

Coast Protection Board

Minutes of Meeting 497

Date: 17 February 2023

Time: 09.30am–12:30pm

Location: Level 10, 10.5 & 10.6 Meeting rooms, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 9.32am with an Acknowledgment of Country and recognised a quorum. The Board accepted the agenda and noted where decisions were required.

2. Administration

2.1 Present & Apologies

Present

Board Members

Mr Jeff Tate (Presiding Member)

Ms Annabel Sandery

Mr James Buder (via MS Teams)

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders

Mayor Amanda Wilson (via MS Teams)

Guests

Ms Katherine Russell (Local Government Association)

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Ms Kym Pryde (Director, Planning, Heritage, Coast Protection and Dog & Cat Management)

Dr Murray Townsend (Manager, Coast Protection)

Ms Judith Kirk (Team Leader, Policy and Advice, Coast Protection)

Dr Nicole Pelton (Senior Policy Officer, Coast Protection)

Ms Sue Taite (Project Officer – Board Secretariat and Grants, Coast Protection)

Apologies

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

Mr Adam Stanford, SATC

2.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

A Sandery declared a perceived conflict with item 5.3 due to Wavelength's work with Joe's Kiosk, Henley Beach; item 3.1.1 with Wyomi seawall, Kingston SA and Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot; and item 5.4.3 with Mundoo Channel subdivision, Hindmarsh Island.

No additional conflicts of interest were declared.

2.3 Minutes of last meeting

2.3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of meeting No. 496 on 9 December 2022 were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

***Approve** the minutes of meeting No. 496.*

2.3.2 Note Key Outcomes statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from the 9 December 2022 Board meeting was tabled for noting. The Presiding Member noted that the ABC obtained information from an online Key Outcomes Statement regarding the Climate Science Advisory Committee, about which it conducted an interview with the Presiding Member on Port Pirie ABC radio on Monday 13 February 2023.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Key Outcomes Statement from December 2022.*

2.3.3 Business arising from – Meeting Action Report

The Board reviewed the business arising from the minutes of previous meeting held on 8 December 2022.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Action Items list from the previous meeting.*

2.4 Presiding Member Report

The Presiding Member presented a paper on Board Policy Framework is for the Board's consideration for use by the Board and the Priorities Working Group. The Board requested more detail in relation to the top two lines of the diagram be included.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Presiding Member's report.*

***Adopt** the Board Policy Framework for use by the Board and Priorities Working Group noting refinements will be made to the first two lines.*

3. Strategy and Policy

3.1 Strategy

3.1.4 CPB 2022 Priorities Check-in

The Presiding Member requested this item be first under 3.1 Strategy and remain for further agendas. The Presiding Member noted a number of the tasks in the Priority Projects will now be delivered by the *Climate Ready Coasts Program* with the LGA. These will be defined in the Board's grant agreement with the LGA which is currently being prepared.

Enquiries into further cultural training for the Board in April are underway.

The Board's Summer Newsletter has been released and the Board discussed the proposed content for the Autumn Newsletter.

The Board considered the revised timelines for the remaining priority projects and discussed converting the priority projects into a three year priorities plan with discussion to continue at the next meeting of the Priorities Working Group.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the progress update for the Priority Projects.*

***Approve** the minor amendments to scope in the Priority Projects Implementation Plan.*

***Request** the Priorities Working Group to convert the Board Priorities Implementation Plan into a draft rolling three-year Priorities Plan for the Board's consideration.*

***Approved** the Presiding Member writing to the CEOs of coastal councils advising of the engagement and communication framework adopted at the December 2022 Board meeting, the proposal to hold annual CEO Forums aligned with the date of the LGA AGM, and the desire to link the Community of Practice proposed under the LGA's Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project to the CEO Forums.*

3.1.1 CERMP Update

DEW is assisting recipients to develop project implementation plans for approval by the Commonwealth. The plans will be part of the grant agreements with SAFECOM who are expecting to have agreements executed by end of May.

The Board discussed the ownership of assets constructed with funding from the Coast Protection Grant program. DEW advised that the Board's grant agreements specify that funds are provided for assets owned and maintained by the recipient council.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the status of the administration of the South Australian Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP) Grants.*

10.06am Katherine Russell entered meeting.

3.1.2 Coastal Adaptation for South Australia

The Board welcomed Katherine Russell, Manager Policy Projects, SA Local Government Association, who presented on Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project (now known as SA Climate Ready Coasts). The Board discussed the proposed governance structure including a Stakeholder Reference Group for wider communications on the project. The Board noted the approach of foundational projects to allow the project to commence and requested a more detailed presentation from M Armand, the interim project manager.

K Russell also provided an update on the appointment of the coordinator for the Adelaide Coastal Councils Network (ACCN). Development of a strategic plan for ACCN will include coordination with SA Coastal Councils Association (SACCA), which covers regional coastal councils in South Australia.

The Board resolved to:

Note the status of the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP) grant funded project Coastal Adaptation for South Australia, to be known herein as SA Climate Ready Coasts.

Request a detailed presentation on SA Climate Ready Coasts from the interim project manager M Armand.

3.1.3 Disaster Ready Fund

The Board discussed the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund and the proposed submission for a Coastal Hazard Risk Mitigation project, which seeks to augment the Board's Coast Protection Grant program to increase the number of projects to be supported along the SA coast.

