

Coast Protection Board Meeting

February 2023

Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board (the Board) held its first meeting for 2023 at Department for Environment and Water Offices in Adelaide - Meeting 497. The approved minutes will be released on the Board's website following its next meeting on 31 March 2023. The Board welcomed Mr Adam Stanford as a member of the Board, nominee of the Chief Executive of the SA Tourism Commission.

Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- **Three-year Rolling Priorities Plan:** The Presiding Member noted a number of the tasks in the Board 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. The Board considered the revised timelines for the remaining priority projects and requested the Priorities Working Group convert the Board Priorities Implementation Plan into a draft rolling three-year Priorities Plan for the Board's consideration.
- **Disaster Ready Fund:** The Board discussed the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund and the proposed DEW 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 agreed to an in-principle commitment of funding to support the proposal with DEW providing in-kind support and coastal councils contributing cash and in-kind co-contributions if the project the project successful.
- **Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program:** The Board received an update on the preparation of implementation plans for the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program. DEW is assisting recipients to develop the implementation plans which will be part of the grant agreements with SAFECOM, to be executed by end of May 2023.
- **Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project:** The Board received a presentation from Katherine Russell, Manager Policy Projects, SA Local Government Association on the project. The Board discussed the proposed governance structure including a Stakeholder Reference Group for wider engagement on the project. The Board noted the proposed approach of foundational projects allowing the project to commence while the LGA finalises arrangements for the project manager.



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- **Climate Science Advisory Committee:** The Board received the curriculum vitae of potential members of the committee and agreed to invite the proposed candidates to form the committee. The Board approved the appointment of Professor Gillanders as the Chair of the Climate Science Advisory Committee. The Presiding Member will write to the agreed nominees formally inviting them to join the committee with an expectation it will meet approximately three times a year.
- **Regional Coastal Council engagement:** The Board adopted a schedule of invitations for regional coastal councils to attend and present on key coastal issues for their regions at Board meetings throughout 2023, with invitations to be issued.
- **Sponsorship:** The Board approved the sponsorship request for two upcoming conferences: the International Acid Sulfate Soils Conference (IASSC) in March 2023, and the Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh Conference (AMSC) later in 2023.
- **Summer 2023 eNewsletter:** The Board noted the release of the Summer newsletter which you can subscribe to the [here](#).

