

# Coast Protection Board Meeting

December 2022

## Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board held its final meeting for 2022 at Department for Environment and Water Offices in Adelaide - Meeting 496. The approved minutes will be released on the Board's website following its next meeting on 17 February 2023.

Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- **COP27:** The Board received a presentation from Dr Neil McFarlane, Director, Climate Change and Coast and Marine who attended 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) with the Deputy Premier in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.
- **Climate Science Advisory Committee:** The Minister for Climate, Environment and Water has approved the creation of a Climate Science Advisory Committee by the Board. The Board discussed the potential membership of the Committee and DEW will issue invitations to potential members to express interest in participating on the Committee. The Board will then consider and agree on membership out-of-session. A review of sea level rise measurements and projections, and policy implications will be the first task for the Committee.
- **Coastal Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program funding success:** The Board noted the successful South Australian application to the Australian Government's 2022-23 Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program, with a total of \$6.7 million awarded for six projects out of a total \$50 million available nationally. Successful projects include Barunga West Coastal Protection, Encounter Bay Seawall, Wyomi Stage 2 Seawall, Data Collection and Modelling Study for Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot, a Coastal Adaptation & Emergency Management Strategy for Lower Eyre Peninsula, and the Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project.
- **Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project:** The Board agreed to offer a \$100,000 grant to the Local Government Association SA towards the Coastal Adaptation for South Australia project as there is significant alignment between the LGA and DEW-led project and the Board's priorities.



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- **New Local Government engagement arrangements:** The Board endorsed the approach proposed by the Presiding Member to replace the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Board with combined meetings, twice annually, with representatives from the Local Government Association, the South Australian Coastal Councils Association, DEW and the Presiding Member. In addition there will be scheduled discussions at Board meetings with coastal council representatives to maintain good engagement between the Board and local government.
- The contributions of Mr. Lea Bacon and Mr. Adam Gray were recognised by the Board as members of the Board's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC).
- **Summer 2023 eNewsletter:** the Board is preparing a Summer newsletter for release in early 2023. You can subscribe to the Board's newsletters [here](#).

