



AGENDA

FOR WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 JAMES STREET, SALISBURY

MEMBERS

Cr G Reynolds (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Cr C Buchanan
Cr G Caruso
Cr E Gill
Cr S Reardon (Deputy Chairman)
Cr S White
Cr J Woodman
Cr R Zahra

REQUIRED STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
Acting General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr M Purdie
General Manager Community Development, Ms P Webb
Manager Communications and Customer Relations, Mr M Bennington
Governance Support Officer, Ms K Boyd

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Presentation of the Minutes of the Works and Services Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018.

Presentation of the Minutes of the Confidential Works and Services Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018.

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**MINUTES OF WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 JAMES STREET, SALISBURY ON**

20 AUGUST 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr G Reynolds (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Cr C Buchanan
Cr G Caruso
Cr E Gill
Cr S Reardon (Deputy Chairman)
Cr S White
Cr J Woodman
Cr R Zahra

STAFF

General Manager City Development, Mr T Sutcliffe
General Manager Community Development, Ms P Webb
Acting General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr M Purdie
Manager Property and Buildings, Ms K Pepe
Governance Support Officer, Ms K Boyd

The meeting commenced at 10.23 pm

The Chairman welcomed the members, staff and the gallery to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr R Zahra
Seconded Cr S White

The Minutes of the Works and Services Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2018, be taken and read as confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved Cr J Woodman
Seconded Cr R Zahra

The Minutes of the Confidential Works and Services Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2018, be taken and read as confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Administration

2.0.1 Future Reports for the Works and Services Committee

Moved Cr R Zahra
Seconded Cr G Caruso

1. The information be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Healthy Ageing and Access

2.2.1 Connection and Safety in Mawson Lakes

Moved Cr C Buchanan
Seconded Cr S White

1. The information within this report be received and noted.
2. That staff continue to liaise with DPTI regarding the Elder Smith Road upgrade and how it may facilitate pedestrian access between The Cascades and Shoalhaven villages.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Property

2.5.1 Burton Park Community Recreation Facility - Sub Lease request for assistance.

Moved Cr C Buchanan
Seconded Cr J Woodman

1. This report be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the Community Based Not for Profit Organisation discounted water price for Salisbury United Football Club for all Salisbury Water used, and paid for by SUFC, for irrigation of playing fields at the Burton Park Recreation Facility.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

2.5.2 Grant of Easement to Department for Education and Child Development - Portion of Target Hill Road Reserve

Moved Cr R Zahra
Seconded Cr G Caruso

1. Council grant to Department of Education and Child Development an easement for a right of way as delineated on Attachment 1 to this report (Item no 2.5.2 Works and Services Committee 20 August 2018) over a portion of Target Hill Road Reserve identified as Allotment 167 in Deposited Plan 9980 as described in Certificate of Title Volume 6083 Folio 267 for \$5,000 plus GST. Department of Education and Child Development are to be responsible for all costs
2. The Manager Property and Buildings be authorised to liaise with Department of Education and Child Development in regards to the requested easement and arrange consent of the Letter of Agreement and Grant of Easement documentation.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works

2.6.1 Capital Works Report - July 2018

Moved Cr R Zahra

Seconded Cr J Woodman

1. Construction of new footpaths and/or associated kerb ramps as set out in this report (Item No. 2.6.2 Works and Services Committee, 20 August 2018) be endorsed as program inclusions within the Council Funded Footpath Program and Kerb Ramp Construction / Upgrade Programs.
2. Include Wilson Road, Waterloo Corner, within the 2018/19 Road Reseal / Reconstruction Program as sufficient program funding is available to upgrade the road surface.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Waste Management

2.8.1 Recycling Opportunities for the Disposal of Coffee Pods and Food Containers

Cr J Woodman declared a conflict of interest on the basis of being a member of the NAWMA Board. Cr Woodman managed the conflict by remaining in the meeting and voting in the best interest of the community.

Moved Cr R Zahra

Seconded Cr E Gill

1. The information within this report be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

*The majority of members present voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.
Cr J Woodman voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.*

2.8.2 Appointment of NAWMA Board Member

Moved Cr G Caruso

Seconded Cr E Gill

1. Mr Charles Mansueto, General Manager Business Excellence, be appointed as a Board Member on the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority Board for the remainder of the current term of Council.
2. The person appointed as General Manager City Infrastructure be appointed as the Deputy Board Member on the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority Board for the remainder of the term of Council.

Cr R Zahra moved an AMENDMENT that

1. Mr Charles Mansueto, General Manager Business Excellence, be appointed as a Board Member on the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority Board for the remainder of the current term of Council.

Seconded Cr Buchanan

LOST

With leave of the meeting and consent of the seconder Cr G Caruso
VARIED the MOTION as follows:

1. Mr Charles Mansueto, General Manager Business Excellence, be appointed as a Board Member on the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority Board for the remainder of the current term of Council.
2. The General Manager City Infrastructure be appointed as the Deputy Board Member on the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority Board for the remainder of the term of Council.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

2.9.1 Former Council Road Reserve - Ryans Road, Greenfields

Moved Cr R Zahra

Seconded Cr J Woodman

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b)(i) and (b)(ii) and (d)(i) and (d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because:*
 - *it relates to information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
 - *information the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; and*
 - *commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and*
 - *commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*
2. *In weighing up the factors related to disclosure,*
 - *disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations*
 - *Non disclosure of this item and discussion would protect Council's commercial position and confidential information containing sensitive commercial information provided by a third party and allow this matter to be considered in detail prior to a Council position in relation to this matter being determined.*

*On that basis the public's interest is best served by not disclosing the **Former Council Road Reserve - Ryans Road, Greenfields** item and discussion at this point in time.*
3. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act Council orders that all members of the public, except staff of the City of Salisbury on duty in attendance, be excluded from the meeting for this Item.*

CARRIED

The meeting moved into confidence at 10.47 pm.

The meeting moved out of confidence at 11.02 pm.

2.9.2 Acquisition of 25-29 Kiekebusch Road, Gulfview Heights

Moved Cr R Zahra

Seconded Cr J Woodman

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(d)(i) and (d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because:*
 - *it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and*
 - *commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*
2. *In weighing up the factors related to disclosure,*
 - *disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations*
 - *Non disclosure of this item and discussion at this time will protect confidential information provided the disclosure of which might prejudice the commercial position of the party who provided it and protect Council's commercial position as public disclosure may provide third parties with a commercial advantage.*

*On that basis the public's interest is best served by not disclosing the **Acquisition of 25-29 Kiekebusch Road, Gulfview Heights** item and discussion at this point in time.*
3. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council orders that all members of the public, except staff of the City of Salisbury on duty in attendance, be excluded from the meeting for this Item.*

CARRIED

The meeting moved into confidence at 11.03 pm.

The meeting moved out of confidence and closed at 11.04 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

ITEM	2.0.1
	WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
DATE	17 September 2018
HEADING	Future Reports for the Works and Services Committee
AUTHOR	Michelle Woods, Projects Officer Governance, CEO and Governance
CITY PLAN LINKS	4.3 Have robust processes that support consistent service delivery and informed decision making.
SUMMARY	This item details reports to be presented to the Works and Services Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution. If reports have been deferred to a subsequent month, this will be indicated, along with a reason for the deferral.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Historically, a list of resolutions requiring a future report to Council has been presented to each committee for noting.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Internal
 - 2.1.1 Report authors and General Managers.
- 2.2 External
 - 2.2.1 Nil.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The following table outlines the reports to be presented to the Works and Services Committee as a result of a Council resolution:

