

Coast Protection Board News

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The Coast Protection Board acknowledges Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and waters we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.



The Sugarloaf, Hallett Cove (Image Credit: Ali Turner)

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Maupertius Bay, Kangaroo Island (Image Credit: Ali Turner)

A note from the Presiding Member

Welcome to the first edition of the Coast Protection Board's eNewsletter. I'm Jeff Tate, the Presiding Member of the Board.



The coast can be defined as the place where the land meets the sea. It is a remarkable and dynamic environment comprising diverse terrestrial, estuarine and marine ecosystems, great natural beauty and exceptional opportunities for recreation and relaxation.

South Australia has over 5,500 kilometres of coastline, including estuaries, coastal lagoons, mudflats and sandflats, sandy beaches and dunefields, rocky shores, dramatic cliffs, intertidal reef and seagrass ecosystems.

The Coast Protection Board recognises that the South Australian coast is one of the state's most valuable assets: the health and resilience of our coastal areas underpin a range of critical services which are important to South Australians - environmentally, socially, culturally and economically.

This year marks 50 years of South Australia's *Coast Protection Act 1972*, and the Coast Protection Board established under the Act.

Reflecting on the last five decades, the current Board members would like to acknowledge those who came before us, both as Board members and the departmental staff providing support to the Board.

The objectives of the *Coast Protection Act 1972* are to:

- protect the coast from erosion, damage, deterioration, pollution and misuse
- restore any part of the coast that has been subjected to erosion, damage, deterioration, pollution or misuse

- develop any part of the coast aesthetically, or improve it for those who use and enjoy it
- manage, maintain and develop those coast facilities that the Board is responsible for
- report to the Minister where required, and
- carry out, or be involved in, research into the protection, restoration or development of the coast.

South Australia was the second Australian state to enact coastal management legislation, and the first to plan for the future impacts of climate change by adopting a sea-level rise benchmark of 0.3 metres by 2050 and 1 metre by 2100 via the Coast Protection Board's *1991 Policy on Coast Protection and New Coastal Development*. These sea-level rise allowances were subsequently regulated via the State's planning system, and are now embedded in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and the Planning and Design Code.

Several other pieces of South Australian legislation assign coastal management responsibilities to other government bodies. The Board appreciates that considerable responsibility is vested in coastal councils in relation to land tenure and care, control and management of the coast. Section 18(4) of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993* gives councils care and control over a substantial portion of nearshore and foreshore land.

There are also large amounts of Crown Land along South Australia's coast and Section 18 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2009* allows the Minister to dedicate unalienated Crown Land to local government. Crown Land is commonly dedicated to councils for various purposes, including as community land, in accord with the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The current Board has been working on 1) setting strategic priorities and 2) understanding how we can support and facilitate integration between our partners in coastal management. Our goal is to provide strategic leadership to support relevant authorities and organisations to sustainably manage our coastline.

As part of this, the Coast Protection Board is seeking to improve engagement and communication regarding key priorities and issues across coastal South Australia. This newsletter is a small step in that direction, as are the forums with coastal council CEOs that were hosted by the Board in May and October this year.

I look forward to updating you regularly, and encourage you to subscribe to this eNewsletter to receive seasonal information on the Board's priority projects, grant funding opportunities, and other coastal matters.

Regards,

Jeff Tate



The Salmon Hole, Beachport (Image Credit: DEW)

Strategic Priorities

The Coast Protection Board has set the following strategic priorities, which will form the basis of our strategic action planning as well as inform our budget planning into the future.

The priorities are:

Engagement and Communications

Improve the Board's engagement and communication practices to provide better understanding of, and transparency around, the Board's role, priorities, and decisions, as well as facilitate opportunities to collaborate and learn with coastal management partners.

Regional Support

Consider the needs and issues faced by coastal councils and develop options and mechanisms to engage with and support them accordingly.

Adaptation Planning

Consider how the Board can support the evidence base, uptake, processes, and standards for adaptation to coastal hazards in a changing climate.

Review of Coast Protection Board Grant Programs

Consult coastal councils to review whether current programs are fit for purpose or need to change.

