

# Coast Protection Board Meeting

May 2025

## Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board (the Board) held Meeting 515 on 9 May 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 515 included:

- **Hazardous algal blooms and a shared government responsibility:** The Board discussed the growing threat of hazardous algal blooms and emphasized the need for a coordinated response across all levels of government. The discussion highlighted the importance of local monitoring, state-level regulation, and federal support for research and long-term mitigation. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to collaborative action to safeguard public health and environmental integrity.
- **Update on the Board policy and strategic planning:** The Board, in collaboration with Coast Unit, DEW staff, is reviewing its current policies and strategic focus. The Board emphasized the need to strengthen engagement with First Nations communities and ensure that these efforts are embedded in practical, actionable policy. The Board is seeking to provide clearer guidance on facility standards, particularly those related to environmental resilience and coastal infrastructure to ensure they are safe, sustainable, and capable of withstanding environmental pressures, and investigate potential funding opportunities for coastal protection and management.

A summary of previous work on strategic planning was shared for reference, with common themes to be identified. Strategic priorities for the Coast Protection Board will be discussed at the upcoming workshop scheduled for the end of May 2025.

- **Preparation for the Australasian Coast and Port Conference**

The Australasian Coasts and Ports Conference 2025 will take place at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 18 to 21 August 2025. As a Platinum Sponsor, the Board will have speaking slots, host an exhibition booth at the event, and work with the DEW Communications team on ideas for presentation content.