

COAST PROTECTION BOARD

Minutes of Meeting No. 480
Friday 4 December 2020
(9:30am– 11:35am) Teams

1. WELCOME

Mr Jeff Tate opened the meeting at 9.30am and recognised a quorum. The Board accepted the agenda and noted where decisions were required.

2. KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board acknowledged the Kurna people.

3. PRESENT

Board Members

Mr Jeff Tate (Presiding Member)
Professor Bronwyn Gillanders
Ms Joanne Davidson
Ms Amanda Wilson
Ms Annabel Sandery
Mr James Buder

Advisory Committee Member

Mr Adam Gray (SA Coastal Council Alliance)
Mr Bill Jamieson (Chair, Metropolitan Seaside Council Committee)

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Ms Cate Hart (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage & Sustainability)
Dr Neil McFarlane (Director, Climate Change, Coast and Marine)
Dr Murray Townsend (Manager, Coast and Marine)
Ms Rose Ryan (Support Officer, Coast and Marine)
Ms Sharie Detmar (Coast and Marine Officer) Item 7.1a

Guests

Dr Graziela Miot da Silva (Senior Lecturer - Coastal and Marine Geology College of Science & Engineering, Flinders University) Item 10.4

APOLOGIES

Advisory Committee

Mr Peter Halton (Regional Coastal Local Government- Wattle Range Council)
Mr Lea Bacon (Local Government Association)

The Presiding Member welcomed James Buder from the Department for Transport & Infrastructure as the nominee to the Board of the Chief Executive responsible for administering Harbours and Navigation Act. Mr Buder provided the Board with an overview of the functions within his directorate.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no other conflicts of interest declared by Board members.

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of meeting No 479 held 30 October 2020 were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

Accept: *Minutes of Meeting No. 479 (30 October 2020).*

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (ACTION REPORT)

The Board reviewed business arising from minutes of the previous meeting held 30 October 2020.

The Board resolved to:

Note: *The business arising from Minutes of previous meeting (Meeting Action Report).*

6. PRESIDING MEMBER REPORT

The Presiding Member provided a verbal update for his report on;

- Attended a meeting for Local Government relationships with C Hart, M Townsend, A Wilson, L Bacon, A Sandery and A Gray on 12 November for CPB.
- The Presiding Member was initially invited to attend a meeting with the AW Landscapes Board on 9 and 10 December but there is uncertainty on whether or not it will go ahead due to COVID restrictions.
- CPB 2019-20 Annual Report was tabled in Parliament by the Minister for Environment and Water on 1 December 2020.
- Discussions have taken place with the Presiding Member and a DEW representative on governance arrangements for Boards and Committees.

The Board resolved to:

Note: *The Presiding Member Report.*

7.1(a) BLUE CARBON POLICY OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATING BOARD POLICY

N McFarlane provided the Board with a brief update on the next stages of the implementation of the Blue Carbon strategy.

S Detmar gave a presentation to the Board on saltmarsh mapping, application and potential projects. The presentation covered the status of blue carbon projects within DEW, the Blue Carbon Strategy and prospectus, the New Life for our Coastal Environment - Blue Carbon Project, Coast Protection Board Policy Update and Grant Assessments.

The Presiding Member tabled a chart of *Roles Table & Continuum* to assist with clarifying potential roles the Board could adopt to help frame a discussion around potential policy changes in relation to blue carbon.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: *The briefing and presentation on the status of blue carbon projects.*

Action: *DEW to present draft amendments to the Board's policy at its February 2021 meeting, reflecting the Board's position on blue carbon opportunities.*

Action: DEW to incorporate a blue carbon component into its grant assessment process as part of the 2021 review and provide to the Board for review and endorsement prior to the 2021/22 Board works program.

Action: B Gillander to provide a link to the SA Museum podcast for Alice Jones discussion on current Blue Carbon work.

7.1(b) BETTER BOAT RAMP OUTCOMES- UPDATING BOARD POLICY

M Townsend provided the Board with the key points of the paper.

The paper provided a summary on the progress and decisions to date in terms of the Boards position in the past, present and looking to the future for boat ramp policy.

The importance of the role of development applications was discussed, including the extent to which the Board should adopt a stronger position when future problems are foreseen.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: The briefing on the recent history and context for seeking amendments to Board policy for better outcomes in relation to recreational boating facilities (boat ramps).

Action: A progress report presenting draft technical policy amendments on boat ramp development to be provided to the Board for further discussion at its February 2021 meeting.

Action: DEW to present draft proposals for the Board's application of boat ramp policy, following feedback on the position of the SA Boating Facilities Advisory Committee in February 2021.

8.1 CPB MONITORING & REVIEW PROGRAM

M Townsend provided the Board with a verbal summary of the paper.

