

Coast Protection Board

Minutes of Meeting 521

Date: 6 February 2026
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide - Room 10.5-10.6

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement

Professor Beverley Clarke chaired the meeting in the absence of the Presiding Member, the Hon Paul Caica.

Prof. Clarke opened the meeting at 9:30 am with an Acknowledgment of Country and confirmed a quorum. The Board adopted the agenda and noted the items requiring decisions.

2. Administration

2.1 Introductions & Apologies

Board Members

Professor Beverley Clarke
Mr James Buder
Professor Bronwyn Gillanders
Ms Kathryn Galpin
Mr Leith Blacker

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy
Dr Matt Ward, Director Biodiversity Science, Coasts and Information
Dr Nicole Pelton, A/Manager Coasts
Ms Lucy Jensen, Team Leader Policy, Planning & Governance
Ms Shangchen Sun, Project Officer – Board Secretariat & Grants
Mr Rizwan Mahmood, Senior Policy Officer

Apologies

Hon Paul Caica, Presiding Member

Guests

Ms Annabel Sandery, Principal Advisor, Coastal Resilience, DEW (Items 3.1.4 and 3.3.1)
Professor Chris Daniels, Presiding Member Green Adelaide Landscape Board (Items 3.1.4 and 3.3.1)
Mr Brenton Gear, Director Green Adelaide Landscape Board (Item 3.1.4)
Mr Peter Allen, Senior Coastal Planner, DEW (Item 4.2)
Mr Kym Gerner, Coast and River Planner, DEW (Item 4.2)

2.2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2.3 Confirmation of Meeting 520 Minutes and Actions

2.3.1 Minutes from Meeting 520

The draft minutes of Meeting 520 held on 5 December 2025 were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the minutes of Meeting 520 held on 5 December 2025.

2.3.2 Key Outcomes Statement

The Key Outcomes Statement from Meeting 520 held on the 5 December 2025 was tabled.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Key Outcomes Statement from Meeting 520 held on 5 December 2025.

2.3.3 Action Items Register

The Board resolved to:

Note the Action Items Register.

3. Engagement and Communications

3.1 Emerging Issues and Relationships

3.1.1 DEW Executive Updates

Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy, provided a brief update on the recent Adelaide Beach Management Review (ABMR) announcement by the SA Government.

Dr Matthew Ward, Director Biodiversity Science, Coasts and Information, advised that engagement with key stakeholders was underway, and a dedicated Program Manager role was being recruited to implement the State Government's decision.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update provided by the Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy and the Director, Biodiversity Science, Coasts and Information.

3.1.2 Board Member Updates

Professor Beverley Clarke advised that an action arising from the SA Climate Ready Coasts Steering Committee meeting was for the Board to consider the merits of developing a role and responsibilities statement in relation to coastal management in South Australia.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the consideration of a roles and responsibilities statement at a future meeting.

3.1.3 Presentation – Adelaide Beach Management Review (ABMR) Outcomes

Dr Nicole Pelton, Acting Manager Coasts, provided a briefing to the Board and Green Adelaide on the outcomes of the ABMR, including the evidence-base underpinning the Government's decision to implement a long-term sand replenishment program using dredging, and an overview of the next steps to implement the program.

The Board resolved to:

Note the presentation by Dr Nicole Pelton on the outcome of the Adelaide Beach Management Review.

3.2 Engagement and Communications

3.2.1 Presentation – Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning

Ms Annabel Sandery, Principal Advisor Coastal Resilience, briefed the Board on the new SA Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning (CHAP) Framework, explaining the scope of the Guidelines and status of the interim Implementation Model.

The Board resolved to:

Note the presentation by Ms Annabel Sandery on DEW's role in Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning.

3.3 Correspondence and Media

3.3.1 Correspondence

The Board resolved to:

Note the correspondence received and sent.

Approve the response to the South East Coastal Care Initiative regarding support for Cape Jaffa sand management.

Approve the response to Department for Housing and Urban Development regarding the Port Stanvac Code Amendment.

Approve the request from Department for Infrastructure and Transport on the Northern Water Project.

Receive draft submissions to the Draft Eyre Peninsula Regional Landscape Plan and Draft Hills and Fleurieu Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 for approval out-of-session.

3.3.2 Media

The Board resolved to:

Note the media articles tabled.

4. Governance, Policy and Planning

4.1 Priority Projects Work Plan 2025/26

4.1.1 Forward Agenda

Ms Lucy Jensen presented a draft Meeting Forward Agenda proposing key items for 2026 meetings and potential offsite locations.

The potential Hindmarsh Island offsite location has been removed from March to July.

The Board resolved to:

Note CPB Forward Agenda.

Approve scheduling of the annual field trip to Kangaroo Island from 14 to 18 September 2026.

4.1.2 Climate Ready Government Update

Ms Lucy Jensen, Team Leader – Policy, Planning & Governance, outlined the options in relation to the implementation of *DPC Circular 7 – Climate Ready Government*.

The Board resolved to:

Note the requirements of *DPC Circular 7 – Climate Ready Government* implementation and the Department for Environment and Water's implementation model.

Approve becoming a DEW-affiliated body to enable centralised coordination of climate risk assessment, carbon management planning and annual reporting by the Department for Environment and Water.

4.2 Planning & Development

4.2.1 Development Activity and Significant Development Proposals

Mr Kym Gerner, Coast and River Planner, provided a summary of the 19 development applications received between November and December 2025.

The Board resolved to:

Note the *Development Applications Activity Report*

Note the *Significant Development Proposals Report*

4.2.2 Middle River Tourism Development Proposal

Mr Peter Allen, Senior Coastal Planner, briefed the Board on the Middle River Tourism Development proposal and the assessment against Board policy and the Planning and Design Code.

The Board resolved to:

Request more information be provided out-of-session to enable a decision on the *Middle River Tourism Development proposal*.

5. Coast Unit Business & Operations

5.1 Manager's Report

Dr Nicole Pelton provided an update on Coast Unit business and the Board also discussed the potential dates meeting with the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA), noting that these dates fall outside the Board's usual meeting schedule. The Board discussed that attending only the relevant portion of the joint meeting would be the most practical approach, particularly if a specific resolution is to be considered. The option of meeting on 11 May was considered feasible and can provide a more suitable timeframe for thorough preparation.

The Board resolved to:

Note the *Manager's Report*

Approve attendance at Stormwater Management Authority meeting on 11 May.

6. CPB Budget

6.1 Finance Report

Dr Nicole Pelton updated the Board on the budget including an estimated revenue shortfall of \$16,000 due to lower than anticipated assessment fees, and an estimated underspend.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Finance Report.

Approve quarantining \$16,000 to cover the forecast shortfall in DA revenue.

Request DEW provide options for reallocation of estimated underspend for Board approval,

7. Any Other Business

Nil.

8. Summary of Meeting 521

8.1 Communique for Minister for Climate, Environment & Water

- Presentation on Adelaide Beach Management Review
- Presentation on Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning
- Climate Ready Government Update

8.2 Statement of Key Outcomes

- Presentation on Adelaide Beach Management Review
- Presentation on Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning

9. Next Meeting

Meeting 522 - Friday 20 March 2026

Meeting closed at 12:20.



Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board

Date: *01.05.2026*