

Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

The South East City Residents Association has welcomed the opportunity to take part in a stakeholders' workshop on the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.

Our members engage with the Adelaide Park Lands in many different ways but our organisation has a particular interest in Victoria Park -our local park, and the south Park Lands running between East Terrace and King William Street.

We have concerns about the impact of the Clipsal 500 in Victoria Park both to park users and to residents. It is a very disruptive neighbour. It is, moreover, a neighbour that is unwilling to consult or negotiate with residents. We believe that activities taking place in the Park Lands must take into account the effect they may have on those living next to the Park Lands.

The Adelaide Park Lands create a permeable surround to the city. The Park Lands represent a very marketable aspect of Adelaide as a Capital City.

The Adelaide Park Lands should, therefore:

- remain 'permeable' and accessible
- be protected by State, National and World Heritage registers
- be promoted through marketing of Adelaide as 'The City in the Park'
- be valued as an attraction and amenity in itself rather than as a 'development site' or free venue for commercial activity or events.

We support many of the suggestions included in the draft strategy. We particularly welcome the attention that is now being paid to the Adelaide Park Lands. Many of our members have chosen to live in this part of the city because of its proximity to Park Lands. We look forward to the day when the Adelaide Park Lands has National Heritage status and can more securely be protected against changing fashions and vested interests.

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