

Coast Protection Board Meeting

JUNE 2026

Key outcomes statement

The Coast Protection Board held Meeting 523 on 26 June 2026 at the offices of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. Meeting minutes are published [here](#) following confirmation at the subsequent meeting.

Key outcomes from the Meeting 523 included:

Presentation on Northern Water Project Update

The Board received a presentation from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport on the Northern Water Project. The presentation provided an overview of the project, including proposed desalination infrastructure, pipeline components and associated marine works, as well as current planning and environmental approval processes. The Board noted the strategic importance of the project in supporting long-term water security for northern South Australia. The Board also noted that coastal and marine considerations are being addressed through the project's planning and assessment processes, and acknowledged the importance of ongoing collaboration between agencies. The Board will continue to be kept informed as the project progresses.

Special Briefing on H5 Bird Flu

The Board received a special briefing from Dr Karl Hillyard, H5 Bird Flu Preparedness Coordinator, DEW, on H5 Bird Flu, including an overview of the emerging strain, its global spread and potential impacts on wildlife, agriculture and human health. The Board noted current surveillance and preparedness activities at both national and state levels, including monitoring, risk assessment and interagency coordination arrangements. The Board acknowledged the importance of early detection, clear communication and coordinated response across government and stakeholders. The role of community awareness and reporting in supporting early identification and response was also noted.