

Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036

Consultation Engagement Report

September 2024







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Kadaltilla extends that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

Kadaltilla is the principal advisor to both the Council and the State Government on the protection, management, enhancement and promotion of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Kadaltilla is a traditional Kaurna word meaning Green place/Green lands/Parklands.





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1. Executive Summary

On 23 May 2024, the Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) endorsed the draft **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)** – Towards 2036 for public consultation. The last phase of engagement, Phase 3, commenced for a period of eight weeks from, 17 June to 9 August 2024.

The Phase 3 engagement program was designed to collect both broad and detailed feedback from the community. A range of promotional and engagement methods were utilised to obtain views from community members and key stakeholders on the draft APLMS – Towards 2036. By employing various in-person and online techniques, the program accommodated stakeholders' schedules and preferences, ensuring that the feedback was relevant to the draft.

The engagement process saw overwhelmingly positive feedback on the draft APLMS – Towards 2036. Respondents expressed strong support for the document, affirming its direction and content. While the overall reception was highly favourable, a few minor amendments were suggested, reflecting a thoughtful and collaborative approach to refining the strategy.

During the public consultation, we engaged with over 400 people:

- 300 people were spoken to at the Rundle Mall information booth and 196 completed the survey in-person
- 74 responded to the online survey
- 40 people emailed directly with written feedback
- Over 1,000 promotional postcards were distributed in hard copy to residents and businesses in the City of Adelaide.
- Over 18,000 people were reached via social media posts with 12,471 total 'events' (interactions).
- 2,908 people viewed the webpages created for phase three.
- 74 people completed online surveys.
- 26 organisations provided written submissions, including:
    - City of Adelaide
    - City of Burnside
    - City of West Torrens
    - City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
    - City of Unley
    - Town of Walkerville
    - Office for Design and Architecture SA
    - Planning and Land Use Services
    - Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing
    - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
    - Green Adelaide
    - Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC)
    - South Australian Motor Sport Board
    - Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium
    - SANFL
    - The University of Adelaide
    - Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
    - Pulteney Grammar School
    - South Australian Cricket Association
    - The North Adelaide Society Inc.
    - SECRA
    - State Planning Commission
    - Walking SA
    - National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia
    - The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee
    - Adelaide Park Lands Association

The majority of responses were supportive of the draft APLMS, including its Vision and Guiding Pillars. Feedback from the community and key stakeholders endorsed the continued enhancement and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands while recognising the challenges of balancing open spaces, upgraded facilities, and temporary installations. Conversely, opposing views typically expressed concerns that certain developments might restrict public access at specific times or to certain facilities, at the detriment of the environment.

The key themes identified from the engagement activities and submissions were:

- **Built Form and Land Use:** Desire to remove unused structures and strengthen the commitment to returning areas to Park Lands purposes.
- **Biodiversity and First Nations:** Emphasis on enhancing biodiversity, retaining trees, planting native species, and increasing First Nations representation through land-management practices.
- **Park Lands Protection and Access:** Importance of preserving Park Lands for public use, ensuring strong legislative safeguards, and improving access.
- **Heritage and Cultural Values:** Support for State Heritage Listing and UNESCO recognition to protect the unique heritage and environment of the Park Lands.
- **Stormwater Management and Pathways:** Focus on improving stormwater quality and expanding walking paths with surfaces that minimise environmental impact.
- **Park Lands Hubs and Major Events:** Need for clearer definitions of Park Lands hubs to avoid over development, while recognising the importance of major events in attracting visitors.
- **Community Facilities and Car Parking:** Ensure community facilities are non-exclusive and consider reintroducing car parking reduction targets.
- **Governance and Legislative Context:** Explore making Kadaltilla a statutory authority and ensure transparency in development processes.
- **Design and Safety:** Strengthen safety measures through CPTED principles and apply Good Design principles across all goals.



2. Introduction

It is a requirement under section 18 of the of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act (2005)* (the Act) that an APLMS is prepared and maintained by Kadaltilla.

The APLMS must:

(a) in relation to each piece of land within the Adelaide Park Lands owned, occupied or under the care, control or management of the Crown, a State authority or the Adelaide City Council –

(i) describe the occupation, tenure and existing use of the land

(ii) provide information about the State Government's or the Council's (as the case may be) plans for the use and management of the land into the future

(iii) identify any plans or feasible options for increasing public access to the land for recreational purposes (taking into account the existing or proposed use of the land

(iv) if the land is owned, occupied or under the care, control or management of the Crown or a State authority – provide information about its suitability for use as park lands under the care, control and management of the Adelaide City Council, or through transferring the land to the Council, and, if appropriate, a program for its future use as park lands

(b) identify any land within the Adelaide Park Lands that is, or that is proposed to be (according to information in the possession of the Authority), subject to a lease or licence with a term exceeding five years (including any right of extension), other than a lease or licence that falls within any exception prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph

(c) identify goals, set priorities and identify strategies with respect to the management of the Adelaide Park Lands

(d) include any other information or material prescribed by the regulations

(e) be consistent (insofar as is reasonably practicable) with any plan, policy or statement prepared by or on behalf of the State Government

The current **Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015–2025** was adopted by Kadaltilla in May 2016, followed by adoption by the Council in December 2016, and by the Minister for Adelaide in August 2017. The APLMS was publicly released in January 2018.

The APLMS is a joint State Government and Council owned document, which is prepared and maintained on their behalf by Kadaltilla.

It is a requirement under section 18(14) of the Act that a review is required every five years. Kadaltilla may amend the APLMS by adopting a new management strategy, as outlined in Section 18(12) of the Act, with any changes requiring approval from both the City of Adelaide (CoA) and the Minister for Planning.

In anticipation of the current APLMS concluding in 2025, in 2022, Kadaltilla commenced a review and extensive engagement program to shape the next APLMS, to become known as the 'Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036'.

In early 2022, a comprehensive mid-point review of the APLMS was commenced with engagement phases 1 and 2 completed in 2022–2023. The draft APLMS was informed by Phase 1 with over 2,500 community engagement participants over a nine-month consultation window. Phase 1 engaged with 18 stakeholder groups representing three distinct communities categorised by their level of interest, impact and knowledge. The purpose of Phase 1 was to test the vision, outcomes and priorities contained in the APLMS 2005–2015 and explore new ideas and opinions to inform the mid-term review. Phase 2 of the APLMS strengthened the representation of under-represented stakeholders and groups and engaged with seven main stakeholder groups.

The last phase of engagement, Phase 3, commenced in early 2024 and on 23 May 2024 Kadaltilla endorsed the public consultation on the draft APLMS – Towards 2036 for a period of eight weeks from, 17 June to 9 August 2024.

This report provides an overview of the Phase 3 engagement process, the feedback received, and recommendations for incorporation into the draft APLMS.

2.1 Previous Engagement

Community and stakeholder consultation on the draft APLMS has being undertaken in a phased approach:

1. First phase: a call for ideas from different perspectives to start shaping a new APLMS (complete).
2. Second phase: a chance to test and shape early project ideas and respond to/build an overarching vision for the APLMS (complete).
3. Third phase: presentation of a draft document for testing, challenging and refining through open consultation.

2.1.1 Phase One Summary

A detailed **Engagement Report** and **What We Heard** document has been published for Phase 1 which elaborates on the considerable efforts and activities that were undertaken to engage the community and stakeholders in the review of the APLMS.

Engagement was aimed towards three main communities:

1. Communities of interest; stakeholders with an interest in the project and its outcomes
2. Communities of impact; stakeholders that will be affected by the project and its outcomes
3. Communities of knowledge; stakeholders with a working and technical knowledge of the contemporary drivers for the Park Lands.

The strategic and comprehensive approach successfully captured community feedback across three levels of involvement (consultation, involvement, and collaboration) relevant to the knowledge base, areas of interest and technical capacity of each group.

Highlights of the Phase 1 engagement:

- 18 stakeholder groups were engaged, which represented three distinct communities, categorised by their level of interest, impact and knowledge.
- Methods of engagement were tailored to each stakeholder group, including workshops, Kadaltilla Board meetings, online surveys (Yoursay Adelaide), advisory/reference groups and public forums.
- The Engagement team gained insight on how communities value and use the Park Lands and actively sought input about issues and opportunities with the current APLMS and future visions for the Park Lands.

Feedback was categorised in 14 Consultation Themes that were common across stakeholder groups and identified the four key idea topics of Climate change, Kaurna cultural heritage, Societal change and COVID-19, and Technology as Investigation Areas.

Consultation Themes and Investigation Areas reflect the analysis of a thorough consultation phase that represents a wide variety of stakeholders. Feedback indicated the vision, outcomes and priorities of the APLMS remain relevant, appropriate and important.

2.1.2 Phase Two Summary

Targeted stakeholder consultation on the draft APLMS commenced on 27 February 2024 and concluded on 9 April 2024. Consultation was in the form of a written letter with the draft APLMS attached. The letter requested any feedback from targeted stakeholders that would affect Kadaltilla endorsing the draft APLMS progressing for community consultation.

The internal review process at the conclusion of phase one indicated that, going forward, there would be a focus to strengthen representation from under-represented stakeholders and broadening understanding about feedback that wasn't given in detail.

The consultation feedback supported the draft APLMS progressing to community consultation with revisions to account for the consultation feedback provided.

Key matters raised in the consultation included:

- Advice from the Minister for Planning and Council
- General support for the APLMS and progressing the document to public consultation
- Suggestions to enhance recognition of elements such as biodiversity, Colonel Light and the role of City Gardeners
- Suggestion to adjust the formal and structure of the draft APLMS to improve navigation, consistency of expression, and presentation of mapping, including consideration of an index and improvements to precinct-level maps
- Minor editorial changes and typographical corrections
- The targeted consultation has not resulted in changes to the priorities or goals.

25 targeted stakeholders, including state government, education institutions and clubs, and the adjacent six local councils were invited to review and provide feedback, with the following doing so:

- City of Adelaide
- Minister for Planning
- Office for Design and Architecture SA
- Renewal SA
- University of Adelaide
- City of West Torrens
- City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters
- City of Unley
- City of Prospect

There was some overlap between phase two and three engagement activities where meetings and interviews with key stakeholders were collaborative opportunities to test and shape what had already been included in the draft, and to seek specific information where earlier engagement had not given the level of detail required for the Strategy.



