

# Exclusion of the Public

Tuesday, 2 April 2024

**City Planning,  
Development and Business  
Affairs Committee**

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Public

**Approving Officer:**  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer that the public be excluded from this City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee Special meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda.

For the following Report seeking consideration in confidence

**10.1** Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – 21/3/2024 [section 90(3) (m) of the Act]

The Order to Exclude for Item 10.1:

1. Identifies the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
2. Identifies the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
3. In addition, identifies for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.

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## ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 10.1

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (m) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee dated 2 April 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 10.1 [Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – 21/3/2024] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

### Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information and links to draft Code Amendment documents provided by Planning and Land Use Services in confidence.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably breach confidentiality of information provided to Council by the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services prior to the commencement of a Code Amendment.

Public Interest

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information will result in release of information that has been provided to Council in confidence from the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee dated 2 April 2024 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 10.1 [Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – 21/3/2024] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (m) of the Act.
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## DISCUSSION

1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) directs that a meeting of Council must be conducted in a place open to the public.
2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.
3. Section 90(3) of the Act prescribes the information and matters that a Council may order that the public be excluded from.
4. Section 90(4) of the Act, advises that in considering whether an order should be made to exclude the public under section 90(2) of the Act, it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may -
  - (a) *cause embarrassment to the council or council committee concerned, or to members or employees of the council; or*
  - (b) *cause a loss of confidence in the council or council committee; or*
  - (c) *involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the council area; or*
  - (d) *make the council susceptible to adverse criticism.*
5. Section 90(7) of the Act requires that an order to exclude the public:
  - 5.1 Identify the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
  - 5.2 Identify the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
  - 5.3 In addition identify for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.
6. Section 83(5) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following report is submitted seeking consideration in confidence.
  - 6.2 Information contained in Item 10.1 – Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – 21/3/2024
    - 6.2.1 Is subject to an Existing Confidentiality Order dated 21/3/2024
    - 6.2.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (m) of the Act
      - (m) information relating to a proposal to prepare or amend a designated instrument under Part 5 Division 2 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* before the draft instrument or amendment is released for public consultation under that Act.

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## ATTACHMENTS

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