Meeting Item	Heading and Resolution	Officer
14/12/2015 NOM3	<p>Traffic monitoring, Kesters Road between Main North Road and Ceafield Road</p> <p>1. That following the opening of the Masters store and other new businesses on Main North Road, staff undertake traffic monitoring on the lower part of Kesters Road, between Main North Road and Ceafield Road to determine the impact of the operation of those businesses on traffic flow and volume in the area. The report should include consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requirement for additional parking restrictions in the area b. Vehicle movements of heavy and long vehicles through the area c. Risks to public safety as a result of changed traffic patterns. <p>Due: June 2019</p>	Dameon Roy
29/03/2016 2.2.2	<p>Implementation of Free Bike Hire Scheme (in conjunction with Bike SA) - investigation findings</p> <p>3. The implementation of a Free Bike Hire Scheme within the City of Salisbury be considered again in three years.</p> <p>Due: March 2019</p>	Adam Trottman
22/05/2017 2.1.1	<p>Investigation of Costs Associated with Waterslide/Diving Platform Installation at Salisbury Recreation Precinct</p> <p>2. A decision regarding the installation of the water play feature be deferred pending council consideration of a long term plan for the aquatic facilities.</p> <p>Due: December 2018</p>	Adam Trottman
24/07/2017 NOM1	<p>Variation to Council Decision 1783/2017: St Kilda Master Plan - Stage 2</p> <p>3. That authorisation to progress with priorities 3 to 8 inclusive provided in the St Kilda Stage 2 – Marine Recreation Precinct and Mangroves Master Plan be subject of consideration of further reports to Council.</p> <p>Due: February 2019</p>	Greg Ratsch
26/02/2018 NOM3	<p>Investigation into Development of an App to Report Illegal Dumping</p> <p>2. Subject to the response from NAWMA, a report be provided to Council advising the costs of implementing the application across the Council's fleet of vehicles.</p> <p>Due: December 2018</p>	Andrew Legrand

26/02/2018 2.4.3	Cleaning of Creeks and Waterways 2. A review of the service levels be conducted after 12 months in March 2019. Due: March 2019	Mark Purdie
26/03/2018 NOM2	Mawson Lakes Indented Parking Bays 1. That staff report into areas in Mawson Lakes that indented parking bays could be implemented to ease parking and traffic issues. Due: November 2018 Deferred to: January 2019 Reason: This report has been deferred due to Local Government elections caretaker period, and to allow prior consideration by Council of the recommendation of the Mawson Lakes/Salisbury City Centre Carparking study in December 2018.	Clint Watchman / Dameon Roy
26/03/2018 6.4.1	Long Term Financial Plan and Budget Workshops Actions Update 2. A report on the success of the Reserve Upgrade Program and consideration of future sites be included on the Works and Services Future Reports with a due date of December 2018 (per table Budget Workshop 1 – 28 February 2018 item WS1-9). Due: December 2018	Craig Johansen
26/03/2018 6.4.1	Long Term Financial Plan and Budget Workshops Actions Update 3. A report on the program of sites for Fitness Equipment Program be included on the Works and Services Future Reports with a due date of December 2018 (per table Budget Workshop 1 – 28 February 2018 item WS1-13). Due: December 2018	Craig Johansen
26/03/2018 6.4.1	Long Term Financial Plan and Budget Workshops Actions Update 4. A report on the program of sites for Autism Friendly Playspaces be included on the Works and Services Future Reports with a due date of December 2018 (per table Budget Workshop 1 – 28 February 2018 item WS1-15). Due: December 2018	Craig Johansen

26/03/2018	Long Term Financial Plan and Budget Workshops Actions Update	Adam Trottman
6.4.1	5. A report on Salisbury North Netball Club be included on the Works and Services Future Reports with a due date of November 2018 (per table Budget Workshop 1 – 28 February 2018 item WS1-17).	
Due:	November 2018	
Deferred to:	December 2018	
Reason:	Due to local government elections concluding in November, reports listed for that month have been deferred to a subsequent month.	
26/03/2018	Budget Bids 2018/2019 - Streetscape Renewal - PSN107	Craig Johansen
6.4.2	That a further report come back considering an increase in funding to the Street Tree Program bid PSN107 looking at improving outcomes and quality.	
Due:	December 2018	
23/04/2018 NOM3	Mawson Lakes Community Garden 1. That a report be brought forward advising Council on the process for establishing Community Gardens and identifying potential locations in Mawson Lakes.	Adam Trottman
Due:	January 2019	
23/04/2018 WS-OB1	Rollout of Library Catalogue Computer Systems 1. Staff bring back a report with costings and a proposed timeframe for the rollout of necessary system connections with community centres to enable reservations to be made on the library catalogue computer system and an item delivery system for those sites.	Jo Cooper
Due:	December 2018	
28/05/2018 2.1.1	Community Gardens in Reserves 2. Staff prepare a business case which explores options and cost implications for the establishment of a Salisbury Community Gardens program.	Adam Trottman
Due:	December 2018	
28/05/2018 2.6.2	Para Hills Community Hub Project Update 7. That an update report detailing any cost impacts and income, including the governance model, be brought back to Council after 3 months of operation of the Para Hills Community Hub.	Jo Cooper
Due:	October 2018	
28/05/2018 MON1	Cardboard Box Recycling Collection Scheme 1. That staff provide a report to Council to look into costs and logistics of introducing a cardboard box recycle collection scheme similar to what is currently being used in the Adelaide City Council.	Andy LeGrand
Due:	December 2018	

23/07/2018 2.3.1	Outcome of the 'YourTutor' Trial Further Motion: 1. That a further report be brought back on the potential of continuing the Your Tutor program or similar programs through our community centres and libraries, and staff also advise of any alternative programs being offered. Due: December 2019	Jo Cooper
23/07/2018 W&S-OB1	Installation of Slow Points on Daniel Avenue, Globe Derby 1. That staff bring back a report on the feasibility of the installation of 1-2 slow points on Daniel Avenue in Globe Derby, similar to those on Trotters Drive. Due: December 2018	Dameon Roy
27/08/2018 MON7.5	Steam Weeding 2. Staff bring back a report about the use of 'steam weeding' as opposed to using chemicals for weed removal. The report to include costs and effectiveness of steam weeding compared to using chemicals. Due: November 2018 Deferred to: February 2019 Reason: Due to local government elections concluding in November, reports listed for that month have been deferred to a subsequent month.	Mark Purdie
27/08/2018 MON7.7	Traffic Safety: McGill Crescent, Para Hills 1. That staff bring back a report to Council identifying what devices can be used to stem speeding motorist traveling up and down McGill Crescent, Para Hills on the bend near Prettejohn Gully. Due: December 2018	Dameon Roy
27/08/2018 MON7.8	Traffic Safety: Nelson Road, Para Hills 1. That staff bring back a report to Council investigating whether any traffic calming devices can be installed in regard to increased traffic and vehicles coming too fast over a blind hill on Nelson Road, Para Hills between Milne Road and Miller Avenue, Para Hills. Due: December 2018	Dameon Roy
27/08/2018 MON7.9	Pedestrian Crossing at Ingle Farm Recreation Centre 1. That staff provide a report to Council outlining options for installing a pedestrian crossing at the Ingle Farm Recreation Centre that allows centre users to move safely between the centre entrance and the rear sections of the car park. Due: December 2018	Dameon Roy
27/08/2018 Cnl-OB12.2	Review of the Tree Removal Policy That staff bring back a report reviewing the dead tree removal policy. Due: December 2018	Craig Johansen

4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Future reports for the Works and Services Committee have been reviewed and are presented to Council for noting.

CO-ORDINATION

Officer: Executive Group
Date: 10/09/2018

ITEM	2.4.1
	WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
DATE	17 September 2018
HEADING	Natural Resources Management Reform
AUTHOR	Dameon Roy, Manager Technical Services, City Infrastructure
CITY PLAN LINKS	2.1 Capture economic opportunities arising from sustainable management of natural environmental resources, changing climate, emerging policy direction and consumer demands. 2.3 Have natural resources and landscapes that support biodiversity and community wellbeing. 2.4 Have urban and natural spaces that are adaptive to future changes in climate.
SUMMARY	This report was requested to update the Council on the Natural Resources Management Reforms proposed by the State Government.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The information be received
2. Staff engage directly with Natural Resource Management Board during the reform consultation process to ensure funding for "on ground works" and "community education" is highlighted as a priority.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Managing Our Landscapes - Conversations for Change - Executive Summary of Discussion Paper 2018
2. Managing Our Landscapes - Conversations for Change - Frequently Asked Questions

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Over the last four to five years, the full time staff component of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Boards and their management budgets, have been integrated to some extent with the Department of Environment. This was seen as increasing efficiency with administration and licensing, water allocation functions, for example, being integrated across the two divisions of the now the Department of Environment and Water (DEW).
- 1.2 From a practical perspective, this meant that it was very difficult to determine how the land and water levy was actually being managed and spent, being intertwined with DEW.