3. Phase 3 Engagement Plan

The Phase 3 engagement program was designed to collect both broad and detailed feedback from the community. A range of promotional and engagement methods were utilised to obtain views from community members and key stakeholders on the draft APLMS – Towards 2036. By employing various in-person and online techniques, the program accommodated stakeholders' schedules and preferences, ensuring that the feedback was relevant to the draft.

3.1 Engagement Objectives

The engagement objectives were shaped by legislation, the City of Adelaide's community consultation policy, previous engagement activities, and feedback from Kadaltilla.

Key objectives were to:

- Introduce the draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 to key stakeholders and the community
- Engage with the State Government, City of Adelaide and adjoining councils as active contributors to proposals and outcomes of the APLMS
- Proactively approach a range of communities to obtain diverse insights and values on the Park Lands
- Employ a mix of online and in person engagement techniques that optimise opportunities for communities to influence the project
- Supply timely and relevant information in plain language or visual formats that support meaningful and relevant input from engagement participants
- Obtain broad perspectives from different disciplines such as environmental, social, political, economic, cultural and heritage.

3.2 Engagement Outcome

The engagement outcome was:

- A draft APLMS document that has broad support from State Government and Council as well as the broader South Australian community.

3.3 Engagement Approach

In developing or amending the APLMS, section 18(4) of the Act requires Kadaltilla to:

(a) prepare a draft of the proposal

(b) refer the proposal to the Minister, the Adelaide City Council, and any state authority or adjoining council that has a direct interest in the proposal

(c) at a time determined to be appropriate by the Authority, by public advertisement, invite any interested person to make written submissions to the Authority within a period specified by the Authority (being not less than 1 month from the date of publication of the advertisement), and to attend a public meeting to be held in relation to the proposal.

Early in 2024, confidential targeted stakeholder meetings were held with the intent of testing and refining the feedback that had been provided to-date, and supplementing areas where expert advice would enhance the intent of the APLMS. In addition, during the confidential targeted engagement, 14 submissions were received from:

- City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
- City of Prospect
- City of Unley
- City of West Torrens
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- KYAC
- Minister for Planning
- Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing
- Office for Design and Architecture SA
- Planning and Land Use Services
- Renewal SA
- State Planning Commission
- The University of Adelaide
- World and National Heritage Branch

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Phase Three engagement activities included:

In-person:

- Information booth in Rundle Mall
- Public Hearing
- Workshops
- Key stakeholder information event

Online:

- Downloadable draft APLMS – Toward 2036
- Interactive digital version of the draft APLMS – Toward 2036 using spatial mapping
- Quick Reference Guides
- Technical Fact Sheets
- Information about engagement opportunities
- Online survey
- Link to the project team's email and mailing address for written submissions

The key stakeholders engaged during the public consultation included:

- City of Adelaide Council
- Minister for Planning
- State Government agencies
- Adjoining Councils
- Other Local Councils
- Council businesses (eg Golf, Aquatic Centre)
- Residential community (including new residents)
- Representative bodies
- Resident Associations and Business precincts
- Education institutions
- Visitors
- Committees – Reconciliation and Access and Inclusion
- Adelaide Economic Development Agency
- City institutions – zoo, museum, galleries, libraries
- General Public
- Council volunteers
- Council service consumers
- Youth
- Tenure holders



3.4 Level of Involvement

The third phase of engagement aimed to refine the draft based on earlier feedback, with a focus on consulting and involving key stakeholders and the community. This phase emphasised collaborative opportunities, particularly where stakeholders could offer specialised expertise.

To effectively engage participants, Phase 3 employed three key methodologies tailored to the stakeholders' level of interest, potential impact, and expertise related to the APLMS. These approaches were designed to address varying degrees of knowledge and technical input, ensuring that all relevant perspectives were considered in the refinement of the strategy.

The three levels of involvement were defined as:

	1. Consult	2. Involve	3. Collaborate
Goal	Two-way communications designed to obtain feedback on ideas, alternatives and proposals to inform our decision making	Participatory process designed to help identify issues and views to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered prior to our decision making	Working together to develop an understanding of all issues and interests to work out alternatives and identify preferred solutions for joint decision making
Commitment (definition of the goal)	We will explore options, gain feedback and an understanding of your concerns and preferences	We will involve you in the process, so your ideas, concerns and aspirations are reflected in the alternatives developed or the final decision	We will collaborate with you so your advice, innovation and recommendations are included in the final decision that we make together
Participant Role	Contribute	Participate	Partner



3.5 Consultation Tools and Techniques

A summary of the consultation tools and techniques used during the consultation is provided below:

