



## **COUNCIL POLICY**

### *Lighting Policy*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Through the *Strategic Management Plan 2004 – 2007* the Council has set targets for residential and economic growth and begun a process that will change the City and its cultural ethos. A manifestation of the transition from present to future state will be a changing focus from infrastructure domination to the values of people and public life: a softening and humanising of the urban environment. That will be achieved, among other ways, through the application of sensitive urban design.

A coordinated lighting policy, supported by implementation plans, can help make Adelaide one of the best lit cities in the world. As an important element supporting the policy, a suite of lighting poles and components has been designed that are distinct to Adelaide, providing a strong unifying design element throughout the City.

## 2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The policy establishes a cohesive framework within which the installation of new lighting, and the upgrade or replacement of existing elements of the City's lighting infrastructure, will most effectively enhance the City's quality, consistency and efficiency of night lighting in public places as well as visual appeal, safety and utility. Through improved lighting it seeks to enhance:

- the creation of a safe night time city environment
- the distinctive characters of different parts of the city
- the qualities of individual buildings – particularly the stock of fine heritage buildings
- the particular characters and functions of streets and footpaths within the street and footpath hierarchy
- the experience of transition between the Park Lands and the City
- the unique character of the City Centre as contrasted with the metropolitan area surrounding it
- community enjoyment of celebrations and special events
- legibility of the City centre when viewed from afar
- environmental sustainability through improved efficiency in the consumption of power, the trialing and subsequent wider adoption of solar powered lighting, the use (where appropriate) of energy efficient lighting technologies in Council buildings and the public realm, and reduced light spill, glare and night sky pollution
- the status, image and confidence of Adelaide as a progressive and attractive City with strong visitor appeal

## 3. POLICY STATEMENTS

- 3.1 The built up areas of the City will be contrasted with their surrounding Park Lands by using differing lighting treatments.
- 3.2 A unified suite of multi-function lighting poles and components (the '*Adepole*' suite) will be used to establish a consistent, distinctive and attractive style in the City's public lighting.
- 3.3 Localities within the City will be differentiated through varied lighting treatments.
- 3.4 Lighting effects will be used to create a nightscape postcard image for the City.
- 3.5 Design work for improvements to streets and public places will involve the coordinated design of street lighting that reflects street hierarchy and purpose, and improves public safety and the perception of safety in the city.
- 3.6 Lighting effects will be used to define the Gateways to the City.
- 3.7 Temporary infrastructure will be established to support special event illuminations.

- 3.8 Use of photo-voltaic powered lighting will be progressively increased.
- 3.9 The construction of new verandahs, awnings and other structures covering the area over the footpath will require the installation of lighting to illuminate the footpath for safety reasons and to contribute to the amenity of the public realm.
- 3.10 The Park Lands will be illuminated in areas where there is a high level of use and adequate levels of surveillance.

#### 4. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND CORPORATE POLICY CONTENT

In adopting this policy it is recognised that there are specific legislative requirements to be met as well as other corporate goals.

This policy is to be implemented in conjunction with the Council's *Strategic Management Plan* and other relevant Policies and Strategies.