Information Network

Improve access to coastal data and monitoring information.

Board Policy Update

Review and update the Board 2016 Policy Document.

First Nations Engagement & Reconciliation

Develop First Nations engagement and reconciliation actions.

Sustainable Funding Models

Provide strategic leadership and investigation into mechanisms for funding coastal management and adaptation.



Coastal Spinifex, Kangaroo Island (Image Credit: Ali Turner)

2022-23 Coast Protection Board Grant Programs

The Coast Protection Board provides grants to coastal councils to support projects that help to sustain, restore, and protect South Australia's precious coastal resources.

Coast Protection Grants

Coast Protection Grants provide funding to coastal councils to manage and protect South Australia's valuable coastal assets and address climate change risks.

Over the last decade, the Board has provided over \$8 million in funding to coastal councils via Coast Protection Grants for a range of protection projects such as seawalls, levees, beach nourishment, repair of storm-damaged structures, conservation projects including dune rehabilitation and revegetation, projects that increase coastal amenity and public use of the South Australian coast, and increasingly, coastal hazard studies, risk assessments and adaptation strategies.

Community Participation Grants

Community Participation Grants support volunteer groups to partner with local government to undertake small-scale, on-ground coastal management initiatives. In recognition of the local government election period, the release of the grant programs has been delayed this year.

Grants Open: 1 November 2022

Grants Close: 28 February 2023

For more information, please visit:

[Department for Environment and Water - Coast Protection Board Grants](#)



Metropolitan Adelaide coastline, Seacliff (Image Credit: DEW)

Planning and Development

In accord with the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, planning authorities must refer certain development applications on coastal land to the Coast Protection Board. Most responses are issued under delegation by Department for Environment and Water staff.

DEW provides a report on development application responses every Board meeting, for the Board to monitor how the Board's policies have been applied and the delegations exercised. The Board will consider and adjudicate on responses to proposals that are significant, controversial, and/or where the applicability of Board policy is uncertain.

Summary of responses to Development Applications

Last Financial Year (1 Jul 2021- 30 Jun 2022)

Responses to Development Applications: 177

- No Objection: 168 (95%)
- Advised Refusal*: 8 (4.5%)
- Directed Refusal: 1 (0.5%) (at variance with coastal flood hazard risk policy)

**Board Policy no longer supports Advised Refusal; any Refusals are Directed.*

Year to Date (1 Jul – 30 Sep 2022)

Responses to Development Applications: 44

- No Objection: 41 (93%)
- Directed Refusal: 3 (7%) (two at variance with coastal flood hazard risk policy; one at variance with coastal biodiversity & orderly development policies)



Intertidal Reef, Mundy Terrace, Robe (Image Credit: DEW)

Meet the Board...

Mr Jeff Tate

I am the nominee of the Chief Executive for the Department for Environment and Water, and have been the Presiding Member of the Coast Protection Board since June 2020.

Since 2011 I have been the Director of my management consulting business, specialising in the development, review and implementation of policy and strategy; organisational alignment; partnering and relationships; governance; problem solving; leadership mentoring and coaching; and facilitation and negotiation. Prior to 2011, I gained extensive experience in the local government sector, including as a Chief Executive Officer for almost 20 years. This included over 14 years as CEO with the City of Onkaparinga, the largest local authority in South Australia with a spectacular and challenging stretch of coast.

I look forward to building on the achievements of the Board over its 50 year history and refining the arrangements for managing our coast to face future challenges.

Ms Amanda Wilson



I am passionate about our coastal environment and have been proud to be a member of the Coast Protection Board since 2019 as the appointee of the Minister with experience and knowledge in local government.

I was elected as the first female Mayor of the City of Holdfast Bay in November 2018. In my time as Mayor I have advocated for environmental programs and campaigned to achieve grant funding for the Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) trial program, which is now being implementing across the entire City of Holdfast Bay.

