

Coast Protection Board Meeting

July 2023

Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board held Meeting 501 on 28 July 2023 at DEW, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. The approved minutes will be released on the Board's website following its next meeting on 8 September 2023.

Key outcomes from Meeting 501 included:

- **Regional Coastal Council Engagement – Spencer Gulf Cities & City of Whyalla presentation:** The Executive Officer of Spencer Gulf Cities and CEO of the Corporation of the City of Whyalla, presented to the Board, highlighting region specific coastal issues faced by the three upper Spencer Gulf Councils of Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla. This region is home to the Hydrogen Hub project, the National Heritage listed Giant Australian Cuttlefish breeding zone and the Northern Water Supply Pipeline project. The Board were advised that Port Pirie Council is working on their Solomontown Levee Bank Project with funding awarded via the Coast Protection Grants program this year. The issue of sea water quality in the upper Spencer Gulf was also raised.
- **Board submission on the proposed Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Bill:** On 26 June 2023, the Board provided a submission to the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Policy Team regarding the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act Bill during public consultation. The Board made several recommendations in relation to land use assessment and Board consultation regarding impacts of development on the coastal environment and the impacts of coastal hazards on development.
- **2023-24 Coast Protection Grants Program:** The Board approved the guidelines and assessment criteria for the upcoming 2023-24 Coast Protection Grants Program. The Board gave in-principle approval to allocate at least \$1 million dollars in funding for the program, which will open for applications on 25 August 2023 and close on 25 September 2023.
- **Climate Ready Coasts Project:** The Board endorsed an out-of-session approval to allocate funding to support program management of the Climate Ready Coasts project and facilitate the Board's priorities being delivered through the project. DEW staff are working with the LGA with the project underway in earnest since July 2023.

