

External Presentation - Safer Place to Gather - Department of Human Services

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Tuesday, 4 November 2025
City Community Services and Culture Committee

Presenter:

Sandy Pitcher, Chief Executive,
Department of Human Services

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PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

On 5 August 2025 the City Community Services and Culture Committee (the Committee) considered a request for a further licence to enable the Department of Human Services (DHS) to continue its delivery of the Safer Place to Gather initiative in Edwards Park / Wirrarninthe (Park 23) in the western Adelaide Park Lands ([Link 1](#)).

At that meeting, DHS provided a briefing on the steps being taken to implement longer term measures to support remote and regional visitors to Adelaide, which includes the development of a business case for State Government consideration.

The Committee approved the request for a further licence from 1 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 and requested that DHS attend the November 2025 meeting of the City Community Service and Cultural Committee to provide information on the alternate longer term measures being implemented to support remote and regional Aboriginal visitors.

The Committee also requested that the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Human Services expressing Council's concern with the lack of permanent solutions and funding to develop such a solution. The letter was sent to the Minister for Human Services on 10 September 2025 [Link 2](#).

The Chief Executive of the Department of Human Services, Ms Sandy Pitcher will present.

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