

Coast Protection Board

Minutes of Meeting 520

Date: 5 December 2025
Time: 9:30 am–12 noon
Location: 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide - Room 10.5-10.6

1. 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
Professor Bronwyn Gillanders
Professor Beverley Clarke
Ms Kathryn Galpin, Board Member
Mr Leith Blacker

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Dr Matt Ward, Director Biodiversity Science, Coast and Information
Dr Nicole Pelton, A/Manager Coasts
Ms Lucy Jensen, Team Leader Policy, Planning & Governance Coasts
Ms Shangchen Sun, Project Officer – Board Secretariat & Grants Coasts
Ms Olivia D'Arienzo, Business Support Officer, Coasts
Ms Tanya Rosewarne, Scientific Officer, Coasts (Item 3.3)
Mr Peter Allen, Senior Coastal Planner, Coasts (Item 4.2)
Mr Kym Gerner, Coast and River Policy Planner (Item 4.2)
Mr Daniel Walton, Senior River Planner (Item 4.2)

Guests

Mr Ben Bruce, Chief Executive DEW

Introduction

Ms Lucy Jensen, Team Leader Policy, Planning & Governance Coasts, DEW

Apologies

Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy, DEW

2.2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

2.3 Confirmation of Meeting 519 Minutes and Actions

2.3.1 Minutes from Meeting 519

The draft minutes of Meeting 519, held on 24 October 2025, were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the minutes of Meeting 519 held on 24 October 2025.

2.3.2 Key Outcomes Statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from the 24 October 2025 Board meeting was tabled.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Key Outcomes Statement from Meeting 519 held on 24 October 2025.

2.3.3 Action Items Register

The Board resolved to:

Note the action items register from Meeting 519 held on 24 October 2025.

3. Engagement and Communications

3.1 Emerging Issues and Relationships

3.1.1 Chief Executive DEW

Mr Ben Bruce provided a brief update on the SA algal bloom, noting that the outlook remains cautiously optimistic. He emphasised the importance of prioritising governance along the regional coast, considering future climate change impacts, evidence-informed decision-making, and ensuring ongoing education, engagement and awareness at both community and national levels.

Dr Nicole Pelton provided a summary of the Unit's priorities for 2026 to the Chief Executive.

The Board resolved to:

Note the informal update provided by the Chief Executive

3.1.2 Director Biodiversity Science, Coasts and Information

Dr Matthew Ward noted that several recruitments are currently underway within the Coast Unit.

The Board resolved to:

Note the informal briefing provided by the Director

3.1.3 Board Members

Nil.

3.2 Correspondence and Media

3.2.1 Correspondence

The Board resolved to:

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

Action: DEW, on behalf of the Board, will consider formally commenting on the Green Adelaide Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 - Open for Consultation, closes 19/12/25.

3.2.2 Media

The Board resolved to:

Note the media articles provided for information.

3.2.3 Newsletter

The Board resolved to:

Note the newsletter provided for information.

3.3 Engagement and Communications

3.3.1 CPB Field Trip Report

Ms Tanya Rosewarne briefed the Board on the field trip report, summarising key findings and highlighting issues of interest. The Board acknowledged that it was a successful field trip and emphasised the ongoing priority of maintaining face-to-face engagement with First Nations communities, landscape boards, and regional stakeholders. Improving support for councils for their coastal hazard adaptation planning was also discussed.

The Board resolved to:

Note report summarising the Board's recent South East field trip.

3.3.2 Draft eNewsletter

The Board resolved to:

Approve draft eNewsletter 2025 December Edition for publishing via Campaign Manager

4. Governance, Policy and Planning

4.1 Work Plan 2025/26

Ms Lucy Jensen presented the proposed forward agenda for 2026, highlighting an approach to align agenda items with the Board's key priority themes. Key priority items were also discussed, including the need to progress adjusting the Sea Level Rise policy benchmarks to minimise future risk to coastal communities, planned infrastructure and public expenditure from coastal flooding via a Code Amendment (note this has been assigned to DEW as an action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan but is currently unfunded). In making this recommendation the CPB has been informed by a SLR and Board Policy Advice Report (Climate Science Advisory Committee, March 2024, a SLR – Code Amendment Scoping Report (Ekistics Planning, June 2024), and Department for Environment and Water (DEW) advice. Ms Jensen noted that she will provide a detailed status update / project briefing in the new year.

