



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the Special meeting on

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Bold.
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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin, Noon and Dr Siebentritt

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillor Couros entered the Council Chamber at 8.01 pm.

Apology:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Councillor Noon entered the Council Chamber at 8.01 pm.

5 Deputations

5.1 Deputation - Nuria Solsona - Tree Martins

Councillor Davis entered the Council Chamber at 8.02 pm.

Ms Nuria Solsona, Chairperson of S.A. Native Animal Rescue (SANAR) Inc, addressed the Council:

- In support of the removal of the netting on the trees in Leigh Street and against the netting of trees in Rundle Mall.

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Solsona for her deputation.

6 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer’s Reports)

6.1 Tree Martin Management - Feasibility, Benefits & Disbenefits of Netting Trees in Rundle Mall

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the preliminary advice provided regarding the feasibility, benefits and disbenefits of netting trees in Rundle Mall as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda of the Special Council meeting held on 2 December 2025.
2. Notes that while netting is technically feasible, it poses operational, welfare and reputational risks, and therefore is not recommended for implementation in Rundle Mall during the 2025/26 Tree Martin migratory season.
3. Approves the continued mitigation and monitoring strategies for the 2025/26 Tree Martin migratory season and reviews the data collected and options developed through this season for implementation ahead of the 2026/27 season in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water and Green Adelaide.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Noon requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (7):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin, and Siebentritt

Against (3):

Councillors Cabada, Davis and Noon

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Closure

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation: