

Rebuilding Adelaide's night life

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Council

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor
Hyde)

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

That Council:

1. Notes the City's \$1 billion per annum night economy has been devastated by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. Notes that many cities around the world now have nightlife advocates, such as New York (the 'Nightlife Mayor'), London (the 'Night Tsar'), Amsterdam (the 'Nachtburgemeester') among many others, but that no Australian jurisdiction has a nightlife advocate.
3. Investigates the appointment of an advocate for the City's nightlife and economy that would act in the interests of all elements of the night economy, including live music and entertainment, hospitality, liquor licensing and other related policy matters, such as managing the complicated interface between the night and daytime economies and residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their properties.
4. Investigates a soundproofing subsidy scheme so that residents and hotels may be supported in soundproofing their premises to allow for increased night time activation around them that does not impinge upon their rights.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The proposal for a Night Ambassador was previously considered by Council in 2016. If the Motion is supported by Council, an investigation can be undertaken to determine if the appointment of an advocate for the City's nightlife would assist all elements of the night economy whilst protecting residents' rights.
2. Since 2006 Council has supported a Noise Management Program, with the purpose to assist residential property owners to undertake noise attenuation works by providing expert advice via Council's Acoustic Advisory Service (AAS) and financial support via Council's Noise Management Incentive Scheme (NMIS). The Program acknowledges the importance of achieving co-existence between different land uses by seeking to improve the quality of the living environment for residents.
3. The Acoustic Advisory Service (AAS) provides a free consultation service with a qualified acoustic engineer (external to Council) to provide general acoustic advice to eligible residents. The service makes recommendations on possible physical changes to their residence to address external noise issues, and assesses the suitability of work for financial assistance under Council's Noise Management Incentive Scheme. The service also provides a final site visit by the qualified acoustic engineer (free of charge) to check the completed acoustic works.

4. The Noise Management Incentive Scheme (NMIS), the first of its type in Australia, reimburses a proportion of the costs involved in undertaking the recommended acoustic works to the value of 50% of the total cost up to a maximum of \$1,100, noting it is proposed that the NMIS grant will increase to \$1,200 as of 1 July 2020.
5. Council does not have a scheme for non-residential properties.

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