Technique/Tool	Purpose/Description
Advertisement	To inform and make people more broadly aware of the project, capture paper-based and e-readers (eg InDaily, City Business, Carbon Neutral, Wellbeing in the City, Your Community, Art in the City, The Next Edition, and North Adelaide Golf Course).
Digital Screens	Digital screens that display messages in the City of Adelaide's public foyers and facilities included an invitation to participate.
Email Signature Banner	All City of Adelaide email footers included the invitation to find out more about the draft APLMS and participate in the engagement.
'On hold' messages	Callers to the City of Adelaide were broadcast a recorded message encouraging them to find out more about the draft APLMS and how they could provide feedback.
Information at CoA Customer Centre and Library	Hard-copy versions of the Fact Sheets were on display, and available to take, at the Council's Customer Service Centre and City Library.
Invitation included in CoA Publications	An invitation to find out more about the draft APLMS and to provide feedback was included in the following publications: • City Business • Carbon Neutral • Wellbeing in the City • Your community • YourSay • Art in the City • The Next Edition • North Adelaide Golf Course
OurAdelaide (online engagement)	Online project portal to form the online project interface that provides information to participants and receives feedback and ideas.
Distribution Lists	Utilise existing email distributions lists from across the organisation (OurAdelaide, and its predecessor branding 'Yoursay Adelaide' and community development etc.) to spread the message to audiences that may be more likely to show interest following Council contact on projects and initiatives.
Rundle Mall Public Engagement Booth	On 3 July 2024 a public engagement activation was held in the Rundle Mall as a pop-up information booth. The general public were approached to clarify any questions they have about the Park Lands, and ask them to respond to a series of questions about the Strategy and it's role in managing the Park Lands. People who spoke with a team member were offered a plant or coffee voucher to acknowledge their contribution.
Targeted Stakeholder Meetings	Kadaltilla project team members met directly with key stakeholders, including peak bodies, interested groups and individuals.

3.6 Schedule of Consultation Activities

A summary of the timing of the various consultation activities is detailed below:

Date	Participants (Audience)	Consultation Activity	Number Of Attendees/ Responses
17 June – 9 August 2024	Open to all	OurAdelaide (previously YourSay) questionnaire	74 respondents
17 June – 9 August 2024	Open to all	Consultation invited via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, newsletters, digital screens, physical signage, on-hold message, coreflute posters in every park and city square, and postcards distributed citywide and in adjoining councils	-
20 June 2024	State Planning Commission	Presentation	7 attendees
2 July 2024	City Planning, Development & Business Affairs Committee	Workshop	9 attendees
3 July 2024	Open to all	Rundle Mall Information Booth Drop-in Session	Engaged with approximately 300 attendees; 196 people participated in survey
9 July 2024	City of Adelaide Council	Report	11 attendees
25 July 2024	Public Hearing (Kadaltilla Board Meeting)	Public Hearing	0 attendees
31 July 2024	Key Stakeholders	Information Event	65 attendees
7 August 2024	Community Group Information Session	Informal gathering	5 attendees
3 September 2024	Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) Board	Discussion	4 attendees
4 September 2024	City of Adelaide's Reconciliation Committee Workshop	Discussion	8 attendees



Figure 1: Rundle Mall Information Booth



Figure 2: Information Booth team members talking with members of the public about the draft APLMS – Towards 2036



Figure 3: Kadaltilla Board Members talking with members of the public about the draft APLMS – Towards 2036



Figure 4: Key Stakeholders Event for the draft APLMS – Towards 2036



Figure 5: Key Stakeholders Event for the draft APLMS – Towards 2036



Figure 6: Key Stakeholders Event for the draft APLMS – Towards 2036

4. Summary of Feedback Received

4.1 'What we Heard' Summary

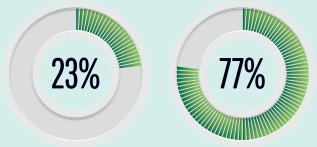


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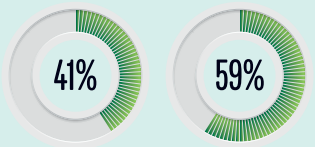
About the respondents

City of Adelaide resident vs Other



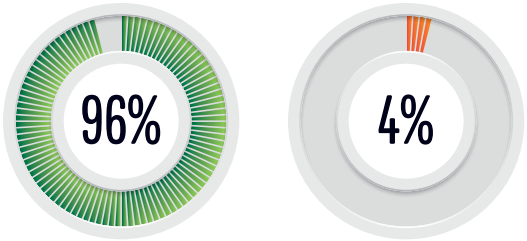
City of Adelaide | Other

Gender (male vs female)



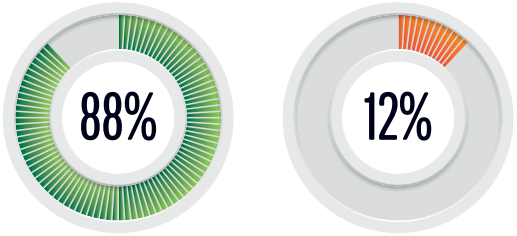
MALE | FEMALE

Do you support the draft vision?



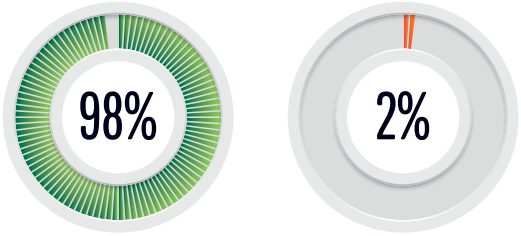
YES | NO

Do you feel that the draft APLMS Towards 2036 is easy to navigate



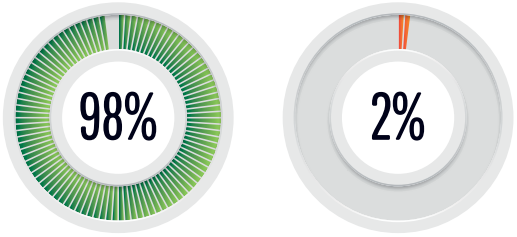
YES | NO

Do you support the three overarching draft goals?



