alter the site should be compatible with the site’s heritage values and will be subject to assessment and approvals.

There is an opportunity for a business to work with DEWNR to investigate the reuse of this site for enterprises such as accommodation or tours.

**Inspection**

Register your interest in a site inspection before 5 pm, 1 December 2017 by visiting [www.parks.sa.gov.au/newbusiness](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/newbusiness)