

Petition - Install Recycling Rails to Bins in the City of Adelaide

Tuesday, 12 July 2022
Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a document for Council to receive. The document asks Council to install recycling rails to all city bins to facilitate a more sensible and dignified approach to waste management.

There are 594 signatories to the document. The document is not a valid petition in accordance with regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* and City of Adelaide Standing Order 203, as the document does not contain original signatures or endorsements and each page does not identify what the names listed are attesting to.

In the interests of allowing public involvement in Council meetings the document is still presented for Council to receive.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the document containing 594 signatories, distributed as a separate document to Item 8.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2022, asking Council to to install recycling rails to all city bins to facilitate a more sensible and dignified way to approach waste management.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities Presentation of petitions align with the Strategic Plan objective that community consultation underpins everything we do.
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	While the document cannot be accepted as a valid petition in accordance with City of Adelaide Standing Orders and the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA)</i> , it has been presented for Council to receive in the interest of allowing public involvement in Council meetings.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 23/24 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
22/23 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 document has been received which states:

'South Australia is a world leader in recycling, but in 2019, the recycling bins in the main retail strip of Rundle Mall of Adelaide have been removed. This means there is no easy way for citizens to recycle containers and is adding to our state's waste problem.

We suspect this was done as a deterrent for "anti-social" behaviour of the men and women who collect recycling to earn money through the container deposit scheme.

However there is a better way: Port Lincoln council recently installed recycling rails along side outdoor bins: allowing a more hygienic and dignified way for bottle collectors to remove recyclable items and providing a better zero waste option.

Proposed solution can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10156501576682466&set=gm.2275165999261825&type=3&theater>

This petition is to ask the City of Adelaide to install recycling rails to all city bins, to facilitate a more sensible and dignified way to approach waste management in our city.

Background Reading: <https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2020/01/21/rundle-mall-recycling-bin-removal-rubbished/>

2. If a petition is received 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. Members of the public may seek a copy of the original petition upon written request to the Chief Executive Officer.
3. To determine that a document presented is a petition pursuant to regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA)* (the Regulations), the following matters in conjunction with the requirements of the City of Adelaide Standing Orders, are assessed prior to the presentation of a petition to the Council:
 - 3.1. What is a Petition?

A 'petition' is commonly defined as 'a formal documents which seeks the taking of specified action by the person or body to whom it is addressed' or 'a written statement setting out facts upon which the petitioner bases a prayer or remedy or relief'.
 - 3.2. Does the Petition contain original signatures or endorsements, accompanied by and address?

A petition being a document of a formal nature must contain original signatures or endorsements (not copies) and those signatures, or endorsements, must be accompanied by an address.
 - 3.3. Does each page of the Petition identify what the signature is for?

Each signature must be on a true page of the petition which sets out the prayer for relief as part of that page – a sheet which contains signatures but not the prayer cannot be accepted as valid as there is no evidence as to what the signatories were attesting to.
 - 3.4. Language in the Petition?

The request must be written in temperate language and not contain material that may, objectively, be regarded as defamatory or offensive in content.
4. Regulation 10 states that a petition to Council must:
 - 4.1. Be legibly written or typed or printed.
 - 4.2. Clearly set out the request or submission of the petitioners.
 - 4.3. Include the name and address of each person who signed or endorsed the petition.
 - 4.4. Be addressed to the Council and delivered to the principal office of the Council.
5. The document cannot be accepted as a valid petition in accordance with City of Adelaide Standing Orders and the Regulations as the document does not contain original signatures or endorsements and each page does not identify what the names listed are attesting to.
6. While not accepted as a valid petition the document has been presented for Council to receive in the interest of allowing public involvement with Council meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

Document distributed separately to Lord Mayor and Councillors

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