I am a former Commercial Partner in an Adelaide legal firm, and previously served on the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia where I chaired the Audit Committee and was a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr James Buder



I have been a member of the Coast Protection Board since 2020 as the nominee of the Chief Executive of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

In my role as Director Marine Services, Department for Infrastructure and Transport, I am responsible for the delivery of an integrated and coordinated approach to marine infrastructure and services, including the coordination and management of State marine assets, operations and programs; administration of the *Harbors and Navigation Act*

1993; and management of the maritime safety program, recreational boating facilities and commercial boat yards. I am also the State's Marine Pollution Controller.

Prior to commencing this role, I held various roles within DIT and have a background in regional and industry development.

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders



I have been a member of the Coast Protection Board since 2019 as the Ministerial appointment with experience and knowledge in biological science and environmental protection.

I am currently Deputy Dean Research in the Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology at the University of Adelaide, and lead an internationally-recognised research group focusing on environmental issues related to marine, estuarine and freshwater ecology including integrated marine management and microplastics in the marine environment and seafood.

I am a member of the Marine Innovations Southern Australia (MISA) Steering Committee; Goyder Institute for Water Research Management Committee; and, Southwest Marine Parks Advisory Committee. I am currently Editor of *Fish and Fisheries* and Chief Editor of Marine Biology for *Frontiers in Marine Science*.

I am fascinated by the ecological and environmental insights that the hard parts of marine organisms (e.g. otoliths, bone, shells) can provide, and have a particular interest in coastal habitat restoration and blue carbon opportunities.

Ms Kathryn Galpin



As the nominee of the Chief Executive of the South Australian Tourism Commission, I served as a member of the Coast Protection Board during 2018/2019 and re-joined in July this year.

In my role as Policy Manager at the South Australian Tourism Commission I am responsible for driving priority policy areas that promote the growth and sustainability of the tourism sector in South Australia.

I am experienced in government collaboration, strategic policy and advice, stakeholder management and strategy development, and previously worked with the Department for Environment and Water in National Parks, River Murray and Coorong and Lower Lakes, Fire Management and Nature-based Tourism.

I look forward to supporting the evolution of coastal adaptation planning in South Australia and the benefit it has for all who rely on a thriving and sustainable coastline.

Ms Annabel Sandery



I have been a member of the Coast Protection Board since 2020 as the Ministerial appointment with experience and knowledge in technical problems of coast protection.

As Director and Principal Coastal Engineer at Wavelength Consulting, I specialise in coast, estuarine and marine management, coastal processes and climate science. My team of specialist engineers and scientists consult across Australia, delivering complex marine and coastal projects in a clear and understandable way for clients to help them manage coastal assets and preserve the natural environment.

My expertise in this field has been recognised on several occasions, including the Premier's Climate Change Council Awards as the lead consultant for Wattle Range Council's *Southend Adaptation Strategy*, and the 2021/22 LGA Scheme Awards for leading Yorke Peninsula Council's *Coastal Strategic Risk Study*.

I am passionate about coastal adaptation planning and I look forward to collaborating and supporting coastal asset owners with understanding the importance of a sound understanding of the coastal environment to support future decision-making for our state's coastline.



Mangrove and Saltmarsh habitat, Northern Gulf St Vincent (Image Credit: DEW)

Did you know?

ACS Regional Coastal Forum - 3-4 November 2022

The Board sponsored the 2022 SA Australian Coastal Society Regional Coastal Forum held at the Marion Bay Community Hall on the Yorke Peninsula from 3-4 November 2022.

The event was well-attended by passionate coastal community advocates, academic coast and marine experts, consultants working in the field, and Landscape Board, local and state government coastal practitioners.



ACS Regional Coastal Forum Field Trip, Formby Bay, Yorke Peninsula (Image Credit: Nicole Pelton)

EPA 2023 State of the Environment Reporting

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is seeking your help in developing the **State of the Environment Report (SOER) 2023**.

The [SOER 2023 YourSay page](#) enables South Australians to share ideas on what is important, key issues, projects/programs that contribute to improving the health of the environment, and what the SOER should deliver.

Contributors are also encouraged to upload photos and share stories that can be used in the SOER website and report. Consultation timeframes are provided on the [website](#).

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