

MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council;

Asks the Administration to review the use and potential misuse of smart glasses at Council owned or controlled locations, including the Park Lands, with a view to recommending possible restrictions or a complete ban on the use of this and similar technology.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Smart glasses have been available for several years, primarily for commercial and industrial applications and to support people with specific accessibility needs. More recently, smart glasses technology has rapidly moved into the consumer market with the likes of Ray-Ban Meta, Google and others.
2. The use of this technology has recently been the topic of interest across Australia:
 - 2.1. The City of Brisbane announced on 25 August 2026 a ban on the non-consensual use of recording devices at public pools.
 - 2.2. Councils in Victoria and New South Wales, namely Yarra and Canterbury Bankstown, have recently also sought administrative reports on potential changes to terms and conditions of use, but are yet to finalise a Council position.
3. The common theme from the three councils was the protection of children, women and other vulnerable people and groups.
4. The *Surveillance Devices Act 2016* (SA) does provide a legal framework to prevent the recording of private conversations (audio recording) and activities (video recording) without consent in both public and private locations.
5. The Adelaide City Libraries' Condition of Entry does prohibit the use of filming or photography of anyone without prior consent.
6. The City of Adelaide Customer Centre at 25 Pirie Street also currently prohibits the use of filming, sound recording and photography devices, as indicated by signage at the entrance.
7. Council will likely have little to no capability of enforcing outright bans of these types of devices in Park Lands and other public open spaces, however a more targeted approach of Council owned and operated facilities could be considered.
8. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will prepare a report on a proposed approach to the matter, to be presented to Committee and Council in December 2026.

Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, the following implications of this motion should be considered.	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	South Australia Police South Australia State Library
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	We may seek legal advice in relation to Council's ability to enforce any potential ban or restrictions.
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Depending on the outcome of the report, there could be costs associated with the implementation of any recommendation; the report will indicate costs.
Capital investment	Depending on the outcome of the report, there could be costs associated with the implementation of any recommendation; the report will indicate costs.
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Consideration will need to be given to any accessibility requirements in the development of draft Terms and Conditions for entry to Council facilities.
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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