

# Coast Protection Board Meeting

May 2023

## Key outcomes

The Coast Protection Board held its latest meeting on 17 May 2023 at The Seagate Motel, Moonta Bay, Yorke Peninsula - Meeting 499. The approved minutes will be released on the Board's website following its next meeting on 16 June 2023.

Key outcomes from Meeting 499 included:

- **Climate Science Advisory Committee:** The Coast Protection Board's Climate Science Advisory Committee held its first meeting on 19 April 2023 chaired by Professor Bronwyn Gillanders. The meeting received a presentation and paper from the Department for Environment and Water's Manager Coast Protection which was well received with general support from the committee about the interpretation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) data. The Committee discussed the data and conclusions of the technical paper, other local and international data, and the potential implications for South Australian coastal policy.
- **Regional Coastal Council engagement:** The Board received an excellent presentation from Mr S Goldsworthy from Yorke Peninsula Council on key coastal issues for their region. This was part of the regional coastal council engagement program established by the Board earlier in 2023.
- **Yorke Peninsula Field Trip:** The Board toured sites within the Barunga West, Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Council districts, accompanied by Council representatives, staff from the Northern & Yorke Landscapes Board and representatives of Narungga First Nations.

The tour of Guuranda (Yorke Peninsula) highlighted the range of coastal issues being faced by Councils including:

- The size of the coastline, the limited rate-payer base and number of assets being managed by councils including jetties, boat ramps and coast-based townships.
- The many areas requiring coastal adaptation strategies and protection works to mitigate the risks to infrastructure from the impacts of erosion, storm events and inundation.
- Rapid increase in beach camping on unalienated Crown Land and the resulting impacts on beaches, surrounding dunes, native vegetation, wildlife including beach-nesting birds and Narungga heritage.



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- Opportunities for the Aboriginal Ranger program to be expanded to facilitate caring for Banggara Country including sharing of culture, education, compliance and on-ground works.
- Highlighted the application of the Strategic Coastal Risk Framework used by the Yorke Peninsula Council to prioritise coastal management actions (e.g. sea wall maintenance, beach access, and erosion and hazard management). The framework also helps to manage competing expectations from stakeholders.
- **Miscellaneous Technical Enhancement Amendment to the Planning and Design Code:**  
The Miscellaneous Technical Enhancement (MTE) Code Amendment was Initiated by the State Planning Commission and proposed a series of technical amendments to enhance the general performance and operation of the Planning and Design Code (the Code).
  - In September 2022, the Coast Protection Board (the Board) submitted a response focusing on key coastal policy issues.
  - The final approved Code Amendment, as well as the Engagement Report which summarises the key feedback received, has been released by the State Planning Commission and is available at the [updated Code Amendment webpage](#).
- **Winter 2023 eNewsletter:** the Board is preparing a Winter newsletter for release in July.
  - You can subscribe to the Board's newsletters [here](#).