



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Algal blooms in South Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Tuesday 9 September 2025**

**Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club**  
**246 Esplanade, Seacliff**

Time	Witness
9.30 am	<p><b>Academics/scientist panel:</b> <b>Flinders University</b> Dr Charlie Huveneers, Professor</p> <p><b>University of Adelaide</b> (<i>Submission 40</i>) Dr Dominic McAfee, Marine ecologist and Future Making Fellow</p> <p><b>Great Southern Reef Foundation</b> (<i>Submission 46</i>) Mr Stefan Andrews, Cofounder</p> <p><b>Australian Marine Sciences Association</b> (<i>Submission 32</i>) Dr Craig Styan, President, SA Branch Dr Georgina Wood, Vice President, SA Branch</p>
10.30 am	<p><b>South Australian Government</b> (<i>Submission 71</i>) - <b>Panel 1:</b> <b>SA Department of Premier and Cabinet</b> Mr Chris Beattie, Coordinator Algal Bloom Response</p> <p><b>Department for Environment and Water and SA National Parks and Wildlife Service</b> Ms Sandy Carruthers, Executive Director, Biodiversity and Nature Economy</p> <p><b>South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI)</b> Prof Michael (Mike) Steer, Executive Director Dr Gretchen Grammer, Acting Research Director, Aquatic and Livestock Sciences Dr Mark John Doubell, Research Scientist (Oceanographer), Oceanography Subprogram Leader Prof Simon Goldsworthy, Marine Ecosystems Program Leader</p>
11.30 am	<b>Break</b>

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11.45 am	<p><b><i>South Australian Government - Panel 2:</i></b>  <b>SA Health</b>  Dr David Cunliffe, Principal Water Quality Adviser</p> <p><b>SA Water</b>  Mr David Ryan, Chief Executive  Mr Peter Seltsikas, General Manager Sustainable Infrastructure  Mr James Crocker, Senior Manager Environment and Energy</p> <p><b>SA Chief Scientist</b>  Prof Craig Simmons, Chief Scientist</p>
12.30 pm	<p><b><i>Local Government representatives:</i></b>  <b>SA Coastal Councils Alliance</b>  Mayor Keith Parkes, Chairperson  Mr Adam Gray, Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Holdfast Bay Council</b>  Mayor Amanda Wilson, Mayor</p> <p><b>LGA South Australia (Submission 25)</b>  Ms Heather Holmes-Ross, President</p> <p><b>City of Onkaparinga (Submission 18)</b>  Mr Phu Nguyen, Chief Executive Officer  Mayor Lauren Jew, Acting Mayor</p>
1.15 pm	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>
2.00 pm	<p><b>Conservation Council of SA (Submission 24)</b>  Ms Kirsty Bevan, Chief Executive Officer</p>
2.30 pm	<p><b><i>Tourism Panel:</i></b>  <b>Tourism Industry Council South Australia (Submission 54)</b>  Ms Siggie Frede, Chair  Ms Linda Lacey, Head of Programs and Strategy</p> <p><b>SA Tourism Commission</b>  Ms Emma Terry, Chief Executive Officer</p>
3.00 pm	<b><i>Break</i></b>
3.15 pm	<p><b><i>Marine user representatives - panel 1:</i></b>  <b>Seafood Industry South Australia (Submission 39)</b>  Seafood Industry South Australia  Ms Alison Lloyd-Wright, Chair</p> <p><b>South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fisherman's Association</b>  South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association  Mr Kyriakos (Kyri) Toumazos, Executive</p> <p><b>Ozfish Unlimited</b>  Mr Brad Martin, SA Project Manager</p> <p><b>Safcol Australia (Submission 63)</b>  Mr Ebrahim Bidhendi, Company Director and head of Fish Market Operations  Mr Ian Mitchell, Fish Market Manager</p>

3.45 pm	<b><i>Marine user representatives - panel 2:</i></b> <b>Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association</b> ( <i>Submission 53</i> ) Mr Daniel Casement, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Marine Fishers Association South Australia</b> Mr Pat Tripodi, Executive Officer
4.15 pm	<b>Mr Mark Koolmatrie, Ngarrindjeri Elder</b>  <b>Kanyanyapilla Pty Ltd</b> Mr Karl Telfer, Traditional Owner – Burka Senior Man Mullawirra Meyunna (Dry Forest Country – Kurna Meyunna)
<b>4.45 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>