

Councillor Giles - MoN - Aboriginal Heritage Consultation

Tuesday, 22 July 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Janet Giles

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Janet Giles will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

‘That Council;

Notes the Aboriginal Heritage Act consultation on the North Adelaide Golf Course redevelopment that opened on 3 July 2025 and closes 31 July 2025. Given the absence of a concept plan relating to the Application Area provided in the consultation materials that would indicate where and what type of construction will occur, that Administration prepares;

A letter through the Lord Mayor requesting the State Government consider:

1. Provision of a further briefing opportunity in the City of Adelaide (at a location to be confirmed) noting there is currently only one Aboriginal Community Consultation meeting scheduled for Saturday 19 July 2025 at the Mawson Lakes Hotel,
2. A commitment to a further engagement with the Aboriginal Community when specifics relating to the actual works and construction program are made public, and
3. Extending the consultation by a further 5 weeks to Thursday 4 September 2025, noting the extent of the proposed works and to ensure that appropriate and meaningful consultation with the Kaurna people is facilitated in order for KYAC and others to understand the proposed plan for development and the impact this may have on their native title rights and sites of cultural significance.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. On 3 July 2025, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs commenced consultation under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) on the North Adelaide Golf Course Redevelopment ([Link 1](#)). The consultation primarily seeks the views of Aboriginal parties.
2. Administration emailed advice to the City of Adelaide (CoA) Reconciliation Committee on Wednesday, 8 July 2025, regarding the consultation and the Aboriginal Community Consultation Meeting to be held on 19 July 2025 in Mawson Lakes.
3. Aboriginal cultural heritage is afforded statutory protections under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA), with penalties up to \$2 million for companies, and \$250,000 and/or 2 years prison for individuals.
4. Administration has prepared advice to be submitted to the consultation before the closing date on 31 July 2025.
5. The next meeting of Council's Reconciliation Committee is Wednesday 3 September 2025.
6. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, correspondence will be progressed via the Office of the Lord Mayor requesting that the State Government consider:
 - 6.1. Providing a further briefing opportunity for Aboriginal People to be held at a location in the City of Adelaide.

- 6.2. Further engagement with the Aboriginal Community when specifics relating to works and the construction program are made public.
- 6.3. Extending the consultation by a further 5 weeks to Thursday, 4 September 2025.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not Applicable
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Not Applicable
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not Applicable
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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