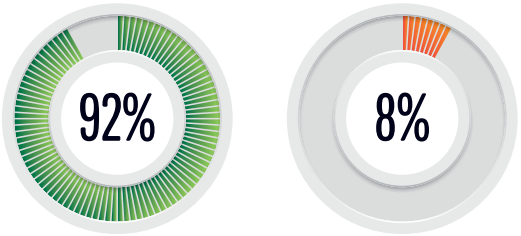
YES | NO

Do you support the four draft pillars?



YES | NO

Are you supportive of land that is classed as having a 'Non-Park Lands Purpose' being returned to a 'Park Lands Purpose'?



YES | NO

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4.2 Rundle Mall Pop Up Engagement Summary

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Rundle Mall Activation

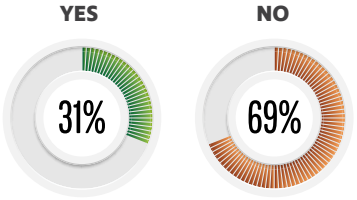
We spoke to over 300 people

196 Survey responses

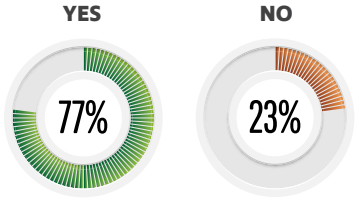
Activation
Wednesday 3 July 2024 11.30am – 1.30pm

To supplement the online engagement scheduled for this phase, a staffed display was created in the Rundle Mall for people to find out more about the strategy, ask questions and for the team to survey them on key inclusions in the Strategy.

Are you aware that an Adelaide Park Lands Strategy exists?



Do you use the Park Lands for any purpose?





Which parklands do you use?



All/many



Eastern Park Lands (including Botanic Park and Victoria Park)



Northern Park Lands



South Park Lands (including Skate Park and Marshmallow Playground)



Western Park Lands (including Bonython Park)



Central/Squares (including Zoo, Light Square, Elder Park, the River Torrens and the connection to Linear Park)

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What activity do you use the Park Lands for?*



Walking 36%
Includes dog walking



Playgrounds 11%



Sports 17%
Including mention of soccer, netball and hockey



Attending events 13%



Recreation 13%



Swimming pool 3%

Also mentioned were:
Skating, Running, Bird watching, Cycling, Dog Parks, Enjoying Nature

If you don't use the Park Lands, is there a reason why?*

40% I live too far away

25% Not interesting to me

11% I don't have the time

Other reasons offered included:

- I'm from interstate,
- I'm new to Adelaide, and
- feeling unsafe

Do you support the draft vision for the APLMS?



YES



NO/NOT SURE

Do you support the four pillars of the APLMS?

- Cultural Value
- Environmental Performance
- Management and Protection, and
- Expert Advice



YES



NO/NOT SURE

About the respondents:

Where do the respondents live:

18% City of Adelaide/North Adelaide

10% Councils which border the Park Lands

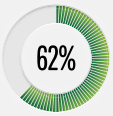
62% Greater Adelaide metropolitan areas

7% Regional South Australia

3% Interstate/overseas



Male



Female

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

* some respondents declined to provide specific details

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Additional comments people offered about the pillars and their priorities:

- Environmental protections need to be strengthened
- Emphatically no development on the Park Lands
- Ensure adequate assessments
- Include children in Community Engagement
- Increase focus on native vegetation
- Great Kaurna involvement and leadership
- Keep Park Lands for the public, not for developers
- No increase to school-based sports
- Pillars are too generic, would like more detail
- Prioritise biodiversity
- Prioritise security
- Protect existing trees and memorials.



4.3 Online Survey Engagement Summary

The engagement webpage and survey questions are provided in Appendices 4 and 5, with the complete survey responses included in Appendix 6 and summarised below.

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Online Survey Consultation

We received **74** online survey responses

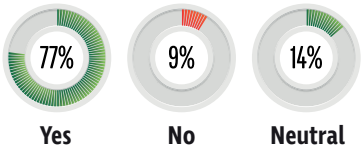
Activation
17 June 2024 to
9 August 2024

The City of Adelaide launched an online engagement web page for the third phase of consultation. In addition to the in-person engagement planned for this phase, an online survey was developed to gather public input on key elements of the Strategy.

CULTURAL VALUE

Promote the cultural values of the Park Lands including Kaurna culture, heritage and wellbeing

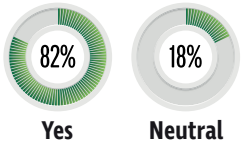
Do you support the draft Cultural Value pillar?



MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

Treat the Park Lands holistically with an adaptive future focused approach

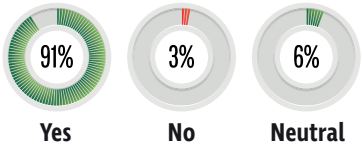
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Maintain and improve climate resilience and the landscape values of the Park Lands

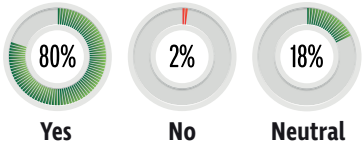
Do you support the draft Environmental Performance pillar?