- 1.3 The new State Government wants a more de-centralised and independent approach and are replacing the NRM Act with a new Landscape South Australia Act.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

2.1 Internal

2.1.1 NRM Education Officers

2.2 External

2.2.1 DEW and NRM Officers

3. REPORT

- 3.1 Attached are the three associated documents issued by the State Government, which gives an overview of the proposed changes. They can be summarised as follows:
- 3.1.1 Replacing the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* with the proposed **Landscape South Australia Act**
 - 3.1.2 Creating a simpler, flexible and accessible system for managing natural resources, with decentralised decision-making
 - 3.1.3 Putting people at the heart of managing our natural resources, recognising that those who work and live on the land are well placed to manage and sustain it
 - 3.1.4 Creating nine landscape Boards and Green Adelaide to replace existing NRM Boards
 - 3.1.5 Making soil quality, pest plant and animal control and water management major priorities
 - 3.1.6 Capping annual land and water levy rises at a rate set by an independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
 - 3.1.7 Establishing a Grassroots Grants program, a \$2 million statewide annual fund for volunteer, community and not-for-profit groups to access
- 3.2 This is expanded a little further with comments directly from Brenton Gear (Regional Director - Department of Environment & Water):
- 3.3 "The reform will result in much simpler, efficient and flexible legislation that improves the way the state sustains conserves and revitalises natural resources in South Australia. It's about getting back to basics by increasing community control to look after their own natural resources, with the ability to respond quickly and efficiently."

- 3.4 With respect to our Council area, it is proposed the NRM levy will still be collected through the Local Councils, with funding going directly from that levy into the associated region which will now form part of what will be called the "Green Adelaide Region", his comments are outlined below:

- "The reform will see a new body called Green Adelaide established which will deliver natural resource management functions in metropolitan Adelaide, focusing on enhancing the city's urban ecology and investing in the natural environment to improve overall community wellbeing. Green Adelaide will have seven key priorities which when combined will help foster urban sustainability and this will include a focus on nature education."

- 3.5 These seven priorities for the Green Adelaide include:

1. Coastal Management
2. Urban Rivers and wetlands
3. Water sensitive design
4. Green streets and flourishing parklands
5. Fauna in the City
6. Controlling pest plants and animals
7. Nature education

All of which have been identified as key priorities within Councils' Environmental and Sustainability agendas, from the Biodiversity corridors management plan to Council's Streetscape and reserve renewal programs.

It is noted that Council is consolidating its Environmental Plans to one "Green Infrastructure Plan", to be presented to Council early in 2019.

- 3.6 From a practical point of view it is expected that there will now be funding to undertake "On Ground" works, which was intimated to the previous Chairman of the NRM Board at an informal strategy meeting by this Council a couple of years ago.
- 3.7 Council has been approached by NRM Water Projects staff to submit proposals for the rehabilitation of Dry Creek, this and next financial year, in a sign that the changes will directly assist Council in their Water Course Management Program moving into the future. Similarly, there is an undertaking to assist with funding for the Dry Creek storm water management works being conducted over the next three years.
- 3.8 Council is partnering with the NRM Board Education unit, by housing two NRM Education Officers at Salisbury. These officers have been directly engaging with local schools, youth and community groups in the northern area, through teaching, mentoring and providing resources to increase the level of understanding and engagement with the local environment and sustainability issues.

3.9 These officers have also been a key conduit in assisting Council staff to link with the NRM board in the development of Council's Green Infrastructure policies and direction setting. This has been particularly beneficial in the areas of environmental sustainability, bird sanctuary development, biodiversity and community education. The close alignment of the seven priorities of Green Adelaide, to Council, shows how closely the two organisations have been engaged in the last 3 years.

3.10 Council staff have been invited and are participating directly in workshops organised by the State Government to receive feedback from Council. Similarly, Council staff are involved in meetings directly related to "on ground works" and "community education", which has been Council's long standing priority. It is noted that formal submissions will close on the 15th October 2018.

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4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

4.1 With the response and general feedback so far these reforms appear on the surface to be positive for the City of Salisbury, with a focus on "increasing on-ground works", and continuing the "NRM Education program". Similarly the seven priorities for Green Adelaide align well with Salisbury's Environmental and Sustainability agendas.

4.2 However, Council staff are engaged closely with senior advisors to ensure that, as a key stakeholder, our views are clearly received and that we can continue partner more closely with Green Adelaide in the future.

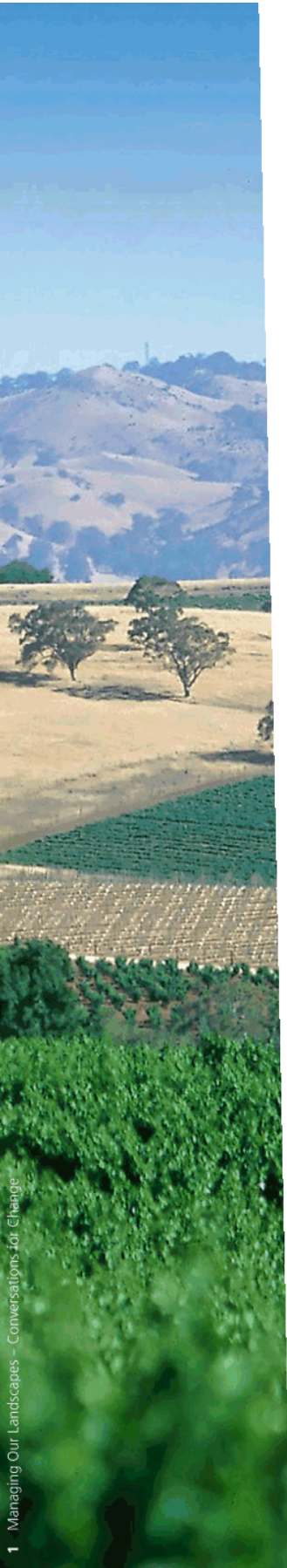
CO-ORDINATION

Officer: Executive Group
Date: 10/09/2018

Managing Our Landscapes Conversations for Change

Summary of the Discussion Paper | July 2018





Foreword

As South Australians, we are incredibly blessed with diverse, productive and stunning natural resources.

These natural resources underpin our communities, our economy, our wellbeing and our way of life, and we all have a responsibility to be stewards of our precious natural assets.

The new state government is committed to a significant reform program that will change the way natural resources are managed. A landscape scale and integrated approach underpins the reforms, recognising that people and their livelihoods rely on the health and productivity of our landscapes.

A central focus of the reform program is empowering local communities and land managers to be directly responsible for sustainably managing their region's natural resources - with an emphasis on soil quality, water management and pest plant and animal control.

Another focus for reform will be the forging of strong, enduring and productive partnerships with land managers, volunteer groups, industry experts, Aboriginal nations, other tiers of government and advocacy organisations to deliver practical, on-ground works that address local priorities.

Our state does not come to a halt at the Tollgate, at Gepps Cross or at the bottom of Anzac Highway: distance should not mean disadvantage. The sustainable management of our natural resources is critical for the survival of our regional communities, both in terms of their economic viability and the quality of life enjoyed by those who live in regional South Australia.

A central plank of the reform program is a new piece of legislation – the Landscape South Australia Act.

In my first days as the new Minister for Environment and Water, I issued drafting instructions for the repeal of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* with the government to introduce a new Landscape South Australia Bill into Parliament in the first quarter of 2019.

There are parts of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* that have worked well and should be retained and other parts that are over-complicated and have impeded good, local, on-the-ground management that should be removed, amended or simplified.

These reforms will be deeply informed by the people who spend their lives working in the environment, protecting it while also sustaining their livelihoods. This sort of reform can only be achieved through meaningful consultation and the establishment of long-term delivery partnerships. The State Government is undertaking a thorough statewide engagement process to help shape the future of natural resources management. This will see a series of workshops and conversations occur throughout the state and across industry sectors over the coming months.

