

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape - MoN - Save the Crown and Anchor

Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Keiran Snape

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Keiran Snape will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

‘That Council:

- Notes the proposal submitted at 188 & 196 Grenfell Street which includes Crown and Anchor site, that if progressed, will result in the loss of a significant historic building in our city and may have a negative impact on the lively and thriving East End.
- Notes the significance of the Crown & Anchor venue to the City of Adelaide’s live music culture, which has supported and continues to support emerging musicians and the music community of Adelaide and Australia.
- Notes the City of Adelaide’s status as a UNESCO City of Music.
- Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Premier expressing concerns about the potential loss of a key Adelaide live music venue, and requesting the City of Adelaide and the State Government work together to consider options that will provide greater protection for such venues.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. A development application (ID 24003065) has been lodged for 188 & 196 Grenfell Street, which includes the Crown and Anchor site.
2. The State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) is the relevant authority assessing the application.
3. As part of SCAP’s standard process, Administration will provide technical referral comments regarding the proposal via the Acting Chief Executive Officer. Referral comments are limited to topics such as infrastructure, traffic, waste management, stormwater, public open space and impact on any local heritage place.
4. While not yet finalised, initial advice from Administration is that when assessed against the Planning & Design Code (the Code), the proposal will not be significantly over height, will have a bulk and scale expected in this part of the city, and will retain the heritage façade.
5. From a heritage perspective, referral comments will be limited to the building and façade only and will not reference the current use of the building (i.e. live music).
6. The application is expected to undergo a public notification process, however an exact timeframe for this is not yet confirmed.
7. During the public notification process, any member of the public will be able to make a representation to SCAP regarding the proposal.
8. It is noted there is nothing in the Code that emphasises the preservation of buildings for arts/cultural heritage reasons, or live music specifically.

9. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a letter to the Premier from the Lord Mayor will be prepared outlining Council's concerns, which relate not only to this specific proposal, but more broadly any proposal which may seek to impact or demolish similar live music venues.
10. As outlined in the Motion, the letter will recommend the City of Adelaide and the State Government work together on this issue.
11. It is noted that while City of Adelaide is a UNESCO City of Music, a formal analysis has not been undertaken on what impact this specific proposal may have on the status.
12. It is also noted the development of Council's Cultural Strategy could provide an opportunity to make a policy statement about the preservation of culture and heritage in the City, which may form some of the work outlined in the letter to the Premier.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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