

# **Conservation Council of South Australia Inc**

## **Submission to the Draft Management Plan for Victoria Park / Bakkabakkandi**

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**RE: Draft Management Plan for Victoria Park / Bakkabakkandi**

The **Conservation Council of South Australia (CCSA)** is the peak environmental and conservation organisation in South Australia with over 50 member groups collectively representing tens of thousands of South Australians.

CCSA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the **Draft Management Plan for Victoria Park / Bakkabakkandi**.

Overall, CCSA is sympathetic of the concept, guiding principles and the Adelaide City Council vision to:

*"Create a vibrant, flexible and sustainable recreational open space within the iconic Adelaide Park Lands to serve all South Australians, supporting a variety of community activities whilst preserving the unique landscape and heritage qualities of the place."*

CCSA is fully supportive of the concept of zone 1. We particularly approve of the concept of improving the biodiversity and habitat available within the parklands and creating the wetland and aquifer recharge facility. The restoration and revegetation of the existing creek and improving the shared path/trail network is also commended.

CCSA's support for the development of community recreation facilities in zone 2 is tempered by concerns for the remnant native vegetation in the area. These concerns have been documented in some detail by one of CCSA's member organisations, the Nature Conservation Society SA (NCSSA), in its submission and will not be reiterated here.

CCSA believes that the draft management plan must be amended to ensure that this remnant native flora will not be put at risk. Translocation of these populations has been mooted, yet cannot be guaranteed to succeed, even if considerable resources were directed at it.

CCSA supports and endorses NCSSA's suggestion that more effort is needed to conserve the remnant native flora by modifying zone 2 and re-arranging the playing fields so that the remnant native flora is conserved as a woodland finger extending into zone 2 from zone 1. We also support the suggestion of further native tree plantings between the playing fields to provide shelter and shade for spectators.

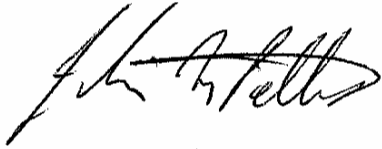
CCSA is supportive of the retention and refurbishment of the heritage listed grandstand, along with removal of redundant buildings and structures that do not have heritage, or other values worthy of retaining.

CCSA is not supportive of the proposals for Zone 4 re special events, although we understand that removing the existing motorsport racing track is beyond the powers of the ACC and is in effect not negotiable. If the track is to be retained however, CCSA supports the concepts of ecological sustainable development principles being applied and multiple uses for this facility, particularly for culturally diverse activities such as bike riding/pedal prix and roller-blading.

CCSA would appreciate being kept informed about the results of the consultation and any future developments in relation to the parklands in general.

If you require any further information or clarification please contact James Danenberg on (08) 8223 5155 or via email at [campaigns@ccsa.asn.au](mailto:campaigns@ccsa.asn.au)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Pettett', written in a cursive style.

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