

# Appointment of Council Member to Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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**Council**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 11 April 2025, orders in relation to the matter of Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li were made by the Court of Disputed Returns and consequently, one council member position on the Reconciliation Committee is now vacant.

This report is to enable Council to resolve to appoint a Council Member to the vacant position on the Reconciliation Committee until the first meeting attended by newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee from 23 April 2025 until the first meeting attended by newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<a href="#">Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation</a> Support, promote and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and pay homage to the Kaurna people as traditional owners.
Policy	Council's Reconciliation Vision Statement (2012) Council's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The terms of reference for the Reconciliation Committee state that three members of the Committee are to be Council Members.
Opportunities	The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee will engage collaboratively with peak Government and non-government reconciliation groups to advance reconciliation in the city and encourage and seek broad Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in Council activities and events.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report. Council Members are not remunerated for their time and attendance for this Committee.
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report.
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report.

## DISCUSSION

1. At its meeting on 13 December 2022, Council resolved in part that:  
*Councillors Elliott, Giles and Siebentritt be appointed to the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee for the 2022-2026 municipal term of office.*
2. On 11 April 2025, in the matter of Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders resulting in Councillor Elliott being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.
3. This report seeks to appoint a Council Member to the Reconciliation Committee (the Committee) to fill the vacancy resulting from Councillor Elliott being removed as a Councillor.
4. The primary purpose of the committee is to engage collaboratively with peak government and non-government reconciliation groups to advance reconciliation in the City of Adelaide and encourage and seek broad participation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Council activities and events.
5. The role of the Committee is to:
  - 5.1. Provide input to policy development and strategic advice to Council across areas likely to impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as requested by Council or resolved by the Committee;
  - 5.2. Promote and advocate a positive representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, facilitate reconciliation between city communities and contribute to the education and awareness of the city communities about the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and
  - 5.3. Monitor the endorsed Stretch Reconciliation Action 2021-2024.
6. The Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Committee call for the Lord Mayor (Ex Officio) and three Council members, three strategic agency representatives, one Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation representative and one proxy, three Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community representatives and two proxies be established.
7. The 2025 meeting dates for the Committee are:
  - 7.1. Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 2.30pm;
  - 7.2. Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 2.30pm; and
  - 7.3. Wednesday 3 December 2025 at 2.30pm.
8. Councillors Giles and Siebentritt are appointed for the remainder of the council term.

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## ATTACHMENTS

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