

# Exclusion of the Public

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

**City Community Services  
and Culture Committee**

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Public

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer that the public be excluded from this City Community Services and Culture Committee Special meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda.

For the following Report for Recommendation to Council seeking consideration in confidence

**7.1** Citizen of the Year Awards [section 90(3) (o) of the Act]

The Order to Exclude for Item 7.1:

1. Identifies the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
2. Identifies the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
3. In addition, identifies for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.

## ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 7.1

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (o) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee dated 2 December 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 7.1 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information relating to recommended award recipients prior to the presentation of the awards at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony scheduled for Thursday 29 January 2026.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee dated 2 December 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 7.1 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (o) of the Act.

## DISCUSSION

1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) directs that a meeting of Council must be conducted in a place open to the public.
2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.
3. Section 90(3) of the Act prescribes the information and matters that a Council may order that the public be excluded from.
4. Section 90(4) of the Act, advises that in considering whether an order should be made to exclude the public under section 90(2) of the Act, it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may -
  - (a) *cause embarrassment to the council or council committee concerned, or to members or employees of the council; or*
  - (b) *cause a loss of confidence in the council or council committee; or*
  - (c) *involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the council area; or*
  - (d) *make the council susceptible to adverse criticism.*
5. Section 90(7) of the Act requires that an order to exclude the public:
  - 5.1 Identify the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
  - 5.2 Identify the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
  - 5.3 In addition identify for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.
6. Section 83(5) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following reports are submitted seeking consideration in confidence.
  - 6.1 Information contained in Item 7.1 – Citizen of the Year Awards
    - 6.1.1 Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order.
    - 6.1.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (o) of the Act
      - (o) information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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