

Coast Protection Board

Minutes of Meeting 518

Date: 12 September 2025

Time: 9:30 am–12:40 pm

Location: 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide. Meeting rooms 10.5, 10.6

Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 9:30 am 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, Presiding Member

Mr James Buder

Ms Kathryn Galpin

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders

Professor Beverley Clarke

Mr Leith Blacker

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Ms Shangchen Sun, Project Officer – Board Secretariat & Grants

Dr Nicole Pelton, A/Manager Coasts

Dr Matt Ward, Director Biodiversity Science, Coast and Information

Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy (Item 4.1)

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

Guests

Professor Nicholas Harvey, Emeritus Professor, the University of Adelaide (Item 4.1.1)

Mr Michael Arman, Program Manager, SA Climate Ready Coasts (Item 4.1.2)

Ms Katherine Russell, Manager Policy Projects, Local Government Association (Item 4.1.2)

Apologies

Nil.

2.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

2.3 Minutes

2.3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of Meeting 517, held on 1 August 2025, were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

***Approve** the minutes of Meeting 517 held on 1 August 2025.*

2.3.2 Business Arising Meeting Action Report

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the outstanding Action Items.*

2.3.3 Key Outcomes Statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from the 1 August 2025 Board meeting was tabled.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Key Outcomes Statement from Meeting 517 held on 1 August 2025.*

3. Strategy and Policy

3.1 Emerging Issues and Relationships

Nil.

3.2 Work Plan

3.2.1 Work Plan 2025/26

The Board discussed the Work Plan and requested it be presented in a more practical format to facilitate easier interpretation of progress against planned activities for both departmental and grant-funded projects.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Work Plan*

***Action:** DEW to revise Work Plan presentation*

3.2.2 Coast Protection Grant Programs

The Board heard the process for the assessment of Coast Protection Grant applications involved a workshop by a multi-disciplinary panel of Coast Unit officers assessing each application against the established criteria of coastal hazard risk (likelihood and consequence) as well as benefit.

The Board discussed a range of matters related to the timing of the grants, constraints around the annual funding basis, and options for revising the grant programs to support more strategic investments and alignment with local government budget processes.

The Board requested to review and approve the recommended grant programs out-of-session.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the applications received for the 2025-26 Coast Protection Grant Program and the 2025-26 Community Participation Grant Program.*

Action: Review and approve the assessment, prioritisation and funding recommendations for the 2025-26 Coast Protection Grant Program and the 2025-26 Community Participation Grant Programs out of session.

3.2.3 Annual CPB Field Trip – South East - Draft Itinerary

The Board discussed the draft Field Trip itinerary, who they would like to engage with in the region, and the merits of flying back versus driving back.

The Board resolved to:

Note the draft itinerary for the Field Trip from 29-31 October 2025.

Action: DEW staff to invite key stakeholders including coastal council elected members and CEOs, Landscape Board Chair and General Manager, First Nations representatives to meet with them about key coastal issues as well as invite them to a networking dinner.

Action: DEW staff to finalise itinerary based on stakeholder response and timing to enable a flight back from Mt Gambier.

3.3 Governance Matters

3.3.1 Annual report

The Board discussed the content of the Annual Report and requested to review and approve the Report out-of-session.

The Board discussed the status of the Climate Science Advisory Committee and advocated to continue advancing the work it had undertaken, and integrating the work with that of the broader department, in particular climate change science, given the Coast Unit's move to the Biodiversity, Science, Coasts and Information Branch within the Biodiversity and Nature Economy Division.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Coast Protection Board 2024-25 Annual Report.

Action: Review and approve the Coast Protection Board 2024-25 Annual Report out of session.

4. Engagement and Communications

4.1 Presentations

4.1.1 History of the Coast Protection Act

Emeritus Professor Nick Harvey provided an overview of the evolution of coast protection and development policy and legislation since the establishment of the *Coast Protection Act 1972*.

4.1.2 SA Climate Ready Coasts Update

Mr Michael Arman provided an update to the Board on the SA Climate Ready Coasts Program being led by the LGA SA in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water and the Coast Protection

Board. The Board provided funding to the LGA for the establishment of an 'Expert Panel' that will provide expert guidance and advice to support quality delivery of coastal hazard adaptation planning in SA.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the presentations provided by Nicholas Harvey and SA Climate Ready Coasts Local Government Association*

4.2 Correspondence and Media Reports

4.2.1 Correspondence

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the correspondence received and sent on behalf of the Board*

***Action:** DEW to Request additional information regarding the funding request from the SA Coastal Councils Alliance for the 2025 Coastal Forum*

***Action:** DEW to prepare a submission on behalf of the Board to the review of the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*

4.2.2 Traditional and Social Media

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the media articles (Attachments 17-46)*

4.2.3 CPB eNewsletter (July-September)

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the draft CPB eNewsletter (July-September 2025), draft CPB eNewsletter Protocol and the proposed CPB eNewsletter edition schedule out of session*

***Action:** Review and approve the draft CPB eNewsletter (July-September 2025), draft CPB eNewsletter Protocol and the CPB eNewsletter edition schedule out of session*

5. Operations

5.1 Manager's Report

The Coast Unit is actively recruiting four new Team Leaders and multiple coastal engineering and scientific officers.

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the Manager's Report*

5.2 Coastal Programs Report

The Board resolved to:

***Note** the update on Coastal Programs*

5.3 Planning and Development Report

5.3.1 DA Activity Report

The Board resolved to:

Note the Development Applications Activity Report

5.3.2 Significant Development Proposals

The Board resolved to:

Note the information provided on Significant Development Proposals

5.3.3 Sea Level Rise Benchmarks - Code Amendment

The Board resolved to:

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

5.3 Climate Ready Government

Action: DEW to arrange an update from relevant DEW representative at future meetings when appropriate

6. Budget and Finance

6.1 Finance Report

The Board resolved to:

Note the 2025-26 finance report

Note the 2024-25 Financial Statements have been submitted to the Audit Office of South Australia

7. Any Other Business

Dr Matt Ward, Director Biodiversity Science, Coast and Information, provided an update on the algal bloom and DEW's role to date.

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders shared that she is involved in committees on Impact Assessment and Cuttlefish, and working with the SA Museum on collections of biological information for a range of species.

8. Topics for Minister for Climate, Environment & Water

- Coast Protection Grant Programs
- Annual CPB Field Trip – South East
- SA Climate Ready Coasts Update Presentation (Mr Michael Arman and Ms Katherine Russell)
- Algal Bloom Update (Dr Matt Ward)

9. Statement of Key Outcomes

- Annual CPB Field Trip – South East - Draft Itinerary
- History of the SA Coast Protection Act Presentation (Professor Nick Harvey)
- SA Climate Ready Coasts Update Presentation (Mr Michael Arman and Ms Katherine Russell)
- Algal Bloom Update (Dr Matt Ward)

10. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Friday, 24 October 2025

SE Field Trip - Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 October 2025

Meeting closed at 12:30 pm.



Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board

Date: 24.10.25