

Coast Protection Board Meeting

September 2025

Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board (the Board) held Meeting 518 on 12 September 2025 at the offices of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. The meeting minutes will be released on the Board's [webpage](#) following their confirmation at the next meeting.

Key outcomes from the Meeting 518 included:

- **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.

- **Annual CPB Field Trip – South East**

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.

- **Presentation from Professor Nick Harvey**

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.

- **Presentation from the Local Government Association**

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.

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- **Update on Harmful Algal Bloom**

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.