A draft annual program was presented to the Board based on its strategic and operational activities related to its functions under the *Coast Protection Act 1972* and other legislation. A number of the functions are delivered by DEW staff under delegation from the Board which were also included in the table.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: The CPB Monitoring & Review paper.

Resolution: The Board adopts the monitoring and review program table attached to the paper which ensures appropriate governance and assists in the Board's future decision making, noting that it will be presented to the Board at the March 2021 meeting.

8.2 CPB PRIORITIES 2021-2023

M Townsend provided the Board with a verbal summary of the CBP priorities paper.

To assist the Board in prioritising its time and focus, a draft high-level priorities table was presented and reviewed by members.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Approve: *Subject to several proposed amendments, adopt the draft high-level priorities table to guide the Board's focus and resourcing for 2021-2023.*

Action: *To review the priorities table at the Board's March 2021 meeting.*

9.1 CPB RELATIONSHIPS ENGAGEMENT

The CPB Relationship Pie will be used as a framework for further development of the Board's identified relationships and possible future relationships.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: *The CPB Relationship Radar.*

9.1(a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

A meeting was held on 12 November 2020 to discuss further engagement opportunities with local government, chaired by J Tate and attended by A Sandery, C Hart, M Townsend, L Bacon, A Wilson and A Gray.

The meeting considered the roles and responsibilities of the Board, DEW and local government; what is working well; what all parties need from the relationship; what could be improved; and what the next steps might be.

The Presiding Member expressed a preference for a multi-year action plan rather than a formal document, such as a MoU to advance the relationship.

The Board resolved to:

Note: *The summarised outcomes from the meeting on the relationship with local government held on 12 November 2020.*

Resolution: *To further investigate a state-wide network, involving multiple partners across sectors to improve relationships and capacity in coastal management.*

10.1(a) PLANNING REFORM UPDATE

M Townsend provided the Board with a verbal summary of the paper.

A draft proposal to the State Planning Commission for a coastal subzone to facilitate appropriate development associated with the integrated management of the managed metropolitan beach was reviewed.

Following discussion, Board resolved to:

Note: *The planning reform update.*

Approve: *The submission on the revised Planning and Design Code, following suggested minor edits.*

10.4 2020-21 CPB BUDGET FLINDERS UNIVERSITY BATHYMETRY

Dr Graziela Miot da Silva, Senior Lecturer in Coastal and Marine Geology, College of Science & Engineering at Flinders University provided the Board with a presentation on a proposal for the acquisition of new survey equipment. The equipment has improved technology for collecting accurate and high resolution topographic and bathymetric elevation data. The university is seeking

support from the Board and other organisations to apply for a grant to purchase the equipment from the Australian Research Council.

Note: Board members noted that the funding being sought was for the capital cost of the survey equipment and that there would also be considerable operating and maintenance costs over the life of the equipment.

Note: The proposal from Flinders University requesting partner contributions in its application for an Australian Research Council grant to purchase equipment for capturing nearshore bathymetric and topographic data.

Approve: In principle, to provide support, as a partner contribution to the Flinders University proposal, of \$20,000 from the 2021-22 Board budget, subject to the application being successful (outcome in late 2021).

10.1(b) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

The Board resolved to:

Note: The Development Activity Report.

10.1(c) SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: The Significant Development Proposals Paper.

10.2 COASTAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

M Townsend provided a verbal update on the paper.

Following discussion, the Board resolved to:

Note: The report on engagement activities and progress on coastal projects in delivering Coast Protection Board priorities.

Note: The Manager, Coast and Marine's exercising of Board delegation to authorise beach replenishment at West Beach in December 2020.

10.3 CPB FINANCE REPORT

The Board resolved to:

Note: The CPB Fund Financial Statement as at 31 October 2020 and the CPB 2020-2021 Works Program.

10.5 MANAGER'S REPORT

Topics in the Manager's report included: the Joint DEW / Flinders University Coast and Marine Workshop; and DEW v. Le Cornu.

The Board resolved to;

Note: *The Manager's Report.*

11.1 MEDIA

The Board resolved to:

Note: *The media items.*

11.2 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board resolved to:

Note: *All correspondence items.*

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mangrove loss at St Kilda – verbal update from M Townsend.

No other business discussed.

13. TOPICS FOR MINISTER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

- Blue Carbon Policy Opportunities & Updating Board Policy
- Boat Ramp Outcomes
- CPB Monitoring and Review Program
- CPB Priorities 2021-2023
- Local Government Relationships
- Planning Reform Update

Next Coast Protection Board Meeting:

The next Coast Protection Board meeting (#481) is scheduled for 5 February 2021.

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 11:35am

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Townsend', is written over a light blue grid background.

Date: 9 February 2021