EXPERT ADVICE

Function as the peak advisory body for policy, development, heritage, and management of the Park Lands based on sound data and evidence

Do you support the draft Expert Advice pillar?



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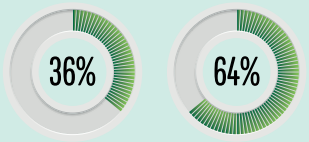
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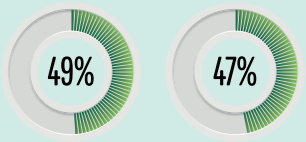
About the respondents

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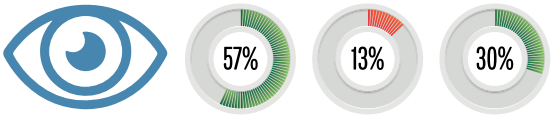
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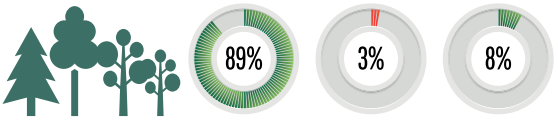
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Do you support the draft vision?



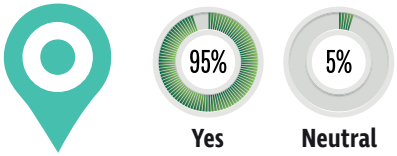
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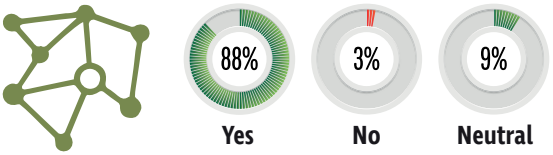
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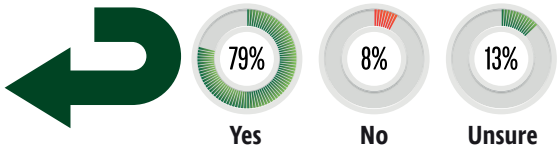
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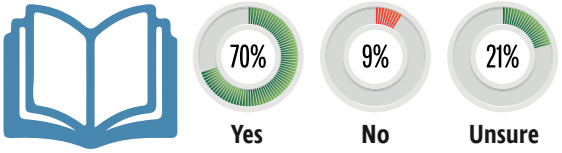
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Are you supportive of land that is classed as having a 'Non-Park Lands Purpose' being returned to a 'Park Lands Purpose'?



Yes | No | Unsure

Do you feel that the draft APLMS Towards 2036 is easy to navigate?



Yes | No | Unsure

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5. Phase Three Engagement Themes and Recommendations

Based on the feedback from Phase 3 of the public engagement, common themes have been identified and are outlined below, along with 32 recommendations for consideration by Kadaltilla. These recommendations aim to ensure that the stakeholders' views and priorities are accurately reflected in the final document.

The feedback received during Phase 3 has been categorised into themes, with recommendations cross-referenced in the Appendices, allowing respondents to see how their input has been incorporated into these recommendations.

01 Built Form

There was some desire for a more ambitious program to remove unused or under-utilised sporting facilities and other structures.

RECOMMENDATION

Strengthen the commitment to returning areas for Park Lands purposes by introducing a new strategy to consolidate buildings in the Park Lands.

02 Biodiversity

There was a strong desire to strengthen strategies for biodiversity, retain existing trees, plant more native species, and Caring for Country.

RECOMMENDATION

Include specific projects and/or strategies that demonstrate a prioritising for protecting nature and biodiversity informed by the Biodiversity Monitoring Program.

03 Park Lands Protection and Access

Respondents were keen to ensure that the Park Lands were kept for Park Land purposes and public access maintained.

RECOMMENDATION

Ensure the APLMS specifically references legislation and policies that create certainty for stakeholders that the Park Lands will be adequately protected.

04 Heritage Values

Respondents highly value the cultural and built heritage of the Park Lands. Pursuing State Heritage Listing and UNESCO recognition were sited as strategies to ensure protection of the Park Lands and to capitalise on the unique environment they provide making Adelaide an enviable place to live, work and visit.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider including direct reference to pursuing State Heritage Listing and progressing with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognition, ensuring consistency of referencing.

05 Stormwater Management and Park Lands Access

Collaborative relationships help maximise access to and use of the Park Lands and to achieve environmental outcomes such as to improve stormwater quality and management, and to improve access to the Park Lands.

RECOMMENDATION

Highlight the collaborative relationship and interaction with adjacent local government bodies in relation to the management of infrastructure and developing projects.

06 Pathways

Respondents were pleased with the progress towards more walking and shared-use paths, with the suggestion of endorsing the concept of an Adelaide Recreational Circuit. Consideration should also be given to using appropriate surfaces that allow water absorption, which reduces the impact of run-off and other unintended consequences of hard surfaces. It was specifically referenced in several submissions that pathways (including those on the boundaries) should not encroach onto existing Park Lands. The 5m promenade specification was questioned as to whether it was appropriate as a standard for all locations.

RECOMMENDATION

Create a strategy that supports improvements to the Park Lands Trail with the aim of creating a continuous loop.

