

South Australian Motor Sport Board World Solar Challenge 2023 Declarations Consultation

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

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City Community Services and Culture Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 3,000 km, finishing in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga.

The purpose of this report is to seek through the City Community Services and Culture Committee, Council's feedback on the proposed area for the WSC event and the proposed period of time that works for the event will cover.

Under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984*, Part 3, section 20 (4), the Premier of South Australia (Premier) must consult separately with the City of Adelaide and Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority, as individual entities. The consultation is being undertaken by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) on behalf of the Premier.

The consultation period concludes Friday 28 July 2023 and SAMSB consulted with Kadaltilla on 22 June 2023.

The Declared Area includes Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23) and a public road, Reconciliation Plaza. The total number of road closure days for Reconciliation Plaza is eight (23 October 2023 until 30 October 2023).

Feedback is being sought on the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period and in the context of the impact on the Park Lands, City residents, visitors, and the economy.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 11 July 2023 for consideration

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

That Council:

1. Notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the World Solar Challenge 2023 event.
2. Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to the South Australian Motor Sport Board on behalf of Council with its feedback to the consultation, and to provide the following feedback and advice:
 - 2.1. That Council notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the World Solar Challenge 2023 event.
 - 2.2. Asks the SAMSB to keep public footpaths and bike lanes as open and accessible as is practicable throughout the Prescribed Works Period and Declared Period.
3. Notes the consultation was considered by Kadaltilla at its meeting of 22 June 2023 and that Kadaltilla will be providing a submission to the consultation.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture The City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan supports expanding Adelaide’s global reputation as a ‘magnet city’ through world class events, festivals and activation (Strategy 3.11).
Policy	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.
Consultation	There is a legislative obligation for the Premier to consult with Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority and Council regarding the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the World Solar Challenge (WSC) 2023 event. The consultation is being undertaken by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) on behalf of the Premier. The SAMSB consultation period for WSC 2023 event concludes 28 July 2023.
Resource	This activity will be facilitated within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to powers provided under the <i>South Australian Motor Sports Act, 1984</i> , Part 3, section 20 (1), the Premier may declare a Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the WSC 2023 event each year.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Declarations referred to in this report are in reference to the WSC 2023 event only, with the end of the Prescribed Works Period proposed to be 1 November 2023.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The World Solar Challenge (WSC) is a 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 Declared Period covers the event days for the Official Finish Line portion of the event. The dates for the WSC 2023 event are 25-29 October 2023, therefore the proposed Declared Period is 25-29 October 2023.
4. The 2023 event will be the first to be staged by the SAMSB under the *South Australian Motor Sport Act, 1984* (the Act). Detailed in Part 3, section 20 (1) of the Act, the Premier of South Australia (Premier) may declare:
 - 4.1. 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
 - 4.2. A specified period (not exceeding five days) to be a Declared Period under this Act for the purposes of the event; and
 - 4.3. 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.
5. On behalf of the Minister responsible for the Act, the Chief Executive SAMSB wrote to the Lord Mayor on 15 June 2023. The letter (Link 1 view [here](#)) outlines the Declarations for the WSC 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 / Adelaide Park Lands Authority.
6. The proposed Declared Area (Link 2 view [here](#)) and (Link 3 view [here](#)) includes Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23) and a public road, Reconciliation Plaza.
7. Feedback is being sought on the Declared Area, Prescribed Works Period and Declared Period.

Declared Area

8. The Declared Area for the WSC 2023 event, as provided by the SAMSB, takes in two specific zones within the City of Adelaide:
 - 8.1. 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.
 - 8.2. 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.
9. The Declared Area is shown in Link 2 view [here](#) and Link 3 view [here](#).
10. The SAMSB advise that the size and scale of the Declared Area is required to enable the safe and successful delivery of the WSC 2023 event.
11. Public access to the Declared Areas, in particular the main public footpaths and bike path along Reconciliation Plaza, will be provided for as long as possible during the Prescribed Works Period but with restrictions and detours applicable for a period of time. Further details on these plans are yet to be received.

Prescribed Works Period

12. The Prescribed Works Period is proposed as follows:
 - 12.1. 20 October 2023 until 1 November 2023 for Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga.
 - 12.2. 23 October 2023 until 30 October 2023 for Reconciliation Plaza. The road will be closed for this period.
 - 12.3. 24 October 2023 until 1 November 2023 for Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23).

Impact on other Park Lands Users

13. The event may have short term impacts on other Park Lands users, including the casual users of Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, which is often used as a thoroughfare or as a recreational space, largely during the work week.

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority

14. Kadaltilla met on 22 June 2023 to consider the proposed Declarations as part of the consultation, and resolved to advise the following to Council and State Government:
 - 14.1. That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:
 1. Notes the Declaration of the Declared Area, Declared Period and Prescribed Works Period for the purpose of conducting the World Solar Challenge 2023 event.
 2. 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.

Impact on Road Users

15. The closure of Reconciliation Plaza is sometimes undertaken for events, including approximately 20 days in January each year as part of the Santos Tour Down Under event.
16. Detours are able to be placed around the closure of Reconciliation Plaza without significant issue and additional lanes are able to be redirected to increase the flow of traffic from arterial roads around the square.
17. The Adelaide Central Market Authority has been notified of the proposed road closure.
18. Other key stakeholders, including emergency services and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport have been notified of the proposed road closure.
19. Pedestrians will be required to detour around the event space during the road closure, as the event site will be fenced, which may affect ease of access to the Victoria Square Tram stop and other public transport stops within the immediate area.

Remediation

20. Any required remediation as a result of the area being impacted by the WSC 2023 event will be at the cost of the SAMSB.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Letter from Chief Executive, South Australian Motor Sport Board to the Lord Mayor

Link 2 - Map of the Proposed Declared Area - Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga and Reconciliation Plaza

Link 3 - Map of the Proposed Declared Area - Edwards Park / Wirranendi (Park 23)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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