I encourage you to get involved in the numerous opportunities you have to contribute to the development of these reforms, as outlined in this discussion paper.

I look forward to working with you as we shape the future of natural resources management for the benefit of all South Australians.



David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment
and Water

Guiding principles for reform

Decentralised decision making

- ✓ Decentralising responsibility for decision making will empower and reinvigorate regional communities in their management of natural resources.
- ✓ We will build and encourage greater participation in priority setting and on-ground activities and create more opportunities to broaden and deepen partnerships.
- ✓ Support greater flexibility and responsiveness to local issues.

A simple and accessible system

- ✓ A simple, straightforward system is required that is less encumbered by red tape and complex compliance requirements.
- ✓ We need a transparent system that draws a clear line of sight between funding sources and on-ground action.
- ✓ We will grow participation, build greater trust and confidence, and foster an enduring culture of goodwill.

Community and land owners at the centre

- ✓ Those who work on, live on and care for the land are well placed to sustain our environment.
- ✓ The reforms will build on strong partnerships with land users, valuing their knowledge and understanding of the landscape.
- ✓ It is the role of government to work alongside land managers, providing support, advice and a helping hand where needed.

A whole of landscape approach

- ✓ When the efforts of many individuals and organisations are combined across a wide area, the results are more substantial, visible and long-lasting.
- ✓ Large-scale combined efforts require strategic prioritisation and investment and must complement local efforts to maximise effectiveness.
- ✓ A landscape scale restoration approach must also consider interactions between natural systems and people, to improve resilience to change.

Back to basics

- ✓ The system for managing natural resources needs to renew focus on the issues that matter most to regional communities – soil, water and pest plants and animals.
- ✓ These fundamental issues form the backbone of local level nature stewardship that, in turn, supports and complements landscape scale restoration to achieve vibrant biodiversity, a sustainable economy and resilient communities.



2 Managing Our Landscapes - Conversations for Change

Objectives of our reforms

The proposed reforms provide for the ecologically sustainable management of the state's natural resource base to support the state's primary production industries, regional communities, Aboriginal nations and the natural environment.

The reforms aim to achieve:

Vibrant biodiversity

Healthy native species and ecosystems that are able to adapt and persist in the face of change.

Sustainable economy

Prosperous businesses now and in the future, able to adapt as the economy and primary industries transform over time.

Resilient communities

Capable local people and groups leading stewardship of their natural environment, contributing to strong social networks that can cope with changing environments.



Benefits

The government anticipates the following key benefits as a result of the proposals put forward within this discussion paper

- ✓ Our reform proposals aim to create a simple and accessible system for managing natural resources that decentralises decision making, empowering regional communities to take responsibility for managing natural resources at the local level.
- ✓ Local action is complemented by strategic landscape scale restoration projects that are delivered by multiple stakeholders working in strong and enduring partnerships.
- ✓ The new Landscape South Australia Bill is intended to be shorter, less process-oriented and more flexible, to reduce red tape. This will help Landscape Boards and other managers of natural resources to get the job done more easily.
- ✓ There are a range of processes in the NRM Act that could be simpler and more flexible, such as Board appointments, planning, engagement, operations and compliance. Placing specific procedural requirements in regulations or policy, rather than in legislation, will enable far greater flexibility when those processes need to change.
- ✓ Sharper focus on the fundamentals of managing natural resources.
- ✓ Strong Board governance, including clear, dedicated staffing arrangements for Landscape Boards.
- ✓ Improved agility and responsiveness to adapt to changing circumstances and regional needs.
- ✓ Less money spent on administration, management and documentation, thereby freeing up funds for on-ground activities.
- ✓ More funding opportunities for local community organisations to deliver on-ground works.
- ✓ More focus on facilitating delivery through partnerships.
- ✓ Greater investment in strategic landscape scale projects.
- ✓ Simplified reporting, making deliverables and measurable outcomes clear and easy to understand, compare and track.

Enabling greater leadership by Aboriginal peoples

It is important that the knowledge and interests of Aboriginal nations be recognised and promoted to drive positive and practical improvements in landscape management and benefits for Aboriginal people. It is critical for Aboriginal peoples to be represented

in governance and planning processes. Strengthening Aboriginal voices will open space for strong and productive partnerships, for integrating Aboriginal knowledge, and for supporting Aboriginal people to take a leading role in managing natural resources.

Community-led landscape management

Our reforms will enable greater local action on the fundamental priorities of soil quality, water management and pest plant and animal control.

This will help land managers and communities manage their local areas and deal with the natural resources management problems they face every day.

In addition to these priorities, additional local and landscape scale activities may be needed in particular areas. These activities, such as revegetation, rewilding, fencing, can also be important contributions to achieving the community's desired outcomes for their landscapes.

The reforms will complement local action with greater capacity to deliver strategic landscape scale restoration projects.

We must recognise that issues we face in our regions operate at scales bigger than individual properties or patches of bush, and across public and private land.

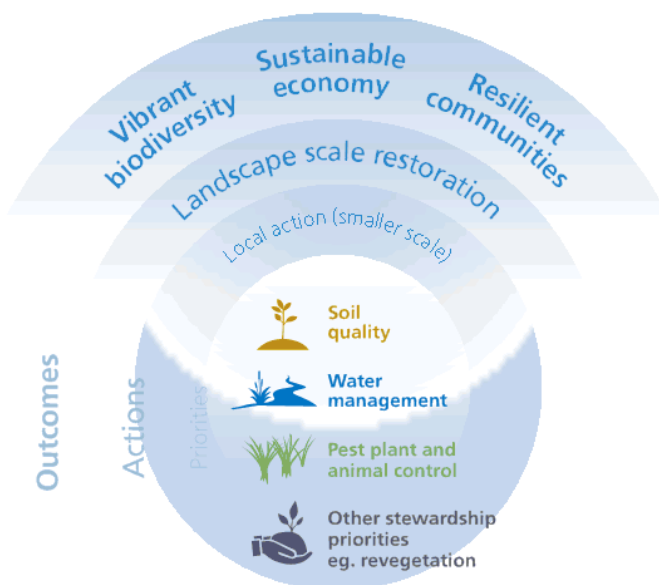
Ultimately we want to ensure that the landscapes as a whole thrive, and we increasingly recognise the co-benefits –

across the environment, the economy and the community – of managing landscapes sustainably.

Soil quality, pest plant and animal control and water management do not operate in isolation. Management of these issues, and stewardship of the natural environment more generally, must be considered together to achieve landscape scale restoration.

Local ownership of the issues and partnerships with government and other sectors of the community will be vital to success of local level stewardship, that in turn supports and complements landscape scale restoration to achieve vibrant biodiversity, a sustainable economy and resilient communities.

Many of the existing NRM Act provisions dealing with pest plant and animal control, water management and soil quality are likely to be kept in the new Landscape South Australia Bill. Your feedback will shape opportunities to enhance and simplify those provisions, and make them more flexible by incorporating procedural details into regulations and policy.



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A summary of our reforms

Landscape Boards

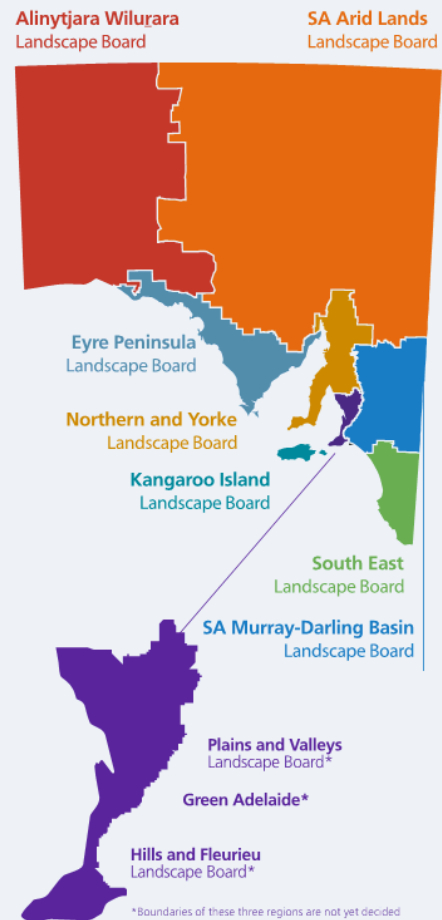
- Create nine Landscape Boards to replace existing NRM Boards.
- The Boards will have seven members with three members elected by the community and four members, including the Chair, appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water.
- The Boards will be responsible for setting strategy and approving programs for the environmentally sustainable management of South Australia's natural resources.
- Landscape Boards will be at arm's length from government and responsible for their own budgets.
- Landscape Boards will establish a five-year Landscape Plan for their region, identifying up to five priorities to be achieved by the plan during that time. The plans will be simple and publicly accessible.
- Landscape Boards will be required to partner with the private sector, non-government organisations and local and federal government to deliver environmental programs to create jobs and drive investment in local communities.

