

# Coast Protection Board

## Minutes of Meeting 515

**Date:** 9 May 2025

**Time:** 9:30am–12:00pm

**Location:** DEW 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide, Meeting rooms 10.5 & 10.6/ Teams online

### Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 9.30am with an Acknowledgment of Country and recognised a quorum. The Board accepted the agenda and noted where decisions were required.

## 2. Administration

### 2.1 Introductions & Apologies

#### **Board Members**

Hon Paul Caica

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders

Professor Beverley Clarke

Mr James Buder

Ms Kathryn Galpin

#### **Secretary to the Board**

Mr David Osborn (Manager, Coast)

#### **Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff**

Ms Zeljka Danilovic (A/Team Leader, Policy and Advice, Coast)

Ms Robyn Morcom (A/Senior Policy Officer, Coast)

Mr Daniel Walton (A/Senior Planner, Coast), (Item 5.3)

Ms Shangchen Sun (Project Officer – Board Secretariat & Grants, Coast) (minute taker)

Ms Olivia D'Arienzo (Business Support Officer, Coast)

#### **Introduction**

Ms Zeljka Danilovic (A/Team Leader, Policy and Advice, Coast)

#### **Apologies**

Ms Cate Hart (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage and Sustainability Division)

Ms Mary-Anne Healy (Director Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast)

Ms Diane Favier (A/Director Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast)

Ms Sharie Detmar (Principal Coastal Scientific Officer, Coast) (Item 4.1)

### 2.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

## 2.3 Minutes

### 2.3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of Meeting 514, held on 28 March 2025, were received by the Board.

**The Board resolved to:**

*Approve the minutes of Meeting 514 held on 28 May 2025.*

### 2.3.2 Business Arising Meeting Action Report

The action item section was modified so that all completed items are moved to the end of the table, and removed after 12 months. There will be a follow-up on staff protection measures in collaboration with Mr Buder. Upcoming field trips, workshops on the policy/strategy and Board delegations are for discussion in this meeting. Draft itinerary for Metropolitan field trip on 16 May 2025 was approved.

**The Board resolved to:**

*Note the Action Items from Meeting 514 held on 28 May 2025.*

### 2.3.3 Note Key Outcomes Statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from the 28 March 2025 Board meeting was tabled for noting.

**The Board resolved to:**

*Note the Key Outcomes Statement from 28 March 2025.*

## 3. Strategy and Policy

### 3.1 Emerging Issues and Relationships

The proposed Autra Resort at Cape Willoughby was briefly discussed. In relation to algal blooms, the marine team of DEW is coordinating with PIRSA and the EPA to monitor current conditions, and the Coast Protection Board has issued a watch brief. James Buder raised a question about responsibility for beach closures if algal blooms are deemed a public health risk. It was clarified that DEW/National Parks can close beaches within national parks, local Councils are responsible for closures on urban beaches, and DIT holds authority over boat harbours.

**The Board resolved to:**

*Note emerging issues.*

### 3.2 Policy & Strategy Review Update

Robyn Morcom provided an update on the CPB policy review, presenting a draft version of the policy. The feedback from the Board on the draft focused on improving stormwater management, clarifying key development terms, and enhancing the Board's role in beach management. The discussion also highlighted the importance of improving engagement with First Nations communities and ensuring these actions are translated into actionable policy. Additionally, the policy will be updated to clarify facility standards and explore funding opportunities for coastal protection and management.

A summary of the work previously completed on strategic planning was shared for noting, and common themes will be identified prior to Board's workshop on 30 May 2025.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the progress on the CPB policy review and strategic priorities.*

### **3.3 Coast Protection (Significant Works) Amendment Bill 2024**

The bill has progressed to its second reading but has not yet been debated. It is expected to be listed for debate in Parliament next week.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the progress on the Amendment Bill.*

### **3.4 Board Delegations**

Zeljka Danilovic invited the Board to provide feedback on the draft instrument of delegation. Following members feedback and consultation with DEW Legal Team, the instrument will be finalised and provided to Board for formal approval. The Board discussed backup solutions if the Presiding Member is absent. There was also discussion on delegating powers under section 29(4) of the *Coast Protection Act 1972* with limitations.

**The Board resolved to:**

1. ***Note** the review of the Board's delegations*
2. ***Provide** comments on draft instrument of delegation (Attachment 1)*
3. ***Note** that final instrument of delegation will be provided for Board's approval following DEW Legal Team's review*
4. ***Note** that the new instrument of delegation will come into effect once approved by the Minister*
5. ***Approve** governance policies and/or procedures be developed for Board's consideration*
6. ***Note** that the Letter of Agreement between the Board and the Department will be reviewed while developing the governance policies/procedures.*

### **3.5 Preparation for the Australasian Coast and Port Conference**

The Australasian Coasts and Ports Conference 2025 will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre 18–21 August 2025. As a Platinum Sponsor, four complimentary full conference registrations have been offered for the Board. There will be "Board" registrations arranged to allow Board members to attend the conference on different days. Logistics and coordination on the attendance of Board members will be followed up. The Board will have an exhibition booth at the event, and ideas for presentation content are being sought from the Communications team, including a video, CPB logo visibility, etc. Climate change should be the focus. It was proposed to invite the Deputy Premier to speak at the conference. Discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the Preparation for the Australasian Coast and Port Conference.*

## **4. Engagement and Communications**

### **4.1 Presentation – Coast Science Team**

Deferred.

