

Noise Pollution on O'Connell Street

ITEM 15.1 08/03/2022
Council

Council Member
Councillor Couros

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can administration please advise if they have worked with the State Government or if we have conducted our own reports regarding noise pollution on O'Connell Street. If so, can these reports please be provided to Elected Members?'

REPLY

1. We understand the intent of this Question on Notice relates primarily to noise from traffic/roadways on O'Connell Street.
2. We respond to requests and complaints from community members regarding noise from a variety of sources (e.g. construction sites, licensed premises etc).
3. Council does not have the regulatory powers to assess vehicles against Australian Design Rules requirements or to administer the Summary Offences Act, which can be applied if a vehicle/motorbike has been modified with a non-standard exhaust.
4. Noting the above, Council nonetheless provided assistance with an investigation regarding motorcycle noise in O'Connell Street in 2017. Temporary trial noise sensors were set up to capture traffic noise near the intersection of O'Connell Street and Brougham Place. This activity was for informal information gathering purposes, not conducted or reviewed by certified acoustic engineers.
5. Our records indicate one customer complaint about noise from traffic along O'Connell Street has been received in the last 12 months.
6. It should be noted that in 2016 the City of Adelaide collaborated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to undertake noise monitoring in various locations. The majority of locations were CBD-based, with the closest location to O'Connell Street being the corner of King William Road and Victoria Drive, near Adelaide Oval. While not specific to O'Connell Street, the report is available publicly here: [Adelaide CBD strategic noise monitoring \(epa.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.adelaide.gov.au/epa/strategic-noise-monitoring).

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