

Coast Protection Board Meeting

March 2025

Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board (the Board) held Meeting 514 on 28 March 2025 at the offices of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. The meeting minutes will be released on the Board's [webpage](#) following their confirmation at the next meeting.

Key outcomes from the Meeting 514 include:

- **Presentation from DEW Beach Operations Team:**

The Board received a presentation from the DEW Coast Unit's Beach Operations Team about managing sand along Adelaide's metropolitan beaches. The presentation highlighted the challenges in maintaining sand levels and the importance of data collection and monitoring to guide sand pumping and carting efforts. The goal is to maintain 80 cubic metres of sand per metre of shoreline to enhance coastal resilience against severe storms and rising sea levels. The Board members gained insights into the operational and social challenges faced by DEW. A field tour in May 2025 will allow Board members to observe these strategies in action.

- **Coast Protection Board Strategy:**

The Board policy and strategic priorities are being reviewed. Members agreed on a new vision statement and defined the Board's role in South Australia's coastal management. Discussions have highlighted the need for better coordination among agencies to enhance coastal management and resilience.

- **Safety of Coastal Management Staff:**

The Board discussed the importance of ensuring the safety of coastal management staff, acknowledging the increasing challenges faced by staff, including incidents of community aggression. It was emphasized that protecting staff is critical for maintaining effective coastal management operations. The Board also recognised the need for community engagement initiatives to foster understanding and support for coastal management efforts.