
strengthening our community

Environmental Sustainability Strategy
Adelaide City Council
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Adelaide City Council draft *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2009-2012*

We strongly support (5) all the propositions in this draft strategy.

Outcome 1: A climate responsive City

We look forward to the proposed Action Plan and greater detail of Measures of Success, such that the gains made by the ACC would be distinguishable from gains made by other agencies.

Outcome 2: A water wise City

Recycled water quality needs to be monitored closely.
Suitable procedures to address excess nutrients/salinity need to be identified and put in place alongside water-saving procedures.
We need more detail on the proposed wetlands in the South Park Lands.

Outcome 3: An ecologically sustainable City

Truly indigenous provenances should be used for seed of "local native" plants. This will maximize the success of plantings.

Both the horticulture team and the biodiversity team of the ACC need to be ***in constant communication and show respect for each other's work.***

We believe that there are only three people now working in the horticultural team. Residents have expressed their appreciation of the horticultural team in the maintenance of street plantings in difficult times.

The Park Lands need to be managed less to accommodate events and more to guarantee the protection of the natural systems.

Outcome 4: A zero waste City

A better (than the existing) system is needed for groups of units/flats. It is not practical for each household to have their own bin as too much space is taken up in the street/in small courtyards. The ACC should distribute large weatherproof notices for bin areas, advising what goes in which coloured bin.

Other comments

Strategies are all very well but where is the Action Plan? We look forward to receiving this for comment.

In previous submissions to the Adelaide City Council our organisation has suggested that Adelaide be considered as the "City in the Park" and that the Park Lands remain "permeable and accessible". We are pleased to see the Council adopting our suggestions in this draft Strategy.

We have also suggested:

more bicycle paths;

the extension of the Park Lands Trail;

preservation of remnant vegetation (in particular, in Victoria Park);

better public transport (perhaps by the purchase of another Tindo connector bus)

no parking on Park Lands;

that major events in the Park Lands produce a public transport plan which eventually removes the need for parking on Park Lands;

education of the South Australian Motor Sport Board in ecologically sustainable practices;

events' noise reduction so that residents can relax in the evening with their windows open and so reduce use of airconditioning;

more vigorous advocacy by Council staff and Councillors and the Lord Mayor for the preservation of open space - especially in the Park Lands - for city workers and visitors and for those residents who don't have gardens;

speed reduction measures especially in streets adjacent to Park Lands (such as East Terrace) where children are crossing the street;

removal of gravel arrestor beds and car race markings in city streets and Park Lands at the end of each year's car race;

underground lighting in narrow streets (such as Vincent Place) where it is impossible to walk on the footpath because of the presence of stobie poles;

better lighting on the east/west bicycle path in Victoria Park;

more trees in the CBD.

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