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Key Agenda Items from Meeting 96

The board of the Stormwater Management Authority met on 11 May 2026 in Adelaide. Key agenda items from the meeting included:

- The board was provided with an update on the Draft Engineering Requirements for Land Division package, the Bureau of Meteorology Alert gauge issue and the continuing government election commitments.
- The board approved three Stormwater Management Plans including the revision of the Streaky Bay SMP and the City of Playfords Adams Creek/Helps Road Drain SMP and Smith Creek SMP.

- The board discussed the applications received in the 2026 Category C grant funding round.

2026 Category C Funding Outcomes

The 2026 call for Category C applications closed on 14 March. The board assessed the applications at its meeting on 11 May. The 2026 funding round was extremely competitive with a large number of high quality applications received. The Authority would like to thank all applicants for their efforts in compiling their applications.

The successful applications from the 2026 funding round include:

- \$2,000,000 awarded to City of Charles Sturt towards the construction of Stages 1 and 2 of the Trimmer Parade Drainage Upgrade.
- \$72,500 awarded to City of Victor Harbor towards the design of their Crozier Road Upgrade.
- \$245,000 awarded to District Council of Streaky Bay towards their the Jubilee Road Land Acquisition and Design project.

Congratulations to the three successful applicants!

Site Visit to Brown Hill Keswick Creek Works

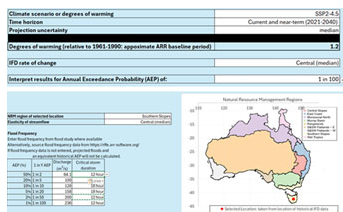


Board members and Authority staff recently attended a site visit hosted by the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project at their Betty Long Gardens site.

The site visit showcased the treatments and construction methods being used to achieve capacity targets in the constrained urbanised watercourse environment.

Pictured - Brett Shuttleworth, BHKC Program Manager, Peta Mantzarapis, BHKC Project Director and Shanti Ditter, SMA Presiding Member

DCCEEW issue tools to estimate the impact of climate change on flood estimates



New ready reckoner tools to support quick estimates of the impact of climate change on flood estimates have been released by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

The estimation tools will enable practitioners to quickly understand the scale of climate change impacts on both urban and regional catchments. Urban catchments are evaluated using the rainfall tool and regional catchments are evaluated using the streamflow tool.

Using these, future AEP events under climate change can be mapped to estimate their equivalent AEP in the present day. For example, a 1 in 20-year AEP event in 2090 may be equivalent to a 1 in 60-year AEP event in the present day. The tools are Microsoft Excel based and are accompanied by explainer documentation.

The tools and documentation are available from the DCCEEW website: [Climate change and flood risk - DCCEEW](#)

IPWEA Stormwater Symposium



The Stormwater Management Authority presented at the IPWEA Stormwater Symposium on 1 May 2026, held at Yitpi Yartapuultiku in Port Adelaide.

Deputy Presiding Member, Mr Wally Iasiello, spoke about the various functions of the Stormwater Management Authority, including administering grants through Stormwater Management Fund, supporting the development of Stormwater Management Plans and providing strategic policy advice.

The Symposium drew strong attendance across state government, local government and the private sector.

Stormwater Management Authority Board and Coast Protection Board Meeting



On May 4th the Board and staff of the Authority met with the members of the Coast Protection Board and senior staff to build a mutual understanding of roles, priorities and opportunities to collaborate.

The meeting included introductions from each board's Presiding Member, brief presentations on purpose, legislative roles and priorities, and a workshop discussion on collaboration opportunities.

The workshop demonstrated that there is strong interest from both boards in collaborating on shared priorities, strengthening policy, planning and governance, and driving more integrated outcomes where coastal and stormwater systems interact.

State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment Consultation has Begun

The State Planning Commission has prepared a draft State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment to update flood hazard planning rules across the state, based on new and updated flood studies and modelling.

The Code Amendment proposes updates in three areas:

- more consistent and updated mapping
- improved planning rules
- faster process for future mapping updates

The Authority encourages practitioners to consider the draft Code Amendment and provide feedback to the State Planning Commission on these important reforms.

The consultation documentation can be found on the [YourSay website](#).

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