It is proposed that the Landscape Boards would facilitate effective management of natural resources, working in partnership with primary producers, conservation organisations, Aboriginal nations, councils and government agencies.

- Landscape Boards would have more autonomy than the current NRM Boards. They would be responsible for their own budgets and employ a general manager who would manage staff. Landscape Boards would have the power to set and manage their own levies, with any increases set by an independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index.
- Increased autonomy brings with it a need for improved transparency and reporting.
- The Landscape Boards would remain statutory entities, and would continue to meet the high standards of governance and accountability required of statutory entities.
- It is anticipated that Landscape Boards would continue to partner to facilitate funded delivery of natural resources management services on behalf of the Australian Government, such as through the National Landcare Program.

Landscape Board boundaries

The regions covered by the nine new Landscape Boards are shown on the map.



Green Adelaide will be created to deliver natural resources management functions in metropolitan Adelaide.

Existing boundaries are proposed to be largely retained but could be amended in some areas depending on the results of the engagement process. The boundaries for the new Adelaide regions are not yet drawn. Factors to consider in establishing these boundaries include financial viability, current administrative boundaries, the Country of Aboriginal nations and community connections and identity.

Collectively, the members of each Landscape Board would need to have the relevant skills to facilitate management of the region's natural resources. To be effective, Landscape Board members will need to have local knowledge and strong connections with the local community, including Aboriginal peoples, and appropriately reflect the diversity in the community.

Green Adelaide

Green Adelaide will be created to deliver natural resources management functions in metropolitan Adelaide, focusing on enhancing the city's urban ecology and investing in the natural environment to improve overall community wellbeing.

It will work towards Adelaide being the most ecologically vibrant city in the world.

Green Adelaide will have an expert Board appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water. It will focus on building a strong connection between Adelaide residents and their natural environment, and work to ensure there is a clear understanding of how and where levies are spent.

Green Adelaide will focus on seven key priorities: coastal management, urban rivers and wetlands, water sensitive urban design, green streets and flourishing parklands, fauna in the city, pest plants and animals and nature education.

Green Adelaide will co-administer the \$2 million Grassroots Grants fund to support environmental groups and not for profits to deliver on-ground projects.

Some further focused engagement will help to guide development of Green Adelaide.

Levies

A number of changes to the levy system are proposed to help to reduce cost of living pressures for South Australians, improve fairness of levies across regions, make levy expenditure transparent to the community and improve effectiveness in delivering sustainable landscapes.

The changes include:

- Cap annual land and water levy rises at a rate set by an independent body or according to the consumer price index.
- Levies (land and water) collected in a region will be spent in the region, except for a portion of priority landscape scale or cross-boundary projects, and services to underpin regional outcomes.
- Provide a publicly available budget outlining how levies will be spent in the forthcoming financial year and an end-of-financial-year report documenting actual expenditure.
- Continue to collect land based levies via council rates. It is essential that the way levies are raised and used is transparent, accountable and fair.

Compliance

Effective compliance is crucial to sustaining vibrant biodiversity, productive farms, food security and relationships between neighbours. More flexible compliance options will help to achieve this.

Legislation

The legislative reform will focus on practical programs and on-ground works delivered within existing resources.

The NRM Act will be repealed and replaced with the Landscape South Australia Act.

The new Act will identify soil quality, pest plant and animal control and water management as major priorities.

Cross-regional and statewide coordination

Local and regional partnerships are the engine of landscape management in South Australia. However, landscapes and the pressures affecting them don't stop at administrative boundaries.

Many issues require cross-regional and statewide coordination.

There are a range of ways to achieve some level of cross regional coordination to achieve more effective delivery. These include:

- Informal agreements between Landscape Boards and other stakeholders and groups.
- Establishment of a cross-sector advisory body including representatives from peak bodies, Aboriginal nations, Landscape Boards and government agencies.
- There may also be value in some level of statewide planning and prioritisation to support coordinated regional effort.
- Establishment of a statewide Landscape Priorities Fund to which some or all Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide would contribute a portion of levy funds raised. While the policy direction for the new Act is for levy funding to be spent in the region in which it is collected, there are times when statewide priorities should complement spending in a region.

Grassroots Grants program to support local projects

Establish the Grassroots Grants program, a \$2 million a year statewide annual fund (in addition to existing grants programs), administered at a Landscape Board level for volunteer, community and not-for-profit groups to access.

All Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide will co-administer the program, which will be funded through a percentage of all land and water levies raised in each region.



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Your involvement and feedback

It is widely recognised across government, community and stakeholder groups, that natural resources management reform is needed.

It is a clear priority for this government. It is essential that we guide and manage our proposed reforms in ways which will give people and communities the change they are looking for.

While our reform commitments are clear, we are very open to ideas on how to achieve this in practice.

This is a unique opportunity to refresh and reset natural resources management within our state.

Stakeholder workshops and community forums

Between August and October 2018, there will be a series of facilitated stakeholder workshops and regional community forums. Workshop and forum dates, times and locations can be found at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/landscape-reform

Written feedback

You can also provide written feedback:

- **Online at** www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/landscape-reform
- **By email to:** LandscapeReform@sa.gov.au
- **By post to:** The Independent Facilitator
Landscape Reform
GPO Box 1047
ADELAIDE SA 5001.

Please note that your submission will be made publicly available unless you indicate you wish for it remain confidential.

The closing date for feedback is 5:00pm (ACST) Monday 15 October 2018.

A summary document will be prepared by the independent facilitators and made publicly available outlining the key findings of the engagement.

The discussion paper and other information is available online at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/landscape-reform



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Managing our Landscapes Conversations for Change Frequently Asked Questions



The new State Government is committed to a significant reform program that will change the way natural resources are managed. It will be a simpler, transparent and more accessible system that will put local communities at the heart of sustaining, conserving and revitalising our state's natural resources.

These reforms aim to reinvigorate community leadership and build stronger partnerships with land managers, harnessing their local knowledge and understanding of the landscape to generate better outcomes where they are most needed.

The government plans to introduce the Landscape South Australia Bill into Parliament within the first quarter of 2019, replacing the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* (NRM Act).

A comprehensive engagement process will gather stakeholder and community opinions, feedback and ideas critical to shaping the detail of these reforms.

Questions addressed in this document –

1. [Why is reform necessary?](#)
2. [What changes are being proposed?](#)
3. [What are some of the expected benefits from these changes?](#)
4. [Why call the legislation - Landscape SA?](#)
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For further information and to download a copy of the Discussion Paper visit www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/landscape-reform

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1. Why is reform necessary?

While the NRM Act brought positive change and benefits in 2004, the passage of time, and gradual centralisation has meant the current system is not delivering what it should.

There are parts of the NRM Act that have worked well and should be retained and other parts that are over-complicated and have impeded good, local, on-the-ground management that should be removed, amended or simplified.

Significant change is therefore essential.

This is a unique opportunity to refresh and reset natural resources management within our state.

2. What changes are being proposed?

A key part of the reform is to replace the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* with a new Landscape South Australia Act.

The purpose of the proposed Landscape South Australia Act will be to provide a simple and accessible framework for the ecologically sustainable management of the state's natural resources to support primary production, regional communities, and the natural environment.

The new act is intended to be shorter, less process-oriented and more flexible, to reduce red tape. Procedural requirements will be placed in regulations or policy, rather than in legislation.

