

Kadaltilla

APLMS Engagement Progress Report

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Board Meeting

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Purpose

This report outlines the results of the first phase of a three-phase engagement program conducted as part of the current review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 (APLMS).

The consultation generated a large amount of information to inform and guide the review of the APLMS. This report provides an overview of 'what we heard' during the phase one engagement activities.

Recommendation

That Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority:

1. Notes the complete Engagement Report and the Engagement Summary Report (Attachments A and B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Board of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority held on 23 February 2023) outlining the results of the first phase of the engagement on the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025.
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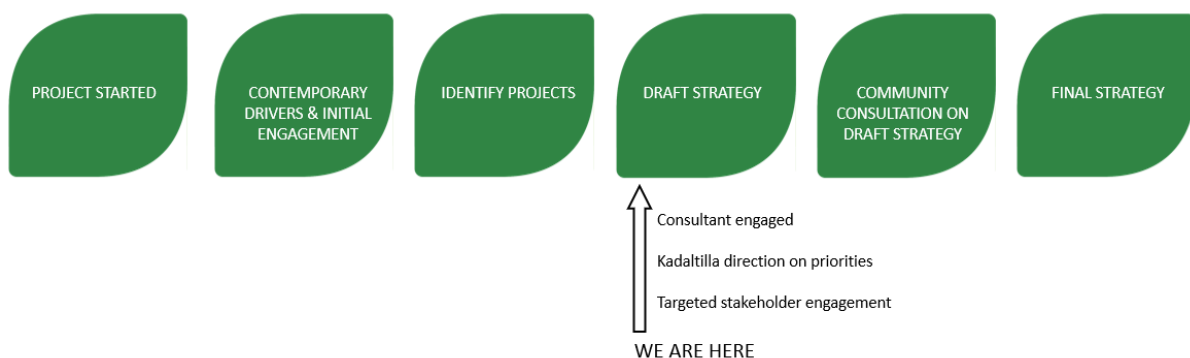
Implications

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025	Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 This engagement forms part of the mid-point legislative review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) 2015-2025.
2020-2025 Strategic Plan	Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Management and Protection Key action 3.1 to <i>Review and improve the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy which includes prioritisation of projects.</i>
Policy	City of Adelaide's Community Consultation Policy 16 July 2019.
Consultation	This first phase of engagement sought a broad range of views to help shape the future of the Adelaide Park Lands, including from the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC), Park Lands tenants, youth, relevant State agencies, key partners, adjacent Councils and the broader community.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Authority must undertake a comprehensive review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy at least once in every 5 years as required under Section 18(14) of the <i>Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005</i> .
Opportunities	The first phase of engagement identifies issues and opportunities to inform an amended APLMS.
City of Adelaide Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy will undergo a further review at the conclusion of current Strategic Plan in 2025.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

Discussion

1. This report outlines the results of the first phase of the engagement conducted as part of the mid point legislated review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 (APLMS). Its purpose was to:
 - 1.1. Invigorate ideas and opinions on the Park Lands, consider new opportunities, and identify and conserve aspects of the Park Lands and Park Lands values of high importance.
2. The engagement objectives included:
 - 2.1. Identify the needs and values of broader South Australians on the Park Lands, including current and potential users of the Park Lands
 - 2.2. Engage with the State Government, City of Adelaide and adjoining councils as active contributors to proposals and outcomes of the APLMS
 - 2.3. Proactively approach a range of communities to obtain diverse insights and values on the Park Lands
 - 2.4. Employ a mix of online and in person engagement techniques that optimise opportunities for communities to influence the project
 - 2.5. Supply timely and relevant information in plain language or visual formats that supports meaningful and relevant input from engagement participants
 - 2.6. Obtain broad perspectives from different disciplines such as climate, social, political, economic, cultural and heritage.
3. The themes that emerged from phase one of the engagement will assist in the identification of issues and opportunities and inform the key priorities and projects to be considered for inclusion and prioritisation as part of the mid point review of the APLMS.
4. This report provides a summary of 'what was heard' during the engagement from a broad range of stakeholders including:
 - 4.1. Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC)
 - 4.2. Key partners / State agencies
 - 4.3. Adjoining Councils
 - 4.4. Park Lands tenants
 - 4.5. High School students
 - 4.6. Youth
 - 4.7. General community.
5. Interest in the future of the Park Lands remains high, particularly among the general community. This was reflected in both the attendance at the Community Forum held at the Adelaide Zoo and more than 2,500 individual comments provided by the 356 respondents to the Your Say Adelaide survey.
6. An overview of the feedback on the initial engagement was presented to Kadaltilla at the 27 October 2022 meeting. This identified the key engagement themes and insights as follows:
 - 6.1. Enhance connections, access and movement
 - 6.2. More and higher quality social infrastructure
 - 6.3. Create a better path network
 - 6.4. More native flora and fauna
 - 6.5. Create more attractions / destinations
 - 6.6. Better use of smart technology
 - 6.7. Events that complement the Park Lands
 - 6.8. Celebrate richness of the Park Lands heritage
 - 6.9. Recognise and celebrate Kurna culture and heritage
 - 6.10. Inclusive sporting facilities
 - 6.11. Cater for diversity / multi-cultural / all access