The Board considered committing \$1 million per year over three years from its Coast Protection Grant Program with in-kind support from DEW (\$1 million) and coastal councils applying for grants contributing \$4 million in cash and in-kind co-contributions. The matching federal funding request would be for \$8 million for a total program of \$16 million over three years.

The Board resolved to:

Note the release of the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund.

Agree to an in-principle commitment of \$3 million over three years from the Coast Protection Board's Grant Program to leverage additional funding from the federal government and coastal councils to augment the grant program.

Endorse the Department for Environment and Water's Coastal Risk Mitigation Project application to the Australian Government's 2023-24 (Round 1) Disaster Ready Fund.

3.2 Policy**3.2.1 Climate Science Advisory Committee**

CVs of potential members of the committee have been received and discussed with Board members. The Board agreed to form the advisory committee.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the Presiding Member to write to the agreed nominees, formally inviting them to join the Climate Science Advisory Committee.

Approve the appointment of Professor Gillanders as the Chair of the Climate Science Advisory Committee.

Note that the Climate Science Advisory Committee is expected to meet three times per year, at a cost of \$5,000.

4. Engagement and Communications**4.1 Correspondence and Media Reports****4.1.1 Correspondence****The Board resolved to:**

Note the correspondence received and the responses sent on behalf of the Board.

4.1.2 Traditional and social media

The Board resolved to:

Note the relevant media provided for information.

4.1.1 Regional Council Engagement

At its 9 December 2022 meeting the Board agreed to replace the Local Government Advisory Committee model of engagement with a combination of scheduled meetings with the LGA and SACCA and scheduled discussions at Board meetings with coastal councils. The Board discussed a proposed schedule for invitations to regions and agreed for invitations to be issued.

The Board resolved to:

Agree on schedule for regional representatives to present at Board meetings in 2023.

Approve DEW staff to liaise with regional representatives and issue invitations to present at Board meetings in 2023.

5. Operations

5.1 Manager's Report

M Townsend presented the Manager's Report, including a verbal update on the 15-16 February 2023 Country Cabinet held on Yorke Peninsula. A number of coastal issues arose, including significant increases in numbers of people at regional beaches, how to better manage uncontrolled access to beaches to prevent damage, and discussion with Councils and First Nation representatives on models to cooperate on land and access management.

The Board requested the Priorities Working Group to consider emerging issues as part of the upcoming policy review.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Manager's Report.

5.2 Adelaide Beach Management Review update

URPS has been engaged to undertake community engagement in support of the scientific review by NSW-based Bluecoast Consulting Engineers. An initial outline of the review process has been prepared and discussed with the Independent Advisory Panel, with key stakeholder engagement currently underway alongside the initial desktop review.

10.56 Arron Broom entered the meeting.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update on the review of Adelaide Beach Management.

5.3 Coastal Programs and Management Report

Murray Townsend provided an update to the Board on metropolitan beaches sand levels.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update on coastal programs.

5.4 Planning and Development Report

5.4.1 Report on DA responses

The running total of directed refusals is 7% (5 of 93 responses) in 2022-23 to the end of January 2023. In response to two recent directed refusals, both applicants are amending plans to comply with the Board's policies.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Development Applications Activity Report.

5.4.2 Performance Indicators Annual Report

A Broom presented the annual performance indicators scheme report for the year 2021-22 for the Board to note, in a summary of the State Planning Commission's *Performance Indicators Scheme Report*, which contains annual statistics on statutory referrals. The Board received 146 referrals, directed refusal of 3%, with 93% of responses returned within the statutory referral period.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Performance Indicators Scheme Report.

5.4.3 Mundoo Channel Land Division

The Board considered directing Alexandrina Council to refuse a land division application over shack sites on Mundoo Channel due to conflict with the Board's coastal hazard risk and orderly development policies and write to Alexandrina Council, recommending it develop and adopt a more strategic approach to adaptation planning at this exposed location.

A Sandery declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 11.20am.

The Board resolved to:

Direct the Alexandrina Council to refuse the land division application due to conflict with the Board's coastal hazard risk and orderly development policies.

Approve DEW to respond to Council recommending Council adopt a more strategic approach to adaptation in consultation with the Board and DEW.

A Sandery returned to the meeting at 11.27am. A Broom left the meeting 11.28am.

6. Budget and Finance

6.1 Finance Report

The Board resolved to:

Note the CPB Finance Report.

6.2 Budget Requests 2022-23

The Board considered sponsorship of two upcoming conferences: The International Acid Sulfate Soils Conference (IASSC) in March 2023, and the Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh Conference (AMSC). It was agreed to fund both conferences this financial year 2022-23.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the request for funding for sponsorship of the IASSC.

Approve the request for funding support for the 2023 AMSC.

7. Other Business**8. Topics for the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water**

- Nominee from executive of the SATC - Adam Stanford to join the Board in the absence of Kat Galpin
- CERMP & DRR
- Rolling 3-year board priorities plan to Minister
- Climate Science Advisory Committee membership has been approved
- Regional Coastal Council engagement
- Sponsorship of conferences

9. Statement of Key Outcomes

- New Board member, Mr Adam Stanford, nominee of the Chief Executive of the SA Tourism Commission
- CERMP & DRR
- Rolling 3-year board priorities plan
- Climate Science Advisory Committee membership
- Regional Coastal Council engagement
- Sponsorship of conferences

Meeting closed at 11.41am

Next meeting scheduled for Friday 31 March 2023.

Mr Jeff Tate
Presiding Member
Coast Protection Board

Date:

31/3/2023

