Coast Protection Board **Meeting**

March 2024

Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board held Meeting 506 on 22 March 2024 at DEW, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. The approved minutes will be released on the Board's website following its next meeting on 2 May 2024.

Key outcomes from Meeting 506 included:

- **Deputy Premier, Dr Susan Close Attended:** The Board welcomed the attendance of the Deputy Premier Dr Susan Close for part of the meeting. Mr Tate, Presiding Member provided an overview of the Board's strategic priorities and progress to date. The Deputy Premier thanked the Board for the invitation to attend and acknowledged the excellent policy work underpinned by science and evidence undertaken by the Board. She outlined the challenges in managing the impacts of climate change and identified adaptation and biodiversity as key issues to be addressed.
- **Presentation from Climate Science Advisory Committee:** Professor Gillanders, Chair of CSAC and Doctor Balston, Jacqueline Balston & Associates, presented an overview of the science on sea level rise from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the key points from the advice tabled at the Board meeting from CSAC.
- **Limestone Coast Landscape Board:** The Board received a presentation from Mr Bourne, General Manager, Limestone Coast Landscape Board (LCLB). Mr Bourne provided an overview of key projects relating to the coastal lakes of the South East Coast including Karst Springs, Lake Hawdon North and Lake George. The Lake George project is seeking to restore seagrass and reduce erosion issues by diverting drainage water from Southend to Lake George.
- **Climate Ready Coast:** Mr Arman, Program Manager, SA Climate Ready Coasts, gave a presentation on the CRC program. CRC completed a series of stakeholder engagement workshops across the State in November/December 2023 and have released a progress report in March 2024 summarising the outcomes. The detailed results of the consultation process are documented in an engagement report and a benchmarking review on coastal adaptation planning are both available on the Climate Ready Coasts website (https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about/what-we-do/sa-climate-ready-coasts).
- **Coastal tenure and management responsibilities:** DEW presented a paper outlining coastal protection responsibilities in the context of land tenure. Examples touched on the complexities that can arise for coastal hazard adaptation when tenure is mixed and seaward boundaries are incongruous.
- **Upper Spencer Regional Field Trip:** Available Board members and DEW staff will be travelling to the Upper Spencer Gulf in May for a regional field trip and will meet with key stakeholders at Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie to better understand coastal issues in the area and maintain regional engagement.