

Kadaltilla

Adelaide Park Lands Authority

Presentation from Department for Environment and Water on the Biodiversity Act 2025 (SA)

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Purpose of Workshop

This presentation by Ms Lisien Loan, Director, Conservation and Wildlife, and Mr Brett Simes, Principal Legislation Officer – Biodiversity from the Department for Environment and Water, will provide an overview of the recently passed *Biodiversity Act 2025 (SA)* ([Link 1](#)).

In June 2025, the South Australian Parliament passed the *Biodiversity Act 2025 (SA)* (the Act). The Act brings together biodiversity protections contained in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA)* and the *Native Vegetation Act 1991 (SA)* and includes new approaches to improve biodiversity outcomes. The Act causes amendment of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA)* and will repeal the *Native Vegetation Act 1991 (SA)*.

The City of Adelaide participated in the consultation process for the development of the Act including providing feedback on the discussion paper in 2023/24 and meeting with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), who led development of the Act, in 2024/25.

The Act is being progressively implemented over a two-year period with existing legislation remaining in place until such time that relevant sections of the Act are in operation.

DEW is preparing subordinate legislation (regulations, policies and guidelines) and establishing governance arrangements under the Act.

The City of Adelaide's Administration provided an overview of the Act and its alignment with the strategic direction for the Adelaide Park Lands to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority at its meeting held on 28 August 2025 ([Link 2](#)).

Data and Supporting Information

Link 1 – [Biodiversity Act 2025 \(SA\)](#)

Link 2 – [Agenda – Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority – 28 August 2025](#)