



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Algal blooms in South Australia

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 24 September 2025

Parliament House - Room 2S3
Canberra

Time	Witness
9.30 am	Dr Donald Anderson, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (via videoconference)
10.00 am	Laboratory panel: Agilex Biolabs Mr Stephen McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Mote Lab US Dr Cynthia Heil, Director, Red Tide Institute, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium (via videoconference) University of Maryland Centre for Environmental Science (Horne Point Marine Lab) Dr Judith O'Neil, Research Professor (via videoconference)
10.30 am	Algal Bloom Experts: Australian and New Zealand Marine Harmful Algal Bloom Network (Submission 73) Professor Shauna Murray, Committee member (via videoconference) Associate Professor Dr Christopher Bolch (via videoconference) Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (Submission 52) Emeritus Professor Gustaaf Hallegraeff (via videoconference) Dr Kirsty Smith, Science Manager - Molecular and Algal Ecology, Cawthron Institute New Zealand (via videoconference) Professor Michele Burford, Australian representative, UNESCO/FAO Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (via videoconference)
11.15 am	Break

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11.30 am	<p>SA Govt Panel:</p> <p>Mr Clinton Wilkinson, Program Leader, Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) (via videoconference)</p> <p>Professor Mike Steer, Executive Director, South Australian Research & Development Institute (SARDI) (via videoconference)</p> <p>Mr Chris Beattie, Coordinator, Algal Bloom Response, Department of the Premier and Cabinet SA (via videoconference)</p>
12.00 pm	<p>Departmental panel:</p> <p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Submission n 67)</p> <p>Ms Katrina Maguire, Division Head, International Environment Reef and Ocean Ms Belinda Jago, Branch Head, Ocean and Wildlife Branch Dr Simon Banks, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder Mr Hilary Johnson, Branch Head, Environmental Water Holdings and Southern Basin Mr Jason Mundy, Division Head, Climate Change Policy, Adaptation and Risk Division (via videoconference)</p> <p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Submission 59)</p> <p>Ms Sarah-Jane McCormack, First Assistant Secretary, Agvet Chemicals, Fisheries, Forestry and Strategy Division Ms Mel Brown, First Assistant Secretary, Farm Resilience Division Ms Laura Smith, Assistant Secretary, Farm Resilience Division Mr Joffrid Mackett, Assistant Secretary, Exports and Veterinary Services Division</p>
12.45 pm	<p>CSIRO (Submission 31)</p> <p>Dr Mark Baird, Research Program Director, Environment Research Unit Janet Anstee, Head of Aquawatch Australia, Space and Astronomy Research Unit</p> <p>Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)</p> <p>Dr Andrew Jones, Acting Group Executive, Business Solutions (via videoconference)</p> <p>Australian Climate Service</p> <p>Ms Vicki Manson, Head of the Australian Climate Service Dr Judith Landsberg, General Manager, National Climate Risk Assessment (via videoconference)</p> <p>Integrated Marine Observing System - Coastal Research Infrastructure Program</p> <p>Professor Daniel Ierodiacanou, Coastal Lead Scientist</p>
1.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.15 pm	<p>Health panel:</p> <p>The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Ltd (Submission 19)</p> <p>Dr Sian Goodson, Chair, RACGP South Australia and Chair, RACGP Board of Directors</p> <p>NHMRC HEAL Network SA Regional Hub (Submission 43)</p> <p>Professor Craig Williams, University of South Australia</p>

3.00 pm	<p>Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) (<i>Submission 49</i>) Mr Sean Sloan, Managing Director Mr Crispian Ashby, General Manager Research and Development Investment Dr Alison Turnbull, Principle Investigator, SafeFish, (FRDC seafood safety and market access platform) plus personal submission as long-term researcher of HAB (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 60</i>)</p> <p>Regional Investment Corporation Mr John Howard, Chief Executive Officer</p>
3.45 pm	<p>Environmental panel/ Conservation panel: Biodiversity Council (<i>Submission 66</i>) Professor Patrick O'Connor AM, Councillor (via videoconference) Mrs Jaana Dielenberg, Biodiversity Council Science Communication Director (via videoconference)</p> <p>Australian Marine Conservation Society (<i>Submission 56</i>) Ms Alexia Wellbelove, Acting Co-Campaigns Director (via videoconference)</p> <p>The Nature Conservancy Australia (<i>Submission 37</i>) Dr Michaela Domisse, Oceans Director Mr Andrew Bossie, Conservation Officer</p>
4.30 pm	Break
4.45 pm	<p>Marine and recreational users panel: Seafood Industry Australia (<i>Submission 22</i>) Ms Veronica Papacosta, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Rec Fish SA Mr Asher Dezsery, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p> <p>Surfers for Climate (<i>Submission 10</i>) Mr Joshua Kirkman, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Divers for Climate (<i>Submission 48</i>) Dr Yolanda Waters, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sarah Franke, Industry Engagement Lead</p>
5.30 pm	Adjournment