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Submission on behalf of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee

The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee (the Committee) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the State Government's engagement under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) relating to the North Adelaide Public Golf Course Redevelopment.

At its meeting held on 3 September 2025, the Committee resolved to make this submission to the State Government's consultation process. The Committee considered the item at its first available meeting but notes that the State Government is yet to approve an extension to the consultation process until 4 September 2025 to enable this submission.

The Committee acknowledges the cultural significance of Kaurna Yarta and emphasises the importance of ensuring that all redevelopment activities are undertaken in a manner that respects, protects, and promotes Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Specifically, the Committee provides the following information for consideration:

1. **Concerns regarding consultation materials** – The absence of a detailed concept plan outlining the location, scope, and nature of the proposed works restricts the ability of Aboriginal stakeholders and the broader community to adequately assess potential impacts on Aboriginal heritage within the Application Area.
2. **Significance of Pirltawardli** – Pirltawardli is a sacred site of profound cultural, historical, and spiritual importance to the Kaurna People. It represents a vital connection to Country, language, and ancestral knowledge, and continues to inform the identity and belonging of Kaurna Elders, families, and future generations. Preserving Pirltawardli is essential not only for the protection of Aboriginal heritage under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA), but as a demonstration of respect for Kaurna sovereignty and custodianship. Any redevelopment must ensure the site is safeguarded, honoured, and interpreted in ways that support cultural continuity and broader community understanding.
3. **Recommendation for further engagement with Kaurna representatives** – The Committee emphasises that meaningful, transparent, and ongoing engagement with the Kaurna Yarta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) and other relevant stakeholders must remain central to decision-making throughout all stages of planning and development.

- 4. Integration of cultural values into design** – Beyond statutory compliance, the Committee encourages the redevelopment to actively incorporate Kaurna heritage, cultural knowledge, and presence within the final design of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course precinct, providing opportunities for cultural celebration and education.

The Reconciliation Committee reaffirms its commitment to supporting processes that uphold Aboriginal cultural heritage and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with the State Government to ensure respectful and informed outcomes.

Kind regards,

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