

Lord Mayor Travel to Bonn, Germany, June 2025

Tuesday, 10 June 2025
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Environment

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Lord Mayor to travel to Bonn, Germany to represent the City of Adelaide at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Subsidiary Bodies' 62nd Session Climate Meetings to be held from Saturday 14 to Friday 20 June 2025.

The Lord Mayor has received an invitation from the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (**Attachment A**) to attend as a representative from Australia and spotlight city leadership on climate, strengthen multilevel partnerships, and support the broader multi-level governance narrative during the meetings.

Registration, travel and accommodation costs for the Lord Mayor's attendance at these meetings will be funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies through ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the invitation to the Lord Mayor to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Subsidiary Bodies' 62nd Session (UNFCCC SB62) Climate Meetings as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 10 June 2025.
2. Notes that the cost of registration, travel and accommodation for attendance at the UNFCCC SB62 will be funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies through ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy.
3. Approves the Lord Mayor's travel to Bonn, Germany, in June 2025 to represent the City of Adelaide and to advocate for Australia and Adelaide to host COP31 in 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Environment Work with our partners to plan for, lead and educate our community on a climate resilient future.
Policy	Council Members Allowance and Benefits Policy (Link 1)
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report.
Opportunities	To promote the work of the City of Adelaide to be climate conscious and resilient.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report.
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report.
Other Funding Sources	Registration, travel, and accommodation costs for the Lord Mayor's attendance at the UNFCCC SB62 Climate meetings will be covered by the Global Covenant of Mayors.

DISCUSSION

1. The Lord Mayor has received an invitation (**Attachment A**) from the C40 Cities and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GComM) to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Subsidiary Bodies' 62nd Session (UNFCCC SB62) Climate Meetings to be held in Bonn, Germany from Saturday 14 June to Friday 20 June 2025.
2. The UNFCCC SB62 is a mid-year climate negotiation session that serves as a technical preparatory meeting for COP 30, and focuses on agenda-setting, text development, and implementation tracking under the Paris Agreement.
3. The Lord Mayor's attendance at the meetings and associated events will provide the opportunity for the Lord Mayor to:
 - 3.1 Promote the City of Adelaide's actions and ambitions regarding Our Environment as outlined in the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028 ([Link 2](#)) and Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 ([Link 3](#)).
 - 3.2 Provide the opportunity for the Lord Mayor to contribute to and learn from meeting discussions while supporting advocacy efforts to strengthen local government's voice on local climate and urban agenda.
 - 3.3 Promote Australia and the City of Adelaide to be the host city for COP31, proposed to be held in November 2026.
4. Registration, travel and accommodation costs for the Lord Mayor's attendance at the UNFCCC SB52 meetings is being funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies through ICLEI / GCoM.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Council Members Allowance and Benefits Policy

Link 2 - City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Link 3 - Integrated Climate Strategy 2030

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Invitation for the Lord Mayor of Adelaide to attend the UNFCCC SB62 Climate Meetings, 14-20 June 2025, Bonn

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