

Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga (Park 25) – Main Oval Lighting Options

Thursday, 28 November 2024
Board Meeting

Presenter:
Jennifer Kalionis, Associate
Director City Culture

Public

Purpose of Presentation

The purpose of this presentation is for the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) to seek feedback from Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (Kadaltilla) on proposed infrastructure options to achieve revised lighting standards in Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga (Park 25), which respond to changes in national standards for sports lighting.

Background

SACA holds a 42-year Park Lands Lease and Licence over the formal sporting facilities in Park 25. The Lease Agreement is in its eighth year and expires in December 2058.

In January 2018, SACA completed a significant upgrade of the existing sporting facilities, including demolishing multiple buildings to facilitate a centralised three-level sports pavilion, landscaping, car parking, and enhancement of the main eastern oval.

In January 2021, SACA installed sports lighting around the main oval. The four 30-metre towers and fittings enabled them to achieve Class 1 lighting levels consistent with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines. Class 1 represents the highest level of lighting for playing cricket; however, this lighting level is not suitable for television broadcasting.

The Australian Standards for sports lighting were updated in 2021, and Cricket Australia's Tier 2 Venue Lighting requirements were updated in 2024, resulting in an increase in oval lighting requirements.

The existing sports lighting on the main oval in Park 25 is approximately 850 to 900 lux, with the new standards requiring 1,500 lux for Men's and Women's Domestic cricket.

On 9 August 2022, following the advice of Kadaltilla, the City of Adelaide approved SACA upgrading the eastern embankment adjacent to the main oval to create landscaped terraced seating. However, due to the potential impact of the lighting infrastructure on the embankment, SACA has not progressed with this work and is awaiting the resolution of its sports lighting requirements before proceeding.

SACA is seeking feedback from Kadaltilla on the following proposed infrastructure options to achieve the revised lighting standards in Park 25, and their potential impacts in this area of the Adelaide Park Lands:

- Option 1 involves replacing the existing 30-metre towers with four new 40-metre towers. The existing 30-metre towers would be relocated to an oval licenced by SACA on the western side of Park 25.
- Option 2 involves the installation of two additional light towers around the main oval, resulting in six 30-metre towers.

SA Health has advised that either option will have no adverse effects, including on the MedStar Emergency Medical Retrieval helicopter service.

Neither option will require funding from the City of Adelaide.

Administration's preference is Option 1, as it does not impact existing trees or the previously approved design for the eastern embankment, it involves less built form on the Park Lands and provides the opportunity to enhance the lighting of a second oval.

Feedback and advice from Kadaltilla on these proposed options will inform a future report from Administration to Kadaltilla and Council on this matter.

Key Questions

Feedback is sought from Kadaltilla on the two lighting options proposed by SACA for the main oval in Park 25.

- END OF REPORT -