A Discussion Paper, which can be found at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/landscape-reform, highlights the key reform commitments, including creation of nine new Landscape Boards and a Green Adelaide Board, to replace the NRM Boards, capping of levies and the creation of a \$2 million Grassroots Grants Program.

3. What are some of the expected benefits from these changes?

The reform proposals aim to create a simple and accessible system for managing natural resources that decentralises decision making, empowering regional communities to take responsibility for managing natural resources at the local level. Some of the expected benefits include:

- Local action is complemented by strategic landscape-scale restoration projects that are delivered by multiple stakeholders working in strong and enduring partnerships.
- Simplifying and introducing greater flexibility to a range of processes, such as Board appointments, planning, engagement, operations and compliance.
- Sharper focus on the fundamentals of managing natural resources: soil quality, water management and pest plant and animal control.
- Clear, dedicated staffing arrangements for Landscape Boards.
- Improved agility and responsiveness to adapt to changing circumstances and regional needs.
- Less money spent on administration, management and documentation, thereby freeing up funds for on-ground activities.
- More funding opportunities for local community organisations to deliver on ground works.
- More focus on facilitating delivery through partnerships.
- Greater investment in strategic landscape scale projects.
- Improved reporting, making deliverables and measurable outcomes clear and easy to understand, compare and track.

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4. Why call the new legislation - Landscape SA?

Landscapes are the natural systems and resources that make up our surroundings – the soils, water, plants and animals that make up our rivers and plains, forests and hills, coasts and seas. The sustainable management of our landscapes underpins our lifestyles and livelihoods.

5. What principles will help to guide the reform?

The reform will be guided by the following key principles:

- Decentralised decision making – putting the focus on local issues and priorities that matter to regional communities.
- A simple and accessible system – creating a transparent, flexible and responsive system that will allow people to get the job done more easily.
- Community and landowners at the centre – recognising that people who live and work on the land are best placed to build enduring partnerships and make decisions about caring for our natural resources.
- Back to basics – undertaking grassroots environmental projects that tackle soil quality, water management and pest plant and animal control.
- A whole of landscape approach – taking an integrated approach that complements grassroots programs with strategic projects to achieve restoration of entire landscapes.

6. What will be the key priorities of the new legislation?

The new legislation will be simplified – identifying soil quality, pest plant and animal control and water management as major priorities, while maintaining a commitment to broader environmental programs such as revegetation.

7. How can I provide feedback?

We want to see local communities and people central to managing the natural resources of their region. Community and stakeholder opinions, feedback and ideas are therefore critical to shaping our reforms and ensuring they work as well as they can.

There are a number of ways in which you can be an active part of the reform process.

- Attending an independently facilitated community forum or stakeholder workshop during August and September. Information on forum dates, times, locations and how to register can be found at:
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- Emailing your comments to:
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The Discussion Paper poses a series of questions to encourage you to challenge the way things have been done in the past. We want fresh ideas, a local perspective and a deeper understanding of how our reforms could work best in practice, within existing community structures.

You can also provide more general comments about the reform proposals or other aspects of natural resources management that you feel are important to you and your region.

All feedback will help to shape the development of the Landscape South Australia Bill to ensure it meets needs.

A final report, including copies of all submissions, will be prepared by the Independent facilitator and provided to the

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Minister for Environment and Water to help inform his decision-making on the draft Landscape SA Bill. The report will be publically available online via YourSAy.

8. Will there be any changes to the NRM levy?

Levies will continue to be collected by councils, but there will be a cap on annual land and water levy increases, either set by an independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index.

Levies (land and water) collected in a region will be spent in the region, except for a portion allocated to priority landscape scale or cross-boundary projects, and services to underpin regional outcomes.

Levies have been a much-debated issue in the state, and we are looking at options to ensure the way levies are raised and used are more transparent, accountable and fair.

These changes won't take place until the legislation becomes operational.

9. When will the new legislation come into operation?

The government aims to introduce the Landscape SA Bill into Parliament in the first quarter of 2019. The date that the legislation will become operational is unknown and will depend on the parliamentary process.

We understand our reforms will require a change in approach and some uncertainty for many people invested in the current natural resources management of the state.

Once the new Act is passed, we are looking at a collaborative approach with key staff, stakeholders, and the community to inform the implementation process, which is likely to take place in stages over a 12 month period.

Current NRM arrangements will remain largely unchanged for the 2018-19 financial year and NRM Boards will continue to focus on delivery of services for the community.

10. What are landscape scale restoration projects?

Landscape scale restoration projects are those that operate at a larger scale than individual properties or small areas of land. Instead, they require cross-regional or even statewide coordination. Many pests and weeds occur over two or more regions and require a coordinated approach.

South Australians are already undertaking a number of landscape scale restoration projects, such as the Wild Eyre and Naturally Yorke projects. The projects involve many partner organisations, land managers and volunteers working together to achieve a range of shared goals. They occur over many years and help to achieve visible long lasting change.

Our reforms aim to support more investment in landscape scale restoration projects, such as through potentially creating a Landscape Priorities Fund.

11. Will marine areas be covered in the new Act?

Yes, it is proposed that the Landscape South Australia Bill will apply to the same areas as the current NRM Act. For instance, regional NRM plans currently apply to the marine environment out to three nautical miles. It is proposed that regional Landscape Plans would also cover this area.

12. How will the Landscape Board boundaries be decided?

Existing boundaries are proposed to be largely retained, although there may be some small changes to boundaries informed by the outcomes of the engagement process.

The boundaries for the new Adelaide regions are not yet drawn. Factors to consider in defining their boundaries include:

- Financial viability – to ensure sufficient funding to fulfil their functions

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- Logical administrative boundaries – to simplify levy administration, relationships and delivery
- The Country of Aboriginal nations
- Community connections and identity
- Land use
- Water catchments and marine ecosystems.

13. How will the Landscape Boards be different to the current NRM Boards?

The new Landscape South Australia Act will create nine Landscape Boards to replace existing NRM Boards, with the intent to place community at the heart of delivery.

Landscape Boards will be at arm's length from government.

Landscape Boards would have more autonomy than the current NRM Boards. They would be responsible for their own budgets and employ a general manager who would manage staff. Landscape Boards would have the power to set and manage their own levies.

Increased autonomy brings with it a need for improved transparency and reporting. It is proposed that the Landscape SA Bill would establish a regulator to oversee a cap on levy increases and Landscape Boards would need to provide publicly available plans and budgets. An end of financial year report would document actual expenditure as well as the measurable outcomes achieved.

14. How will the Landscape Boards benefit the local economy of a region?

The new Landscape Boards will employ a general manager and staff to undertake environmental management only in the region employing them - unless agreed otherwise.

Boards will be required to outsource some of their work to the private and non-government sector to create jobs and drive investment further. Local councils will also be encouraged to apply to undertake this work.

It is anticipated Landscape Boards would continue to facilitate funded delivery of natural resources management services on behalf of the Australian Government, such as through the National Landcare Program.

The new Landscape Boards and local regions will also benefit from decentralised decision-making and a back to basics approach, with less money spent on administration, management and documentation, thereby freeing up funds for on-ground activities.

15. How will the membership of Landscape Boards be decided?

The nine Landscape Boards will have seven members with three members elected by the community and the other four members, including the Chair, appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water.

Collectively, the members of each Landscape Board would need to have the relevant skills to facilitate management of the region's natural resources. To be effective, Landscape Board members will need to have local knowledge and strong connections with the local community, and appropriately reflect the diversity in the community.

The appointment process would be streamlined and simple, requiring minimal approval "gates". Specifying these processes in regulations rather than in the Act would improve flexibility to adjust those that aren't working as intended.

A number of options will be considered during the engagement process to inform how community members would be elected.

16. Will biodiversity conservation be included in the new Act?

Yes. Supporting vibrant biodiversity is a key goal of the reforms. The new legislation will focus on the fundamentals of natural resources management, soil quality, water management, and pest plant and animal control. Biodiversity conservation will be supported by all three of these fundamental priorities. In addition,

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activities that assist biodiversity conservation will also continue to be enabled, such as revegetation.

