



WHAT YOU CAN DO

JOIN THE ALLIANCE

Join the Great Australian Bight Alliance by signing the 'Statement of Concern' at fightforthebight.org.au to show that our community will not allow Big Oil to risk the Bight.

GET SOCIAL

Follow the Great Australian Bight Alliance and the partner organisations on social media and sign up to their e-lists for updates.

Share content to spread the word!

COLLECT SIGNATURES

Help collect signatures for the petition calling on your local council to oppose oil and gas development in the Great Australian Bight. Request a petition kit - contact info@fightforthebight.org.au

HOST A SCREENING

Help your community learn more about the Great Australian Bight and why it is at risk by hosting a doco screening.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

As well as talking to everyone you know why not gather friends, family and people within your community together at your home or local cafe and talk about it?

GET WRITING

Write a letter to your MP and to the editor of your local paper. Get a small article highlighting the problems in your local group or school newsletter. Better yet, set up a meeting to talk to your local politicians!

RAISE FUNDS

The fight to protect the Bight from Big Oil needs resources! Donate, ask others to, or host a fundraiser.



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ABOUT THE BIGHT

The Great Australian Bight is a globally significant ecosystem and one of the most unspoiled marine environments in the world.

The coastal span of the Bight - over 1200 kms - has supported many different Aboriginal groups for tens of thousands of years. The connection to country remains strong today. The Bunda cliffs and plains of the coastal Nullarbor are home to the Mirning People - the whale dreamers.

The Bight supports diverse sea life such as great white sharks, humpback, blue and southern right whales, southern bluefin tuna, Australian sea lions, white-bellied sea eagle and albatross. More than 85% of the species in the Bight cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Visiting the Head of Bight to whale watch has been named as one of the top 3 experiences in South Australia.



THE RISKS

Oil companies are planning on drilling for oil off the coast of SA in the Great Australian Bight. Modelling shows even a low flow oil spill could impact all of Southern Australia's coast, from Western Australia right across to Victoria through Bass Strait and around Tasmania. This could devastate SA's \$442 million fishing industry & coastal tourism industries worth over \$1 billion, equating to 10,000 full-time positions.

All stages of the oil development cycle - exploration, development, production, abandonment - pose unavoidable impacts. Some risks include noise pollution, smothering from seabed disturbance and drill cuttings disposal, chemical pollution and discharge of drilling fluids, accidental discharge and leakage of oil, and increased ship strikes to whales and dolphins.

Climate change is impacting our planet. At a time when we should be moving away from fossil fuels, Big Oil is opening new reserves. If we are to meet our internationally agreed targets to limit global warming below 2°C we cannot let this happen.



KEY MESSAGES

UNIQUE. PRISTINE. AT RISK

Our Great Australian Bight is considered to be one of the most pristine marine environments on earth - a sanctuary and whale nursery - recognised internationally for its animals including southern right whales and their calves, blue and humpback whales & Australian sea lions. Right now, it's all at risk!

OILS SPILLS ARE IRREVERSIBLE

Australians love our coastline - we depend on it for our way of life; from food to recreation, to the massive fishing & tourism industries. The negative impacts of altering these ecosystems would be felt across the state & beyond

OPENING NEW FOSSIL FUEL BASINS IS DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE

Increasing oil and gas drilling activities are a threat to our climate and put our international commitments to the Paris agreement at risk.

WE WILL FIGHT FOR THE BIGHT