



# Adelaide Park Lands Association

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Dear City of Adelaide

## **Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the City's Draft Annual Business Plan and budget for 2022-23.

I commend the Council for allocating such significant resources to maintenance and upkeep of what is accurately described as Adelaide's "defining feature".

Nevertheless I hope that the Council will revise the Annual Business Plan and Budget to include funds for restoration of degraded parts of the Park Lands - most notably in Helen Mayo Park and Kate Cocks Park. Allocating funds to restore each of these Parks would be consistent with Key Action 4.8 in the Council's Strategic Priorities to "Protect and conserve the heritage listed Adelaide Park Lands".

Helen Mayo Park has such enormous potential to be de-contaminated, re-greened, and transformed into a community recreation space – e.g. basketball court, bocce area, heavy wood playground (similar to Park 9 - that's wonderful there!) It's close to town, close to the river, in the public eye and public awareness after recent controversy about the former Government's proposed stadium. Helen Mayo Park has such unique green potential.

Along with existing picnic tables and BBQs, the area could also provide a new venue for outdoor entertainment. A small covered rotunda or other shelter could provide a stage for performers, including during the Festival Fringe. Please discontinue using Helen Mayo Park as a Council storage depot. The first step will be to allocate resources towards planning the new green future of this Park. This year's Budget should provide the impetus to commence planning.

**[Helen Mayo deserves better.](#)**

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Re Kate Cocks Park: like Helen Mayo Park it must not continue to house a dump or storage site. It undermines the City's pursuit of UNESCO World Heritage, and sends a poor message to the community of Adelaide, and to the State Government, about the value of this part of the Adelaide Park Lands. To be clear: a car park, as proposed by the State Government would be even worse.

Please allocate funding in 2022-23 towards restoring Kate Cocks Park to 'Open, Green, Public'. **Kate Cocks deserves better.**

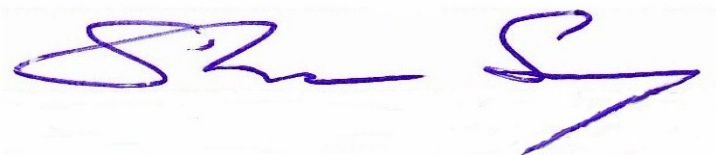
In addition, I urge the City to allocate funds in the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and budget to planning for the proposed **Adelaide Recreation Circuit**, which has wide support from the business community, sporting groups, and Park Lands advocates.

The proposal for an uninterrupted, illuminated walking/running/cycling pathway to circumnavigate the Park Lands would be something that no other city in the world could match. It would draw tourists from interstate and overseas, and could be used for staging multiple types of drawcard events.

Such support in the Budget would be consistent with a "key action" in the City Council's Strategic Priorities to "leverage the Adelaide Park Lands to promote health, wellbeing and lifestyle experiences."

Adelaide is so lucky to have the Park Lands. The Australian population has clearly shown its priorities re climate and environment for the future. In Adelaide, we have a resource that enables this city to lead Australia and the world as nature facilitators and embracers, not as cement block developer destructors.

Yours sincerely



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