07 Park Lands Hubs

A clearer definition was requested for the Park Lands 'hubs' as there was concern that ambiguity would lead to too broad a definition and increase developments. Include details on how a site would be assessed for designation of a level of hub.

Conversely, sporting activities and major events are the primary reason that many South Australians (and people from elsewhere in Australia and the world) visit the Park Lands. Whilst some people interpret the original intent of the Park Lands as open space only, they have been the venue for sporting, recreational and artistic expressions since their inception. It could be argued that the ongoing viability and relevance of the Park Lands needs to incorporate contemporary expressions. The role these events play in creating connection and support for the Park Lands should not be undervalued, and it was suggested that events should be more prominently reflected, maybe in the pillars.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider further definition or detail on how the Park Lands 'Hubs' will be assigned, and the level of development within these precincts, and the importance of major events to draw people to the Park Lands.

08 Increase First Nations representation and environmental practices

Areas of the Park Lands which reflect how the area would have been pre-colonisation are an important recognition of Kaurna Yerta (country). Protecting and regenerating areas give connection and educate us on the natural environment. Some respondents proposed prioritisation of native plantings and adopting land-management practices that the Kaurna people would have used pre-colonisation.

RECOMMENDATION

Explore how to increase the participation of the Kaurna people, Indigenous plantings and environmental management practices.

09 Park Lands Promotion

New arrivals to South Australia and some visitors were unaware of the Park Lands and the facilities and amenities that they incorporate. For 25% of the respondents to the 2024 survey conducted in the Rundle Mall, the Park Lands were seen as irrelevant or not to have anything of interest to them. Consider references to Adelaide being a 'National Park City'.

RECOMMENDATION

Create more awareness of the Park Lands and the various ways that people can enjoy them and ensure they remain iconic and a destination of choice for South Australians and visitors.

10 Progress Indicators and/or Targets

For some respondents who were generally supportive of the draft APLMS, they had some uncertainty that there was sufficient clarity around the goals, which they suggest could be rectified by including success indicators. Timeframes should be considered where appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider including additional targets or progress indicators for the goals.

11 Investment Models and How They Will Achieve Goals

Including more information on the proposed funding models, partnership and opportunities for partnership would help to allay the concerns of some stakeholders about corporations developing facilities and or benefiting from access to the Park Lands.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide examples of funding models and partnerships and how they can help to achieve the goals and strategies in the Strategy.

12 Glossary of Terms and Definitions

Various proponents identified words that they sought clearer definitions for, including, but not limited to:

- Activate/Activation
- Adaptive
- Alternate uses
- Designated for non-park purposes (in relation to areas adjacent to sports fields that may use an area for unstructured activities
- Development and creation of outdoor rooms
- Expert advice
- Fit-for-purpose
- Future-focussed
- Further development
- Hub
- Landbridge
- Landowners in the Adelaide Park Lands
- Management and protection
- Meeting community expectations
- Places that thrive
- Pavilions
- Private investment
- Proposed land bridge
- Significant piece of public art
- Tree canopy cover

RECOMMENDATION

Provide clarification/definitions for terms.

13 Community Facilities

It is acknowledged that a significant number of people interact with and value the Park Lands through engaging in sporting, play and recreational activities. These circumstances highlight examples of where an arbitrary reduction in the footprint of facilities would not be possible or practical. Current and future community-based facilities should be required to be on a 'non-exclusive' and 'shared use' basis. Engagement with the wider community and other users of the Park Lands in these decisions was requested by some parties. Ensure that business cases for proposed developments are substantiated with a clear mandate for need and community desire for such facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Support the upgrade of community buildings to meet community expectations that include opportunities for communities outside of program times.

14 Car Parking

It was noted that the 5% car parking reduction target had been removed from the draft, and the community expressed a desire for a reduction target to be reinstated.

RECOMMENDATION

Include 5% car parking reduction target and clarify alternative uses, increased greening and reduction of impervious surfaces.

15 Kadaltilla's Legislative Context

There was suggestion that the Authority should be a statutory authority, rather than advisory in nature. The notion of providing 'expert advice' was questioned by several respondents as too vague and not binding.

RECOMMENDATION

Investigate the legislative context in which the Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority operates.

16 Greater Focus on CPTED Design

Increasing safety using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles were strongly encouraged. Some respondents expressed their hesitance to use the Park Lands due to a perception that it is unsafe.

RECOMMENDATION

Strengthen the role of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and active security measures.

17 Horse Agistment Area

Readers expressed that the current content could be interpreted to support a case either to develop or 'return to nature', which left them unsure if their wishes would be upheld. Note that there were people supportive of keeping the horses, conversely others wanted them removed.

RECOMMENDATION

Recognise the history of the horse agistment area.

18 Botanic Gardens Retain in BG&H Board Control

The Botanic Gardens & Herbarium Board provided a response that they did not support the suggestion of a transfer of control to the City of Adelaide.

RECOMMENDATION

Delete references to transfer of care or control of parcels of land currently part of the Botanic Gardens.

19 Specify the Locations Where There Is an Appetite to Create 'Places' and Attractions

The proposal of an event and destination and its suitability would need to be assessed in light of the location/s being considered in the Park Lands.