### **4.2 Correspondence and Media Reports**

**4.2.1 Correspondence****4.2.2 Traditional and social media****The Board resolved to:**

1. **Note** the correspondence received and responses sent on behalf of the Board.
2. **Note** the relevant media articles provided for information.

**5. Operations****5.1 Manager's Report**

David Osborn provided an update on the ongoing DEW realignment, noting that the Coast Unit has submitted its feedback and that the realignment is not expected to take effect until the new financial year. While the Coast Unit will remain intact, it may be subject to a change in reporting line.

The Coast Unit is continuing to work closely with the Local Government Association on the Climate Ready Coasts (CRC) project.

The Adelaide Beach Management Review is progressing, with numerous technical reports currently in development and advice being prepared for the Attorney General, including supporting communication materials, with Cabinet consideration anticipated later in May or June. A review of the Adelaide Living Beaches program, which concludes in 2025, will be required following the outcome of Cabinet deliberations on the Beach Management Review.

David Osborn provided a summary of a community workshop held recently in partnership with Green Adelaide at West Beach Parks to discuss the management of the Torrens Outlet.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the Manager's Report.

**5.2 Coastal Operations Report**

Sand carting at Henley Beach is ongoing, with 30,000 cubic metres of sand being delivered. Works at Semaphore South have been completed, involving the relocation of both seagrass wrack and sand. Operations at Glenelg are scheduled to commence next week. Both the Glenelg and West Beach boat harbors dredged, and both are now in a navigable condition.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the update on Coastal Operations Report.

**5.3 Planning and Development Report****The Board resolved to:**

**Notes** an out of session Board response to the draft Yorke and Mid North, Far North and Eyre and Western Regional Plans was submitted to DHUD, while the Limestone Coast and Murray and Mallee Regional Plans have been released for public consultation.

**5.3.1 DA Activity Report**

Coastal development referrals have decreased, with only eight received during the month of March.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the Development Application Activity Report.*

### **5.3.2 Significant Development Proposals - Report update**

Regarding the Osborne Nuclear-powered Submarine Construction Yard, Urban and Regional Planning Solutions has submitted its response to DEW. The Department is currently reviewing how its comments have been addressed, with a response to the public consultation expected shortly. Concurrent with assessment of the EIS, DEW is also responding to the EPBC Act Strategic Assessment and contributing to the development of the LeFevre Peninsula Masterplan.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the Significant Development Proposal Report*

### **5.3.3 Sea Level Rise Benchmarks - Code Amendment**

The Board discussed proposed changes to policy wording and referral triggers, noting that Climate Science Advisory Committee recommendations suggest a significant increase in minimum building height requirements to account for sea level rise. It is still being determined whether DEW or DHUD-PLUS will lead any proposed code amendment, as well as how and where the amendments will be incorporated into the Planning and Design Code and how they will function within the PlanSA digital platform. There was discussion around whether benchmarks should be based on the median or upper range of projected sea level rise scenarios.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Note** the report on the progress of the Sea Level Rise Code Amendment.*

## **6. Budget and Finance**

### **6.1 Finance Report**

Items approved in the previous meeting were incorporated, with three new codes introduced. The Board considered applying any surplus or unallocated funds to sponsor local government representatives to attend the Griffith University training course, similar to the initiative from last year. It was agreed that a separate paper on this matter would be prepared for further consideration. The Board also noted the uncertainty regarding revenue from Development Application fees.

**The Board resolved to:**

1. **Note** an estimated \$1,000,000 in forward funding has been allocated under GISA for "Regional Coastline Management", to be delivered through the CPB over the period 2024–25 to 2028–29.
2. **Note** the 2024-25 budget adjustments.
3. **Approve** three new codes for the proposed priority projects.

## **7. Any Other Business**

The Board discussed the creation of a branding logo and design consistent template to be applied to Board technical reports going forward. It was agreed that the branding should read "funded by CPB" rather than "produced by" or "endorsed by" to better reflect the Board's role in supporting the initiatives.

**The Board resolved to:**

***Approve** the creation of a branding and design template.*

*Bronwyn Gillanders left the meeting at 12:00 PM.*

## **8. Topics for Minister for Climate, Environment & Water**

Invite Deputy Premier to speak at the Australasian Coast and Port Conference.

## **9. Statement of Key Outcomes**

## **10. Next Meeting Scheduled for Friday, 20 June**

It was noted that meetings and out-of-session discussions are expected to take place between now and the next Board meeting.

**Meeting closed at 12:07pm.**



**Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board**

Date: 20.05.25