17. Why is there such a strong focus on soil quality, water management and pest plant and animal control?

The priorities of managing, soil, water and pest plant and animals are fundamental to landscape scale restoration.

In addition to these priorities, other local and landscape scale activities will be needed in particular areas.

These activities, such as revegetation, sustainable agricultural practices, rewilding, protecting habitats of native priority species and fencing can also be important contributions to achieving the community's desired outcomes for their landscapes.

Combining the priorities of managing, soil, water, pest plant and animals with these other practices will collectively help to revitalise and restore the quality of our natural environments.

18. What will the reforms mean for volunteers, project partners and participants?

Volunteers, project partners and participants play a major role in managing natural resources across South Australia. Their contribution of time, energy, expertise, equipment and resources is extremely valuable and underpins the sustainable management of our natural resources.

Volunteers are the backbone of much of South Australia's environmental management – supporting us to scour beaches for litter, educate and create behavioural change, track the progress of endangered animals and look after our heritage assets – amongst many other vital activities.

The proposed Landscape South Australia Act will see the establishment of the Grassroots

Grants program, a \$2 million statewide annual fund (in addition to existing NRM grants programs), administered at a Board level for volunteer, community and not-for-profit groups to access.

Until the new Act is passed, NRM Boards will continue to focus on delivery of services for the community. Current NRM arrangements will remain largely unchanged for the 2018-19 financial year.

19. What will the reform mean for employees currently working with NRM Boards?

Employees working with the NRM Boards are important stakeholders in this process – with expert local knowledge in delivering vital natural resources outcomes to the South Australian community.

Their feedback will help to shape the development of the Landscape South Australia Bill to ensure it meets the needs of community and industry as well as regulatory and South Australian Government requirements.

In terms of their day to day role, very little will change until the proposed legislation is passed through parliament. We will keep employees informed on the status of the new Act and how the transition to it will be implemented.

We understand our reforms will require a change in approach and some uncertainty for many people invested in the current natural resources management of the state.

Once the new Act is passed, we are looking at a collaborative approach with key staff, stakeholders, Aboriginal Nations and the community to inform the implementation process, which is likely to take place in stages over a 12 month period.

Until then, NRM Boards will continue to focus on delivery of services for the community.

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20. What about reforms in other areas?

Our new government's focus is the Landscape South Australia reforms. However there is more that can be done and as part of the government's future agenda, there will be opportunities to explore improved interactions between a range of legislation. Further engagement will be required on any further reforms in coming years. Some of this legislation includes:

- *The Aquaculture Act 2001*
- *The Coast Protection Act 1972*
- *The Fisheries Management Act 2007*
- *The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*
- *The Native Vegetation Act 1991*
- *The Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989*
- *The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
- *The Water Industry Act 2012*

In addition, water resource management engages a range of stakeholders who may or may not be actively engaged in the Landscape Boards, and involves a broad suite of legislative and policy arrangements.

Further information about other legislative reform will become available as it is considered.

21. Where can I go for more information?

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Email: LandscapeReform@sa.gov.au

Phone: 8124 4772 for general inquiries (submissions cannot be made over the phone). This line is available during business hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

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ITEM	2.6.1
	WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
DATE	17 September 2018
PREV REFS	Works and Services Committee 2.6.2 16/04/2018
HEADING	Capital Works Report - August 2018
AUTHOR	Christy Martin, Team Leader Project Support, City Infrastructure
CITY PLAN LINKS	3.2 Have interesting places where people want to be.
SUMMARY	The following monthly status report and requests for amendments is presented to effectively manage the City Infrastructure Capital Works Program.

RECOMMENDATION

1. As a program inclusion, construct a new bus pad & shelter at stop 36, eastern, Oleander Drive, Parafield Gardens, within the 2018/19 Bus Shelter Renewal & Bus Stop Improvement Program.
2. As a program change, purchase a small truck in lieu of utility for the Workshop, within the 2018/19 Plant and Fleet Replacement Program.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

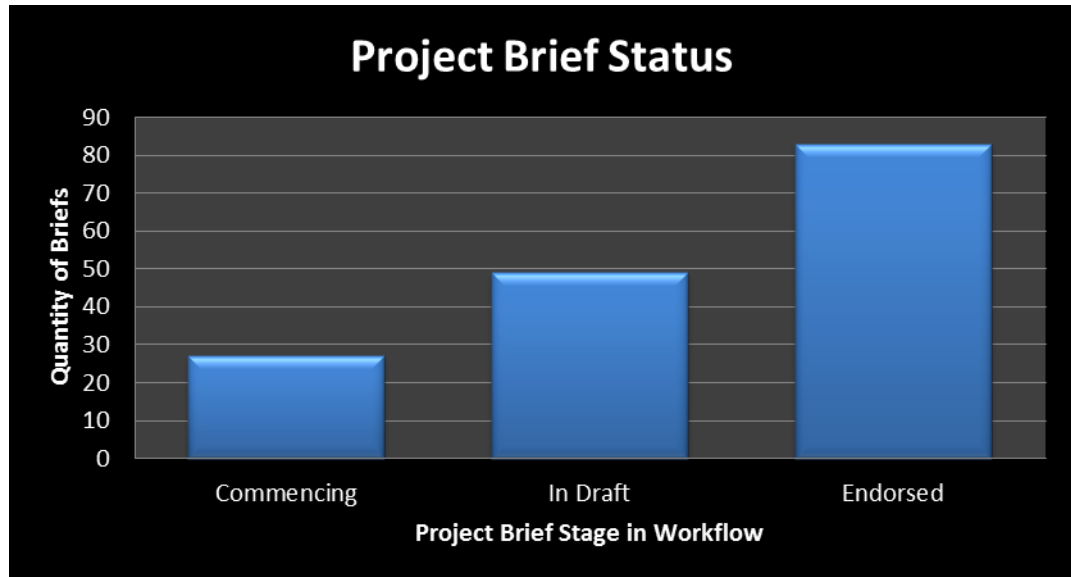
- 1.1 City Infrastructure is responsible for the capital works, associated plant and fleet, building, traffic and civil engineering services, landscape and environmental works. Specifically, these works involve project management, design specification development, construction and recurrent maintenance. Service provision is undertaken by both internal resources and external consultants/contractors. City Infrastructure provides periodic progress reports for these projects.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

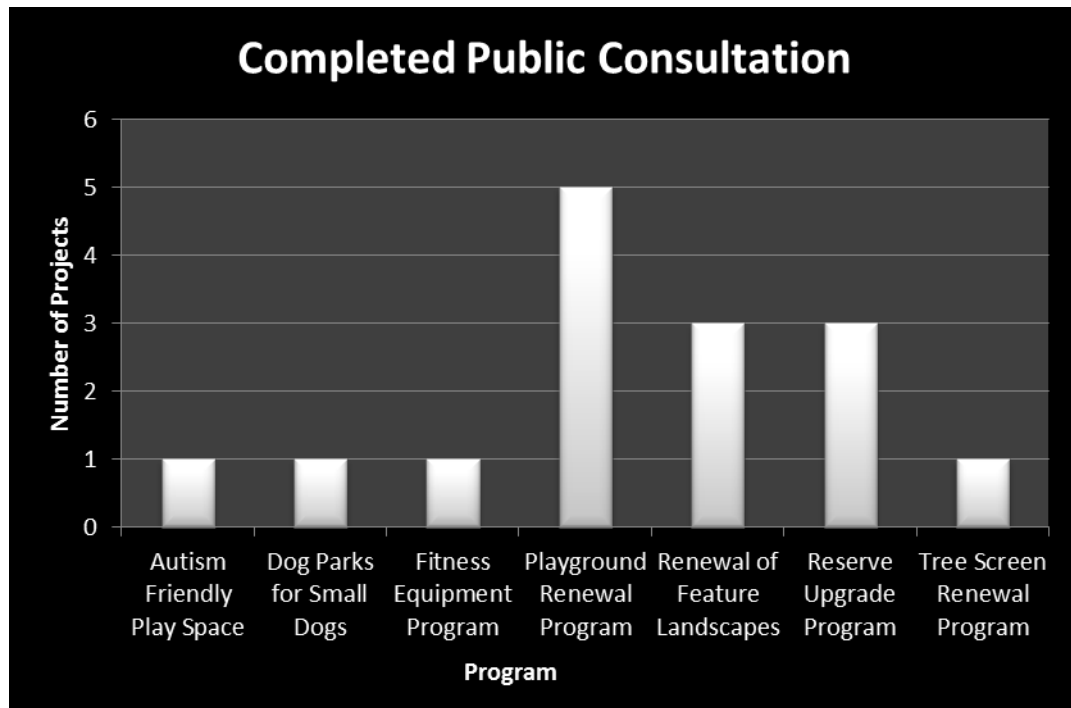
- 2.1 As part of the management of the City Infrastructure Capital Works Program, communication of the program occurs on a monthly basis via the Works and Services Committee. In addition, a current program of works is available via the City of Salisbury internet site and highlights included within the periodic publication *Salisbury Aware*.

