

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

South Australian Motor Sport Board World Solar Challenge 2023 Event Consultation

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Purpose

The World Solar Challenge (WSC) is an event that has been running in the City of Adelaide since it began in 1987. Held every two years, this race sees solar powered vehicles travel from Darwin to Adelaide, a route of 3000km, finishing in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga.

This year sees the return of the event under the management of the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB). The event is to be held in October 2023.

The purpose of this report is to seek the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority's feedback which will be provided to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 July 2023, on

- The Park Lands area proposed to be used as part of the event and prescribed works period
 - The proposed dates of occupation.
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Recommendation

THAT THE KADALTILLA / ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT:

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Provides the following feedback and advice on the World Solar Challenge 2023 event consultation to Council and the State Government:
 - 1.1. _____
 2. Notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the World Solar Challenge 2023 event.
 3. Authorises the Presiding Member to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Kadaltilla with its feedback to the consultation on the proposed area for the World Solar Challenge 2023 event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will cover.
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Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy supports promoting the Park Lands as a visitor and tourist destination (Strategy 1.3.1).</p>
<p>2020-2025 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Culture</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>The Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga recognises the use of the Square for events to attract visitation to the Square. The CLMP for Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23) recognises the use of the bitumen area for alternative sport and event uses.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>There is a legislative obligation under Section 20(4) of the <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984</i> for the Premier, through the SAMSB, to consult with Kadaltilla / APLA and Council regarding the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the World Solar Challenge 2023 event. The SAMSB consultation period for World Solar Challenge 2023 concludes 28 July 2023.</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>This activity will be facilitated within existing resources.</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>Pursuant to powers provided under the <i>South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984, Section 2(1)</i>, the Premier may declare a Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting motorsport events.</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)</p>	<p>The Declarations referred to in this report are in reference to the World Solar Challenge 2023 event only, with the end of the Declared Period proposed to be 1 November 2023.</p>
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>

Discussion

Background

1. The World Solar Challenge (WSC) is an biennial event that has been held in the City of Adelaide since it began in 1987. Solar powered vehicles race from Darwin to Adelaide, a route of 3000km, finishing in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga. The 2019 event saw 53 teams from 24 countries compete, with the 2021 event cancelled due to COVID-related travel restrictions for the Interstate and International teams.
2. Prior to 2023, this event has been run by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) but from 2023 onwards this event will be owned and managed by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB).
3. The 2023 event will be the first to be staged by the SAMSB pursuant to powers provided under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984* (the Act). Detailed in Section 2 (1) of the Act, the Premier of South Australia (Premier) may declare:
 - 3.1. A specified area (consisting of public road or Park Land or both) in Adelaide, to be a Declared Area under the Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - 3.2. A specified period (not exceeding five days) to be a Declared Period under this Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - 3.3. A specified period or periods (Prescribed Works Period) under the Act during which the SAMSB may have access to land within a declared area for the purposes of carrying out works in the manner contemplated by Section 22 (1) (a). Different periods may be specified in respect of different categories of work.
4. On behalf of the Minister responsible for the Act the Chief Executive, South Australian Motor Sport Board wrote to the Lord Mayor on 15 June 2023. The letter in [Link 1](#) outlines the Declarations for the World Solar Challenge 2023 event and was addressed to the Lord Mayor in their capacity as Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and as the Presiding Member of Kadaltilla/APLA.
5. The proposed Declared Area in [Link 2](#) and [Link 3](#) includes Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23) and a public road, Reconciliation Plaza.
6. The Declared Period covers the event days for the Official Finish Line portion of the event. The dates for the World Solar Challenge 2023 event are 25-29 October 2023, therefore the proposed Declared Period is 25-29 October 2023.
7. Feedback is being sought on the Declared Area, Prescribed Works Period and Declared Period. Any feedback provided will be presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on Tuesday 4 April 2023.
8. The deadline for feedback on the consultation on the proposed Declarations is 28 July 2023.

Declared Area

9. The Declared Area for the World Solar Challenge 2023 event, as provided by the SAMSB and takes in two specific zones within the City of Adelaide:
 - 9.1. Both the North and South sides of Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, as well as Reconciliation Plaza to connect the two spaces, to facilitate the Official Finish Line for the event.
 - 9.2. The hardstand area of Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23) to facilitate a pack-down area for teams travelling Interstate or Internationally. SAMSB have advised that while there is a larger area shown to facilitate fence lines, the intention is to only use the hard stand areas as part of the event.
10. The Declared Area is shown in [Link 2](#) and [Link 3](#).
11. The SAMSB advise that the size and scale of the Declared Area is required to enable the safe and successful delivery of the World Solar Challenge 2023 event.
12. Public access to the Declared Areas, in particular the main pathways, will be provided for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period, with restrictions to specific areas being managed in a staged approach.

Prescribed Works Period

13. The Prescribed Works Period is proposed as follows:
 - 13.1. 20 October 2023 until 1 November 2023 for Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga,
 - 13.2. 24 October 2023 until 1 November 2023 for Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23)

13.3. 23 October 2023 until 30 October 2023 for Reconciliation Plaza. The road will be closed for this period.

Impact on other Park Lands Users

14. The event may have short term impacts on other Park Lands users, including the casual users of Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, often used as a thoroughfare or as a recreational space, largely during the work week.
15. Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga is used for many different events throughout the year.

Remediation

16. Assessment and any required remediation as a result of the area being impacted by the World Solar Challenge 2023 event will be at the cost of the SAMSB.

Next Steps

17. A report will be presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 July 2023.

Attachments

Nil