RECOMMENDATION

Reword strategies that relate to creating places and attractions to identify specific locations.

20 Update Maps and References

Stakeholders with specialised knowledge of specific areas within the Park Lands contributed updates to accurately identify buildings or facilities and offered suggestions for additional information.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider suggestions from submissions for additional map references or updates.

21 KYAC Country Plan

The KYAC Country Plan scope encompasses the entire determination area, including state national parks. This will be the strategic reference when managing the environment and spaces with the inclusion of interpretive storytelling, Kaurna acknowledgment/visibility and care for spaces. The estimated document launch of the KYAC Country Plan is December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Change references from the Kaurna Country Charter to the KYAC Country Plan.

22 Ongoing Engagement with the SA Motor Sport Board

As a significant event convenor, continue ongoing collaboration with the SAMSB on all matters, but specifically referencing their feedback regarding:

- Engage with SAMSB Goal 1: temporary planters, temporary structures, line marking and sporting field optimisation.
- Engage with SAMSB re Goal 2: relocating Wakefield Street pedestrian crossing, shared path planning and completion (ensure paths don't impact event vehicle access), improving entry nodes and consideration for temporary event parking.
- Engage with SAMSB re Goal 3: consider a broader range of species, consider introduced risk of increased wetlands, consideration for major events when planting.
- Reconsider wording of 'controversial motor racing history', celebrate the history of motor sport in the park, and due consultation relating to the relocation of the Ayrton Senna monument.

RECOMMENDATION

Continued engagement with SA Motor Sport Board in relation to major events scheduled for Victoria Park and considerations for redevelopment.

23 Heritage Principle

Rephrase the principle related to heritage to: 'Promote and allow ongoing use, change, development and maintenance of the Park Lands and City Squares whilst retaining their cultural heritage significance' and note the Australian Government's role in providing best-practice advice.

RECOMMENDATION

Reflect the Australian Government's role and suggested re-wording relating to the heritage principle.

24 Interactions with Adjoining Councils Supported and Encouraged

Adjoining Councils expressed a desire for more interaction between the State Government, City of Adelaide and their jurisdictions. This included events and activations in conjunction with infrastructure and long-term planning.

RECOMMENDATION

Identify additional opportunities to interact with adjacent Councils when planning for infrastructure and events/activations.

25 Transparency As To How Developments Are Initiated

It was suggested that no 'unsolicited bids' should be received from external parties for the Park Lands.

RECOMMENDATION

Include information on how development opportunities are initiated and if there will be any exclusions (eg external unsolicited proposals).

26 Provide Clarity on the Act's Interpretation of the Purpose of the Park Lands

Some proponents adhere to the suggestion that it is the 'public's long-held desire to establish ways to protect open space and public access to it, free of built form and car parking, to reduce expansion of commercially focussed activities centres on monetising the use of the Adelaide Park Lands'. Others interpret the purpose of the Park Lands in a way that includes structures and development.

RECOMMENDATION

Include a clear interpretation of the purpose of the Park Lands, to remove any misapprehension about the legality of facilities and development, including times or instances of general public exclusions.

27 Water Efficiency/Reuse

Suggestion of including water efficiency standards to buildings. For new buildings plan to use rainwater run-off in park lands or retrofitting as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider how water run-off is currently captured and used in facilities and opportunities for including provision in building renovations/new builds. Review or develop policy.

28 Share Produce from Native Edible Plants and Community Gardens

Provide clarity around who can access the fruits of native plants and output from community gardens.

RECOMMENDATION

Review community gardens and associated policies to ensure there is clarity regarding the sharing of produce from community gardens and/or native plantings.

29 Include Sport as an Identified Park Lands Activity

Whilst it is implied that sporting activities and facilities are a component of the Park Lands, it is often referenced as recreation. Request by some stakeholders to include sport in wording to provide greater clarity.

RECOMMENDATION

Include sport in wording to provide greater clarity.

30 Major Event Policy

Major cultural, sporting and motor-sport events are part of the current calendar in the Park Lands. The amount of time that the public is excluded from areas of the Park Lands prior to, or post an event, should be minimised.

RECOMMENDATION

Agreements with major event organisers should stipulate that the amount of time that the public is excluded from areas of the Park Lands prior to, or post an event, should be minimised.

31 Overlay Principles of Good Design into all Goals

Principles of Good Design are included for Goal 1, and it is suggested to also include them for Goals 2 and 3.

RECOMMENDATION

Include Principles of Good Design in each of the Goals.

32 The Northern Area of the Golf Course

Respondents expressed that the current content could be interpreted to support a case either to develop or 'return to nature', which left them unsure if their wishes would be upheld.

RECOMMENDATION

More clearly define the intention for re-development of the northern area of the Golf Course

6. References

These public documents were referenced in the creation of this report:

- Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority – Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Engagement Consultation Report (Phase 1), December 2022
- Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Phase One Engagement Progress Report 'What We Heard', v1 08/11/2022
- Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority – Board Meeting 22 February 2024 – Presentation: Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) Phase Three Engagement Plan
- Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority – Board Meeting 23 May 2024 – Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 – Targeted Stakeholder Feedback – Summary Report, May 2024
- City of Adelaide – Council Meeting 17 May 2022 – Presentation: Review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)
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