

# Councillor Couros - MoN - North Adelaide Dog Park - Accessibility Infrastructure and Maintenance Improvements

Tuesday, 14 April 2026  
**Council**

**Council Member**  
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
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## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Mary Couros will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

1. Notes community concerns regarding the current condition and accessibility of the North Adelaide Dog Park, including:
  - a. Poor access for people with disabilities, particularly following rainfall events where surfaces become unsafe or impassable.
  - b. Deterioration of access during winter months due to mud, potholes, and drainage issues;
  - c. Lack of public toilet
  - d. Insufficient seating for park users.
  - e. The prevalence of three-cornered jacks (bindii) creates discomfort and safety concerns for both dogs and park users.
2. Acknowledges that the current access pathway from Medindie Road and Lefevre Terrace entrance becomes:
  - a. A dust-prone surface during summer; and
  - b. A muddy, uneven and hazardous track during winter, limiting usability and accessibility.
3. Requests Administration to undertake an investigation and report back to Council on:
  - a. Options to improve accessibility, including compliance with disability access standards.
  - b. The feasibility and cost of constructing a paved or concreted pathway from Medindie Road to the small dog park entrance.
  - c. Improvements to drainage and surface conditions to ensure year-round usability.
  - d. The provision of additional seating within the dog park.
  - e. The feasibility and cost of installing public toilet facilities
  - f. Measures to control and eradicate three-cornered jacks (bindii), including ongoing maintenance programs.
  - g. Any staged or priority works that could be delivered in the short term.
4. Requests Administration to identify potential funding sources, including consideration through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process.'

## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, Administration will undertake a detailed investigation of the North Adelaide Dog Park that includes:
  - 1.1. Assessment of accessibility and compliance with disability access standards, including the condition of the existing access points and pathways. It is noted there is no disabled car parking and some areas do not have accessible pathways.
  - 1.2. Feasibility and cost analysis for a paved or concreted pathway from Medindie Road to the small dog park entrance, noting site constraints, drainage patterns and potential impacts on surrounding open space.
  - 1.3. Review of drainage performance and surface conditions, with consideration of options to improve year-round usability and reduce seasonal hazards such as mud, potholes and dust. We are not aware of any current drainage issues and would need to investigate further.
  - 1.4. Identification of suitable locations for additional seating, ensuring accessibility, visibility, and minimal interference with dog off leash activity. It is noted the small dog park has five seats and the all-dog park has two seats, three additional seats could be considered for the all-dog park.
  - 1.5. Feasibility and indicative costs for public toilet locality, including service connections, siting considerations and alignment with Council's Public Toilet Strategy. It is noted the closest public toilet to the North Adelaide Dog Park is located along the Adelaide Park Lands Trail (along Lefevre Road) which is approximately 100m west of the dog park. The most direct access to this public toilet is along a gravel / dirt path. Access to this public toilet via sealed footpaths would be approximately 500m. At this stage, no additional public toilets have been recommended for Bragg Park/Ngampa Yarta (Park 5) or North Adelaide Dog Park.
  - 1.6. Assessment of three-cornered jack (bindii) prevalence, including treatment options, seasonal management programs, and long-term eradication strategies.
  - 1.7. Opportunities for staged or priority works, enabling early improvements where feasible while longer term solutions are developed.
2. Administration will also identify potential funding sources, including consideration through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process, external grant opportunities where applicable, and alignment with existing asset renewal or open space improvement programs.
3. A report would be brought back to Council outlining findings, options, costs, and recommended next steps.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Engagement with the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel to seek their views on access enhancements to the North Adelaide Dog Park. Consultation with Dog Park users on any proposed improvements.
External consultant advice	Recommend that a budget submission for accessibility improvement includes funding for an Access Consultant to advise on DDA requirements and universal design principles (costs to be determined).
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable (currently unbudgeted)
Capital investment	To be determined
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	40 hours report preparation
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.