



# Adelaide Beach Management Review

## INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL

The Adelaide Beach Management Review Independent Advisory Panel (the Panel) has been established to consider and advise government on preferred options for the future management of sand on Adelaide's metropolitan beaches. The Panel is supported by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW)

### What is the Panel's role?

The Panel will meet to review progress on and the outcomes of a comprehensive community engagement process and the findings of an independent scientific review, to find sustainable solutions to coastal erosion across Adelaide's managed metropolitan beaches.

The Panel will consider the issues, concerns and values of the various interest groups and community members. They will also review ideas and concepts for sand management approaches as supported by scientific advice.

The scientific recommendations and community feedback will inform their recommendations to the Attorney-General of South Australia, who is responsible for this review.

### Who are the Panel members?

The Panel is made up of:

- (Chair) Mark Searle, former Chief Executive Officer for the City of Marion
- Kurna representatives Les Wanganeen and Sarah Smith
- Social science expert Professor Beverley Clarke, from Flinders University
- Coastal science expert Professor Emeritus Nicholas Harvey, from the University of Adelaide
- Environmental science expert Professor Emeritus Michael Young, from the University of Adelaide.

### Why was the Panel established?

The Panel was established to ensure independent oversight and advice on the Adelaide Beach Management Review.

DEW and the Coast Protection Board would typically have responsibility for coastal management reviews of this type, however it was considered that additional independence should be provided for the review.

### How were Panel members selected?

Membership of the Panel was determined by the Attorney-General and noted by Cabinet, following shortlisting of potential suitable candidates by the Department for Environment and Water.

The shortlisting process included consideration of the need for a range of independent subject matter experts with knowledge of coastal and environmental processes, alongside ensuring appropriate community representation.

### How often does the Panel meet?

The Panel will meet every two months or as needed to consider specific matters. Meetings will be hosted by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

Although the meetings are not open to the public to attend, any outcomes and actions from meetings will be published on DEW's website.

### **What information does the Panel receive?**

The Panel receives reports on community engagement and the independent scientific review, in order to make informed recommendations to the Attorney-General.

Community submissions received during the review process will be provided in full to the Independent Advisory Panel. All submissions to the Panel will have personal (contact) details removed.

### **How will community members interact with the Panel?**

There will be an opportunity for community members to make written submissions to the Panel as part of community and stakeholder engagement during the 12-month review, and to speak to the Panel in support of written submissions they make.

### **How will the Department for Environment and Water interact with the Independent Advisory Panel?**

The Panel is supported by DEW staff, who will supply reports, specialist expertise and information and data to ensure the Panel is able to meet its responsibilities.

The Panel may also ask for information from DEW to ensure Panel members undertake their role effectively and efficiently.

### **What authority does the Panel have?**

The Panel has an advisory role only. The Panel does not have the authority to commit the state government, Minister for Climate Environment and Water, the Attorney-General, the Department for Environment and Water, or the Coast Protection Board to any recommendation or decision.

### **More information**

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