

# Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

## Update on the World Heritage Listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and Rural Settlement Landscapes

Thursday, 28 March 2024  
Board Meeting

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### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the Joint World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes.

At its meeting on 12 March 2024, Council adopted the recommendation of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, that Council:

- *Notes the continued efforts of City of Adelaide to seek World Heritage status for the Adelaide Park Lands and its Rural Settlement Landscapes in partnership with the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium.*
- *Endorses Option B – City of Adelaide and State Government Partnership, as presented in Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 5 March 2024*
- *Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government support for alternative partnership approaches.*
- *Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to write to the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium advising bid partners of Council's decision, pending advice from the State Government.*

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### Recommendation

That the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Receives the report contained in Item 8.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 28 March 2024.
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## Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p><a href="#">Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</a>  Outcome - The Park Lands are valued as a National Heritage site worthy of a World Heritage Listing. Action 1 - Secure a commitment to pursue World Heritage listing.  Action 2 - Develop the case for World Heritage listing</p>
<p>2023-2028 Strategic Plan</p>	<p><a href="#">Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023-2028 Strategic Plan</a>  <b>Strategic Plan Alignment – Cultural Value</b>  Objective 1.4 Champion the development of World Heritage listing nomination Initiative  1.4 Regularly review World Heritage listing submission progress Measure of Success  1.4 State Government support for World Heritage listing submission by 2026</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>The World Heritage listing of Adelaide and its rural settlement landscapes seeks to landmark the site and protect the area for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Opportunities created through World Heritage listing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and recognition of the significance of Adelaide and its rural settlement landscapes</li> <li>• Global profile and cultural tourism business and international investment attraction</li> <li>• Creating a shared narrative about First Nations culture and history that aligns with colonial settlement</li> <li>• Greater levels of protection.</li> </ul>
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>City of Adelaide has dedicated an existing FTE to project manage the bid which is equivalent to \$74,000 of operating costs in 2023/24.  City of Adelaide is also resourcing the administrative costs of the bid across the partnership and is seeking to progress a funding approach with the State Government. There is currently no operating budget allocated within the City of Adelaide 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.  The next stage of this initiative is unfunded, with a budget proposal of \$160,000 prepared for consideration through the City of Adelaide’s annual business plan and budget process for 2024/25 subject to Council prioritisation.</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>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>The bid partners have noted that there is approximately \$60,000 remaining to contribute towards the ongoing development of the World Heritage bid.</p>

# Discussion

## Current Status

1. On 4 December 2023, the Chief Executive Officer wrote to Members of the Inter-Agency Oversight Committee seeking to confirm their ongoing commitment to the joint World Heritage bid and new governance arrangements. At the time of writing this report, the following responses have been received:
  - 1.1. Mt Barker District Council have indicated that they no longer wish to participate in the World Heritage project.
  - 1.2. The City of Onkaparinga note their interest in participating in the Oversight Committee.
  - 1.3. The Barossa Council and the Adelaide Hills Council are yet to formally respond.
2. The scheduling of future Oversight Committee meetings is on hold pending responses from all bid partners.

## Council Decision

3. A report was presented to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee meeting on 5 March 2024 seeking Council direction on progressing the bid ([Link 1](#)).
4. The report detailed the progress of the World Heritage Project and provided Council with three options for progressing the World Heritage bid:
  - 4.1. Option A – Mount Lofty Consortium (status quo)
    - 4.1.1. A Tentative Submission by the current Consortium is supported by the State Government, which is a key requirement to progress a Tentative Submission and was formerly identify as the preferred way for all parties to proceed.
    - 4.1.2. To be effective in progressing the Tentative Submission, the current governance and funding arrangements would need to be resolved. There is currently limited appetite from Consortium partners to resolve these matters.
  - 4.2. Option B – City of Adelaide and State Government Partnership (recommended)
    - 4.2.1. Consideration has been given to City of Adelaide undertaking the Tentative Submission without the Mount Lofty Consortium, such an approach would require support from the State Government to enable it to proceed.
    - 4.2.2. In this circumstance, City of Adelaide would be responsible for leading and funding the Tentative Submission. The Mount Lofty Consortium Council's would form stakeholders to the bid rather than bid partners. City of Adelaide would be responsible for obtaining Free, Prior and Informed Consent from First Nations owners of the land (including, but not limited to Kaurna, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri, and Peramangk Nations).
  - 4.3. Option C – Defer delivery of the World Heritage project
    - 4.3.1. A World Heritage listing requires outstanding political will at all levels of government and widespread public mandate to be realised.
    - 4.3.2. City of Adelaide may wish to defer delivery of the World Heritage project if it determines that current levels of support from the State Government and Mount Lofty Consortium are insufficient to meaningfully progress the Tentative Submission.
    - 4.3.3. Noting that the Mount Barker District Council has advised it will not provide further funding nor participate in the Oversight Committee and in the event the State Government does not prioritise a partnership to progress a Tentative Submission, there would likely be necessity to defer delivery of this project for the purposes of redefining the approach and partners to ensure clear alignment of the proposal and its partners.
5. The Committee recommended that Council:
  - 5.1. *Notes the continued efforts of City of Adelaide to seek World Heritage status for the Adelaide Park Lands and its Rural Settlement Landscapes in partnership with the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium.*
  - 5.2. *Endorses Option B – City of Adelaide and State Government Partnership, as presented in Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 5 March 2024*
  - 5.3. *Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government support for alternative partnership approaches.*

- 5.4. *Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to write to the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium advising bid partners of Council's decision, pending advice from the State Government.*
6. At its meeting on 12 March 2024, Council adopted the recommendation of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee.

**Planned Activity**

7. The Lord Mayor will write to Deputy Premier, Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking State Government support for alternative partnership approaches.
8. Pending advice from the State Government, the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate will write to the Mount Lofty World Heritage Consortium advising bid partners of Council's decision.
9. The next meeting of the Project Management Group is scheduled for 4 April 2024 at which Administration will provide an update to members of the group.

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## Data and Supporting Information

**Link 1** – [Item 7.4 - Committee Update on the World Heritage Listing for the Adelaide Park Lands and Rural Settlement Landscapes](#)

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## Attachments

Nil