

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin - QoN - State Government Park Lands Takeover

Tuesday, 23 September 2025
Council

Council Member

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Phillip Martin

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

Could the Administration advise;

1. Is it aware of any timing for the appointment of a Minister, as foreshadowed by recent legislation, to oversee the takeover of Park 1, Park 27A and any other Park Lands it sees fit to acquire under the legislation?
2. Has the State Government advised if it will close, manage itself the continued operation of the North Adelaide Golf Course on Park 1 or ask the City to continue to operate the golf course on the appointment of the Minister?
3. If there has been any confirmation of the State Government's intended uses for Park 27A, and
4. Noting that the City of Adelaide was not involved in any negotiations with the CEO of LIV Golf, Greg Norman, over the State Government takeover of Park 1 and Park 27A of the Park Lands, could the Administration advise if it has any expectation Mr Norman's departure will impact State Government takeover or the project in any way?

REPLY

1. As at 19 September 2025, the Government of South Australia (the Government) had not yet committed the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (the Act) to one of its Ministers. Administration has not been advised as to when this will occur.
2. As at 19 September 2025, Administration has not received advice from the Government about its preferred operating model for the North Adelaide Golf Course and associated facilities, either:
 - 2.1 From the designation of Handover, which could occur prior to any construction commencing and noting the Handover Date is yet to be set by the Government,
 - 2.2 during construction, or
 - 2.3 post the construction period.
3. In accordance with the Act, the Minister must consult with Council prior to designating a handover day for the project site, which includes the North Adelaide Golf Course and Park 27A.
4. During the Committee Stage debate on the North Adelaide Public Golf Course Bill 2025, the Minister for Planning, Hon Nick Champion MP, explained that the design process had identified John E Brown Park (Park 27A) for use as a driving range. No further confirmation of this has been provided by the Government.

5. Noting the Administration is yet to receive any detail from the Government relating to the actual scope and staging of works, the timing to action various clauses in the Act, confirmation of when the first LIV Golf event would be hosted at the North Adelaide Public Golf Course, nor any role that LIV Golf may play in the delivery of operations or the management of construction, it is difficult to provide an assessment of the degree of the impact of Mr Norman stepping down as CEO of LIV Golf.
6. The Administration understands that Greg Norman Golf Course Design are delivering concept planning and design work for the North Adelaide Public Golf Course. This business is a separate entity to LIV Golf.
7. The Act bestows on the designated Minister significant powers, including that on the designated handover day, the whole of the project site will be vested in the Minister in an estate in fee simple. This legislated process will not change as a consequence of changes in the management structure or personnel of LIV Golf.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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