The Board noted that a field trip to Kangaroo Island will be included in the program and discussed provisional dates for mid-September 2026.

The Board also considered opportunities for collaboration with other Boards, including a proposed meeting with the Stormwater Management Authority in February 2026 and a proposed meeting with Green Adelaide in May 2026.

The Board resolved to:

Note *Priority Projects Work Plan 2025/26*

Action: *A calendar placeholder for the September field trip 2026 will be circulated to Board members.*

Action: *DEW will revisit the Work Plan 2025/26.*

4.2 Planning & Development**4.2.1 Development Activity Report**

Mr Kym Gerner provided a summary of the development applications report, highlighting a new development application on Mundoo Channel Drive. He also briefed the Board on updates regarding Cape Jaffa Marina, including sand transfer works and dredging management.

The Board resolved to:

Note *the Development Applications Activity Report*

Note *the Significant Development Proposals Report*

4.2.1.1 Middleton Land Division

Mr Peter Allen briefed the Board on a land division proposal at Middleton, outlining the potential impacts of future development and associated stormwater management challenges. The Board noted the Coast Unit's ongoing efforts to have a proposed stormwater outfall to the coast removed from the design to mitigate harm to the adjacent Marine Park Sanctuary Protection Area.

The Board resolved to:

Note *the information in this paper, including the Coast Unit's preliminary position regarding the subject Development Application.*

Authorise *the Acting Manager, Coasts, to direct refusal of the Development Application if required, pending the receipt and assessment of further information from the applicant.*

4.2.2 Port Stanvac Code Amendment

Mr Peter Allen provided an update on a Code Amendment underway to rezone a coastal area for future development. The Board noted the significance of the area's unique coastal habitat and discussed concerns regarding the foreshore, which is proposed to remain zoned as industrial / strategic employment rather than Conservation. The Board and Green Adelaide have requested that the foreshore be included in the Amendment and be zoned Conservation to ensure appropriate protection. Mr Allen advised that this feedback falls outside the current Amendment boundary and as such is technically not required to be considered as part of the formal consultation process, therefore it is requested that the Board write separately to the Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) on this matter.

The Board resolved to:

Note *DEW's comments on the Port Stanvac Mixed Use Code Amendment.*

Action: *Via DEW Manager Coasts, write to DHUD requesting that any Code Amendment in relation to Port Stanvac should seek to rezone Strategic Employment Zone adjacent to the coastline to Conservation Zone.*

5. Coast Unit Business & Operations

5.1 Manager's Report

Dr Nicole Pelton provided updates on Coast Unit business, including staffing matters and Adelaide beach management operations. Ms. Lucy Jensen gave further details on recruitment and progress of the 2025–26 grant programs.

James Bruder left the meeting at 11:30 am.

SA Climate Ready Coasts Project Plan – Understanding Coastal Change Video Series was also discussed. It was agreed that further work is required to rescope the project plan to ensure the topics and governance are fit for purpose, and delivery will be valuable and impactful (e.g. engaging a professional script writer). The Board discussed potentially supporting a process of co-design (including co-branding).

The Board resolved to:

Note the Manager's Report

Action Beverley Clarke/DEW to raise the Board's concerns about the proposed video series at the upcoming SA CRC Executive Steering Committee meeting, and suggest CRC, in collaboration with DEW and the Board, rescopes the project.

6. CPB Budget

6.1 Finance Report

The Board will revisit the Strategic Plan next year and explore opportunities, where possible, to secure funding over a longer period in a more strategic manner, rather than focusing solely on annual financial cycles.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Finance Report.

Action DEW will brief the Board in February 2026 meeting on the underspend and present proposals and options.

7. Any Other Business

Nil.

8. Summary of Meeting 520

8.1 Communique for Minister for Climate, Environment & Water

- Leith Blacker's employment change
- Proposed forward agenda 2026

Action: Invite Consultant Coastal Engineer Annabel Sandery to present to the Board at the February meeting 2026 regarding SA's Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning Framework

8.2 Statement of Key Outcomes

9. Next Meeting

Meeting 521 - Friday 6 February 2026

Meeting closed at 12:03 noon.

Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board

Date: 6/2/2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. A. W.', is written below the date.