- 6.12. Adapt to climate change
- 6.13. Post-pandemic appreciation of Park Lands
- 6.14. A future vision for the Park Lands.
- 7. The consultation generated a large amount of information which is summarised in two engagement reports, as follows:
 - 7.1. A comprehensive overview of all feedback gathered during phase one of the engagement (**Attachment A**).
 - 7.2. A summary report highlighting key issues and themes by stakeholder group (**Attachment B**).
- 8. The comprehensive engagement report provides details of all engagement sessions conducted with 18 stakeholder groups. The key messages from the communities consulted included the following:
 - 8.1. *Vision*: to reinforce the concept that the Park Lands provide a diverse range of activities for a diverse range of users
 - 8.2. *Governance / Legal*: to increase focus on governance of matters such as noise control, dry zones, development and better planning controls to protect the Park Lands
 - 8.3. *Access / Connection*: the importance of linear and circular movements within the Park Lands
 - 8.4. *River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari*: to improve the water quality of River Torrens/ Karrawirra Pari and enhance its relationship with the Riverbank Precinct
 - 8.5. *Car Parking*: was identified as both necessary to support different activities and physical access to the Park Lands and a detractor of the environment and visual values
 - 8.6. *Marketing / Promotion / Education*: marketing and promotion and using the Park Lands to support educational outcomes were identified as a missed opportunity
 - 8.7. *Maintenance*: maintenance of buildings, toilets, bike paths, trails and other amenities was identified as impacting on the use of facilities and activation of the Park Lands
 - 8.8. *Sporting Facilities*: leaseholders are seeking improvements to facilities while the general community feels that the existing facilities appear exclusive and should be more accessible
 - 8.9. *Informal Recreation*: a growing trend towards participation in informal recreation
 - 8.10. *Lighting / Safety*: opportunity to address night-time use and antisocial behaviours to improve people's comfort in using the Park Lands
 - 8.11. *Community/ Homelessness*: homelessness in the Park Lands was recognised as a challenging issue.
- 9. The comprehensive engagement report also provides insights into community views on the four key topics:
 - 9.1. **Climate change**: Broad support for the role of the Park Lands in combating climate change.
 - 9.2. **Kaurna cultural heritage**: Appreciation of the importance of Kaurna cultural heritage in the Park Lands.
 - 9.3. **Societal changes and COVID-19**: Recognition of the value of the Park Lands in providing public open space, mental health benefits and places in which to exercise and recreate safely.
 - 9.4. **Technology**: Recognition of the potential of smart technology in improving the future management and enjoyment of the Park Lands.
- 10. The APLMS mid point review is being undertaken in the following stages:



11. Phase two of the engagement program for the APLMS review will occur in 2023 to test and shape early project ideas and funding approaches with key stakeholders.
 12. Phase three engagement activities will centre on amendments to the APLMS.
 13. The next steps include:
 - 13.1. Targeted stakeholder engagement to refine issues and opportunities arising from Phase 1 engagement activities
 - 13.2. Kadaltilla direction on priorities via a workshop on 23 March 2023 to consider issues and opportunities and emerging themes and projects
 - 13.3. Workshop on the APLMS engagement activities and future directions targeting the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs committee on 4 April 2023
 - 13.4. Consideration of a Draft APLMS for consultation targeting decision by Kadaltilla on 27 April 2023 and decision by Council on 23 May 2023
 - 13.5. Pending decision by Kadaltilla and Council, community consultation on the Draft APLMS from June through July 2023
 - 13.6. Final APLMS is targeting decision by Kadaltilla on 24 August 2023 and Council in September 2023.
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Attachments

Attachment A – Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Engagement Consultation Report (Phase 1)

Attachment B – Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy Review – Phase One Engagement: What We Heard