

Petition - Excessive Noise - St Ann's

Tuesday, 14 April 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a petition for Council to receive. The purpose of the petition is:

'To notify the Council of interfering noise from St Ann's with a view to stopping further unconditional Liquor Licenses or on-site functions being approved.

To report back to St Ann's, the community discontent with their behaviour and obtain:

- An apology from St Ann's to the neighbourhood re the severe disturbance and for promoting that students disregard their local community.
- Apology to residents for purporting that permission for the event were approved by the Adelaide City Council.
- Advice from St Ann's re measure to prevent further noisy behaviour adversely impacting their neighbours and neighbourhood.'

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the petition containing 27 valid signatories, distributed as a separate document to Item 10.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 14 April 2026.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Presentation of petitions align with the Strategic Plan Key Action to listen and respond to our community, embedding their perspective to support decision-making
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Petition presented for receipt in accordance with the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings Regulations 2013</i> (SA) and the Council's Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 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
25/26 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. A petition containing 27 petitioners was received including the following information and seeking the following action:

'We the undersigned, do hereby wish to make our concerns re excessive bombardment of noise from St Ann's Residential College on 14/3/26 made known to the Council. Intrusive, disturbing noise occurred during sound checks during the day and for the duration of the event.

- The noise interfered with our personal environments.
- St Ann's claimed to have permissions from Council to hold the event without restrictions as to sound emitted (No such permissions were sought or approved by the Adelaide City Council).
- St Ann's showed no concern for the noise impost on multiple residential properties and resident in the vicinity, or their students and attendees with outdoor readings of over 100db outside the perimeter fencing.

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2. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure the petition is placed on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of Council. The original petition will be distributed to all Council Members separately.
 3. Members of the public may seek a copy of the original petition upon written request to the Chief Executive Officer.
 4. The petition has been considered pursuant to regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA)* (the Regulations) and in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures, the petition meets the requirements.
 5. All Petitioners were from North Adelaide, 5006.
 6. The petition is presented for Council to receive, with 27 valid signatories.

ATTACHMENTS

Petition distributed separately to Lord Mayor and Councillors

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