



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Algal blooms in South Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Friday 12 September 2025**

**Victor Harbor Bowling Club**  
**Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor**

| Time            | Witness  |
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| 9.00 am         | <b>Local Industry Panel:</b><br><b>Cape Calamari</b><br>Mr Nathan Eatts<br><br><b>Southern Fishermen's Association</b> ( <i>Submission 57</i> )<br>Mr Keith Rowling, Executive Officer<br><br><b>Southern Rocklobster Limited</b><br>Mr Thomas Consentino, Executive Officer |
| 9.30 am         | <b>Spirit of the Coorong &amp; The Big Duck Boat Tours</b><br>Mr Joel Hirsch, General Manager<br><br><b>Goyder Institute for Water Research and Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 45</i> )<br>Dr Alec Rolston, Director      |
| 10.00 am        | <b>Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board</b><br>Professor Andrew Lowe, Board Member<br><br><b>Adelaide Coastal Councils Network (ACCN)</b><br>Cr Gretel Wilkes, Chair   |
| <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11.00 am        | <b>Coorong District Council</b> ( <i>Submission 14</i> )<br>Mrs Sharon Bland, Councillor<br>Ms Bridget Mather, Chief Executive Officer<br><br><b>Alexandrina Council</b><br>Mr Keith Parkes, Mayor<br>Mr Adam Gray, Executive Officer  |

Committee Chair: Senator Sarah Hanson-Young  
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| 11.45 am       | <p><b>Kangaroo Island Council</b> (<i>Submission 1</i>)<br/>Mayor Michael Pengilly, Mayor</p> <p><b>City of Victor Harbor</b> (<i>Submission 2</i>)<br/>Dr Moira Jenkins, Mayor</p> <p><b>Kangaroo Island Tourism Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>)<br/>Ms Megan Harvie, Regional Tourism Manager</p> <p><b>Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism</b><br/>Mr Matthew Hurley, Chair</p>  |
| 12.30 pm       | <p><b>Australian Red Cross Society</b> (<i>Submission 30</i>)<br/>Ms Sarah Strathearn, Director - South Australia &amp; National Community Mobilisation<br/>Ms Emily English, Senior Manager - External Engagement</p>   |
| 1.00 pm        | <p><b>Local community representatives</b><br/>Mr Anthony Rowland, Surfer</p>   |
| 1.30 pm        | <p><b>Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority</b><br/>Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority &amp; Kuti Co<br/>Mr Derek Walker, Board member, Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority, and Managing Director, Kuti Co<br/>Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority Inc &amp; University of Technology Sydney, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research Sydney, Australia<br/>Mr Steve Hemming, Associate Professor<br/>Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority Inc &amp; Kuti Co Pty Ltd<br/>Mr Luke Trevorrow, Vice Chair of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority &amp; Executive Officer of Kuti Co</p> |
| 2.00 pm        | <p><b>Academic panel</b><br/>The Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia (<i>Submission 50</i>)<br/>Ms Anita Thomas, Chair<br/>University of Adelaide (<i>Submission 8</i>)<br/>Dr Luke Mosley, Associate Professor<br/>University of South Australia (<i>Submission 127</i>)<br/>Dr Freya Higgins-Desbiolles, Adjunct Senior Lecturer</p>  |
| <b>2.45 pm</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>   |