



OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR

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*Peter*  
Dear Premier,

I refer to the North Adelaide Public Golf Course redevelopment currently under construction in the National Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands.

The project includes the removal of 585 trees and significant ground disturbance with potential impacts to the National Heritage Place and we are seeking your commitment to consider this as an 'Action' under the *Environment Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act).

The State Government has a key role and obligation for the conservation of publicly valued heritage places.

The National Heritage listing, as well as the Listed Threatened Species, Listed Threatened Ecological Community, and Listed Migratory Species that form the rich landscape of the Adelaide Park Lands, provide more than sufficient grounds for an assessment of the project's impact.

The City of Adelaide has taken great care in the long-term management and maintenance of this significant public asset, whereas the State Government's cumulative actions in the Adelaide Park Lands are playing a significant role in diminishing the National Heritage Place's nationally and globally recognised heritage values.

As I have not yet been furnished with the State Government Assessment of heritage impacts from the North Adelaide Public Golf Course redevelopment, I now request that you refer the matter to the Federal Government under section 68 of the EPBC Act.

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I do note with interest that your initial focus areas as per your letter dated 20 February 2026, do not include any references to environmental or heritage impacts, nor any reference to addressing the broader range of concerns that Council has sought to be engaged on.

To support your self-referral, I can direct you to the National Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout that the City of Adelaide, with the support of the Australian Government, have prepared to guide work in the Adelaide Park Lands.

In its decision of Tuesday, 12 May 2026, Council also resolved to communicate its concerns to the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator the Hon Murray Watt MP and to the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. I can advise that we have progressed those letters as well.

Finally, I wish to flag my disappointment at continued reference to this plan being Council's plan and having Council's support. Let there be no confusion on this matter, the State Labor Government / Greg Norman / LIV Golf redesign of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course to a Championship level golf course, along with all the associated infrastructure has been designed without meaningful consultation, and any built form infrastructure that may be delivered in future stages should not be attributed to the City of Adelaide.

The *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025 (SA)* makes abundantly clear the role the City of Adelaide must play. Direction should never be confused for support.

Any questions in relation to the above can be directed to Mr Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide on 0412 205 230 or by email [m.sedgman@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:m.sedgman@cityofadelaide.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM  
Lord Mayor

14/5/2026

Enc. Decision of Council Tuesday 12 May 2026

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### THAT COUNCIL

- 1) Notes:
  - a. *the 'project site' defined by the North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025 (SA) and referenced in the South Australian Government Gazette, in GRO Plan G17/2026.*
  - b. *the National Heritage Listing of 'The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout' - Place ID 105758, Place File No 3/03/001/0279 ('Park Lands Heritage Listing').*
  - c. *the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) ('EPBC Act'), in particular section 15B which outlines the offence of undertaking an action that has a significant impact on the National Heritage values of a National Heritage place unless the action is approved.*
  - d. *that the project site for the development of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course is within the National 'Park Lands Heritage Listing' area and therefore the development may be an action requiring approval according to the EPBC Act.*
- 2) *Requests the CEO write to the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, to request that they exercise their assessment referral powers under section 71 of the EPBC Act.*
- 3) *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment, to request that they make an assessment under section 70 of the EPBC Act.*
- 4) *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the South Australian Premier to request that they make a self-referral in accordance with section 68 of the EPBC Act.*
- 5) *Requests the CEO and Lord Mayor send these letters before close of business on 14 May 2026 and make them publicly available.*



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14 May 2026

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Dear Mr Kaiser,

I write regarding the City of Adelaide's concerns about the Government of South Australia's redevelopment of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course.

I specifically refer to the 'project site' defined by the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025 (SA)* and referenced in the South Australian Government Gazette, in GRO Plan G17/2026 and the National Heritage Listing of 'The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout'.

The *Environmental Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* ('EPBC Act') generally, and specifically section 15B, outlines the offence of undertaking an action that has a significant impact on the National Heritage Values of a National Heritage Place unless the action is approved.

The project site for the development of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course is within the National Park Lands Heritage Listing area, and therefore, the development may be an action requiring approval according to the EPBC Act.

The National Heritage listing, as well as the Listed Threatened Species, Listed Threatened Ecological Community, and Listed Migratory Species that form the rich landscape of the Adelaide Park Lands, provide more than sufficient grounds to mandate an assessment of the project's impacts.

I want to highlight our concern for the potential of this action, forming part of a series of actions from major development projects in the Adelaide Park Lands and the cumulative impacts caused by these actions over time and whether this could be considered a significant threat to the National Heritage Values of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.

At the Council meeting on 12 May 2026, the Council resolved that I write to you, requesting that the Department for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water refer the proposal to the Minister in accordance with Section 71 of the EPBC Act.

Given the tight construction timeframes involved with the redevelopment, I look forward to your urgent consideration of this request to ensure the National Heritage Values and integrity of the National Heritage place are maintained.

Any questions in relation to the above can be directed to Iliia Houridis, Director, City Shaping on 0418 378 624 or [I.Houridis@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:I.Houridis@cityofadelaide.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

  
Michael Sedgman  
Chief Executive Officer





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Dear Senator Watt,

I refer to the North Adelaide Public Golf Course redevelopment project currently under construction by the Government of South Australia in the National Heritage-listed Adelaide Park Lands.

The Adelaide Park Lands, together with the City Layout, are internationally recognised and valued as evidence of the enlightened planning and creation of South Australia.

The project includes the removal of 585 trees and significant ground disturbance with potential impacts to the National Heritage Place and must be considered an 'Action' under the *Environmental Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act).

While I recognise that the State Government is not necessarily an entity under the EPBC Act for National Heritage matters, it plays a key role in the conservation of publicly valued heritage places and is unjustifiably ignoring this responsibility in favour of speculative, untested, short term economic outcomes with lasting impacts.

The project site for the development of the North Adelaide Golf Course is within the National Park Lands Heritage Listing area, and therefore, voluntary referral to the Federal Government according to the EPBC Act should be requested so that the people of South Australia may have a true and accurate record of the public, social and ecological value that is being lost through this proposal.

The National Heritage listing, as well as the Listed Threatened Species, Listed Threatened Ecological Community, and Listed Migratory Species that form the rich landscape of the Adelaide Park Lands, provide more than sufficient grounds to mandate an assessment of the project's impact.

I want to specifically highlight the potential that this action may be the latest in a series of actions within projects whose cumulative impacts have the potential of having a significant impact to the National Heritage Values of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.

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At the Council meeting on 12 May 2026, the City of Adelaide resolved to ask me to write to you requesting that you direct the Department for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to undertake an assessment of the proposed Golf Course redevelopment under the EPBC Act section 70.

We look forward to your support to ensure the National Heritage Values and the integrity of this National Heritage Place are maintained.

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Yours sincerely,



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