

# Coast Protection Board

## Minutes of Meeting 519

**Date:** 24 October 2025

**Time:** 9:30 am–11:45 am

**Location:** 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide. Room 10.5-10.6 & [MS Teams](#)

### 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

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 Shangchen Sun, Project Officer – Board Secretariat & Grants

Ms Olivia D'Arienzo, Business Support Officer, Coasts

#### **Guests**

Mr Brenton Grear, Director, Green Adelaide, DEW

Mr Chris Daniels, Director, Cleland Wildlife Park, DEW

#### **Apologies**

Ms Kathryn Galpin, Board Member

Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy

### 2.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

*Nil.*

### 2.3 Minutes

#### 2.3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of Meeting 518, held on 12 September 2025, were received by the Board.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Approve** the minutes of Meeting 518 held on 12 September 2025.

### 2.3.2 Business Arising Meeting Action Report

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the outstanding Action Items.

**Note** that Sponsorship and Funding Policy item has been deferred to the next meeting. The status of the associated action will be updated to In Progress.

**Action:** to include an additional column titled Approved to separate from the overall status of the work.

### 2.3.3 Key Outcomes Statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from the 12 September 2025 Board meeting was tabled.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the Key Outcomes Statement from Meeting 518 held on 12 September 2025.

## 3. Strategy and Policy

### 3.1 Emerging Issues and Relationships

Marine Parks assessment is expected in 2026.

CRC has applied for Commonwealth funding to support councils with CHAPs; most are expected to reach Stage 2 by mid-2026.

No CPB/DEW attendance at the Horseshoe Bay forum, though DEW staff have been involved in related work.

### 3.2 Work Plan 2025/26

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the updated work plan and format

## 4. Engagement and Communications

### 4.1 Correspondence and Media Reports

#### 4.1.1 Correspondence

**The Board resolved to:**

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

**Action:** Correspondence to be forwarded to Board members earlier and in a timely manner, without waiting for the next meeting.

#### 4.1.2 Traditional and Social Media

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the media articles provided for information

## 4.2 Presentations – Green Adelaide

Mr Brenton Gear, Director of Green Adelaide, and Mr Chris Daniels, Director of Cleland Wildlife Park, provided an overview of Green Adelaide, including its projects, Coast & Seas activities, and the Regional Landscape Plan development. The Board was presented with the Green Adelaide snapshots sheet. Future engagement and collaboration with the Green Adelaide will be identified for the coming years.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the presentations provided by the Green Adelaide.

**Note** the Green Adelaide has invited the Board to a Board-to-Board meeting next year.

**Action:** DEW will hold a discussion with the Landscape Board during the southeast field trip regarding the conservation plan.

## 5. Operations

### 5.1 Manager's Report

An update was provided on the recruitment process, appointments, and interim arrangements for Team Leaders and several coastal engineering and scientific officer roles. Additionally, an update was presented on the Adelaide Beach Management Operations.

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the Manager's Report

### 5.2 Development Activity Report

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the Development Applications Activity Report

**Note** the Significant Development Proposals Report

**Action:** DEW to correct applicant name typo regarding Yankalilla Wirrina Cove application

## 6. Budget and Finance

### 6.1 Finance Report

**The Board resolved to:**

**Note** the 2025-26 finance budget

**Action:** DEW will coordinate regular meetings between the Presiding Member and the Chief Executive to support ongoing communication and collaboration.

**Action:** Contact the Stormwater Management Authority to clarify the scope of collaboration for next year

### 6.2 Sponsorship Request for the SACCA Forum

**The Board resolved to:**

**Approve** funding of \$1,500 for the 2025 SACCA Coastal Forum, with recognition as a general sponsor.

**7. Any Other Business**

Leith Blacker updated his employment, leaving Lower Eyre Council to take up the role of General Manager Environment & Infrastructure at the City of Port Lincoln.

**Action:** Further notifications of Leith Blacker's employment change will need to be confirmed by DEW.

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

**8. Topics for Minister for Climate, Environment & Water**

- Green Adelaide Presentation (Mr Brenton Grear and Mr Chris Daniels)
- Field Trip update

**9. Statement of Key Outcomes**

- Green Adelaide Presentation (Mr Brenton Grear and Mr Chris Daniels)
- Field Trip update

**10. Next Meeting**

Meeting 520 - Friday 5 December 2025, followed by the Christmas Lunch with DEW staff (1 hour)

**Meeting closed at 11:41 pm.**



**Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board**

Date: 05.12.25