3. REPORT

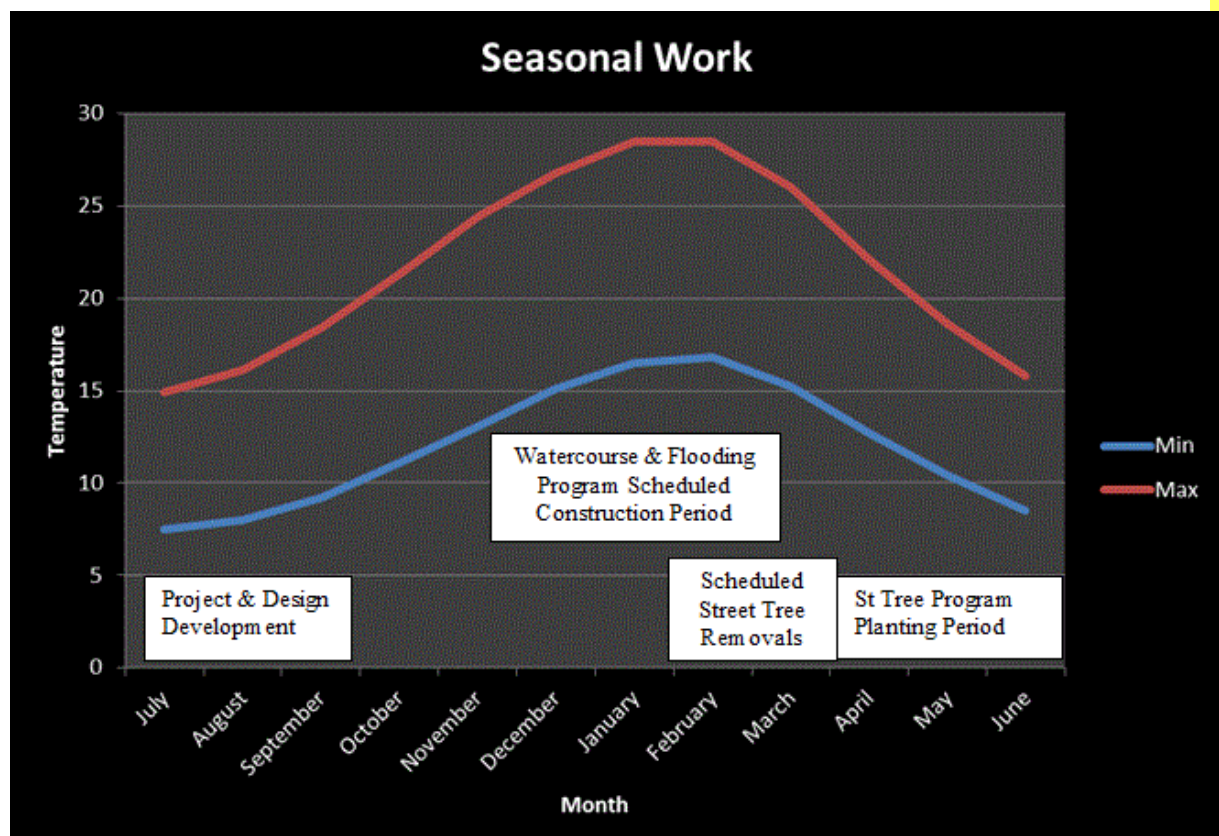
- 3.1 The 2018/19 program is now well underway, with the first quarter mainly focusing on the set up and establishment of projects. Part of this includes the development of a Project Brief where the scope of works is clearly defined and agreed. This ensures as part of project preparation consideration is given to constraints which may define how and when a project is delivered. Herewith a current status graph regarding Project Brief development;



- 3.2 In addition, public consultation is a key activity which occurs at this time of the year. This enables the community to provide feedback and suggestions which feed into the design phase of projects. Public consultations completed to date include;



- 3.3 It is noted that the Road Reseal Reconstruction Program includes a number of major reconstruction projects this year, totaling over \$3.5M which include:
- 3.3.1 Diment Road (Hawker to Helps roundabout) - full reconstruction including kerb and water table, issued for tender.
 - 3.3.2 Robinson Road (St Kilda to Anjanto Road), a significant design and construct project upgrading from rural to collector road, currently in the design phase.
 - 3.3.3 A major section of O'Loughlin Road & Geoffrey Avenue is being reconstructed with significant shape correction and full pavement reconstruction, with design recently completed.
- 3.4 The rest of the program, standard Asphalt overlays and micro-seals are currently being designed and will be completed through the summer months.
- 3.5 Similarly, projects in the Watercourse and Local Flooding programs are currently being scoped up and designed for completion during the summer period. This is opposite to the streetscape program which will have the consultation conducted now through until November then the removals in February to April and planting April through to June in the wetter months. Indicatively this is the flow of this seasonal type of work;



NB: This chart notes average monthly minimum and maximum temperatures as detailed by Bureau of Meteorology <http://www.bom.gov.au/calendar/annual/climate.shtml>

- 3.6 As part of the coordination of the Capital Works Program, it is continuously monitored to ensure it best meets the needs of the community whilst maintaining infrastructure condition. As a result, the following changes are requested;

Amendment to Program

PR22852 Bus Shelter Renewal & Bus Stop Improvement Program

Following a series of requests, approval is sought to add Oleander Drive, Parafield Gardens, bus stop 36, eastern, to the 2018/19 Bus Shelter Renewal and Bus Stop Improvement Program. The location currently does not have a bus pad or shelter. The program has sufficient funding available to cover this program inclusion.

Consideration of current caretaker provision was given and determined this request complies with policy and therefore included within this reporting period.

Recommendation: As a program inclusion, construct a new bus pad & shelter at stop 36, eastern, Oleander Drive, Parafield Gardens, within the 2018/19 Bus Shelter Renewal & Bus Stop Improvement Program.

Impact: No impact

PR22843 Plant & Fleet Replacement Program

As part of the process to coordinate plant and fleet replacements, their use, methods of work and future improvements are considered prior to replacement. This process enables the organisation to procure the most appropriate item which is fit for purpose. As part of this process, the replacement of the workshop utility has identified the need to upgrade to a small truck. This will enable the appropriate supplies be stored and carried to assist with achieving faster breakdown response times. In addition it will be able to assist in more types of vehicle recoveries. The cost to upgrade to a small truck is comparable with existing budget provision to purchase a 4WD utility and fit out with storage (\$60k). A truck has a longer usable life and is replaced every 10 years as opposed to 5 years for utilities. This improvement has no addition upfront cost and will provide savings in renewal costs over the life of the plant.

Consideration of current caretaker provision was given and determined this request complies with policy and therefore included within this reporting period.

Recommendation: As a program change, purchase a small truck in lieu of utility for the Workshop, within the 2018/19 Plant and Fleet Replacement Program.

Impact: Ability to improve services provided and response times.

4. FOR INFORMATION

The construction of new change rooms at Salisbury Oval has now commenced;



The renewal and upgrade of the Little Para Golf Course driveway and car park was recently completed;



Item 2.6.1

The construction of new indented parking bays at Springbank Waters, Burton, is now complete;



5. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 5.1 This summary report regarding the City Infrastructure Capital Works Program be received.

CO-ORDINATION

Officer: Executive Group
Date: 10/09/2018