



GeoCatch

Geographe Bay Advisory Committee GBAC

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The Geographe Bay Advisory Committee (GBAC) was formed in 1992 to give advise on environmental issues to the Shires of Busselton and Capel. GBAC was able to raise issues on its own initiative and by request from the Shires. GBAC acted as in independent advisory body.

The Committee consisted of community groups, government agencies and local government.

In 1995, GBAC and the WA Planning Commission released a document for public comment "Geographe Bay Integrated Catchment Management Strategy; Guidelines for people managing Geographe Bay and its Catchment Area".

The Geographe Bay Steering Committee (GBSC) was formed in 1996 in response to this document and to a submission from the Shires of Capel and Busselton to the Minister for the Environment regarding the poor state of the Geographe Catchment waterways. It was formed to 'consider the need for and the means by which the Geographe Bay waterways might be managed'. The aim of the GBSC was to ensure community involvement in the management of Geographe Bay.

Based on GBSC recommendations, the Geographe Catchment Council or GeoCatch was established on July 10th 1997. GeoCatch works in partnership with the Water & Rivers Commission alongside the community and management agencies managing the Geographe Bay Catchment and the marine environment.

While GBAC was integral to the formation of GeoCatch, since the inauguration of GeoCatch, GBAC has effectively ceased to exist and its functions have been transferred to GeoCatch.

GBAC's work provided a basis for the future management of the catchment.

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