

Photo – pigeons – Silos
 Photo – pigeons - rooftop
 Email – pigeon issues at K Mart
 Email – Urgent Action Required: Escalating Pigeon Infestation Impacting Local Infrastructure and Public Health – Ross Hay dated 29 May 2025
 Email – Urgent concerns regarding pigeon population, property damage and health risks – Shaun Miller, Port Lincoln Boat Supplies dated 29 May 2025

8. PETITIONS

8.1. PETITION RECEIVED – COMMUNITY LAND REVOCATION PROPOSAL AT 10 OSWALD DRIVE PORT LINCOLN

REPORT PURPOSE

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ATTACHMENT ITEM

78001 Petition Cover Page – Community Land Revocation Proposal at 10 Oswald Drive, Port Lincoln

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Notes and receives the petition submitted by Mr Chris McGown on behalf of the residents and community members of Port Lincoln, and surrounds, who have been included in the petition as tabled; and,**
- 2. Acknowledges the significant effort and dedication put into gathering the identified signatures and thanks Mr Chris McGown for his active citizenship; and**
- 3. Advise Mr Chris McGown that the petition will be seriously considered as part of the consultation process on the Community Land Revocation proposal along with all other submissions received and the tabling of the community consultation is scheduled for consideration at the July Ordinary Council meeting.**

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REPORT INFORMATION								
Report Title	Petition Received – Community Land Revocation Proposal at 10 Oswald Drive, Port Lincoln							
Document ID	78184							
Organisational Unit	Executive							
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer - Eric Brown							
Report Attachment/s	Yes 78001 Petition Cover Page – Community Land Revocation Proposal at 10 Oswald Drive, Port Lincoln							
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REPORT DECISION MAKING CONSIDERATIONS								
Council Role	Not Applicable							
Strategic Alignment	SDP GOAL: Goal 1: Economic Growth and Opportunity SDP ACTION: 1.3 Continue to implement Council's Housing Strategy to expand fit for purpose housing options, including through the release of Council land and reassessing Council's City masterplan and associated zoning.							
Annual Business Plan 2023/24	ABP INITIATIVE: Not Applicable ABP PROJECT: Not Applicable							
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Legislation	Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013							
Policy	Code of Practice - Council and Committee Meetings 18.63.2							
Budget Implications	Not Applicable <table border="1" data-bbox="649 1675 1360 1745"> <thead> <tr> <th>DESCRIPTION</th> <th>BUDGET AMOUNT \$</th> <th>YTD \$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Budget assessment comments:</p>		DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMOUNT \$	YTD \$			
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Risk Implications	Not Applicable							
Resource Implications	Not Applicable							
Public Consultation	Yes - Recommended							

IAP2 Commitment	Not Applicable
OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION	
<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes and receives the petition submitted by Mr Chris McGown on behalf of the residents and community members of Port Lincoln, and surrounds, who have been included in the petition as tabled; and, Acknowledges the significant effort and dedication put into gathering the identified signatures and thanks Mr Chris McGown for his active citizenship; and Advise Mr Chris McGown that the petition will be seriously considered as part of the consultation process on the Community Land Revocation proposal along with all other submissions received and the tabling of the community consultation is scheduled for consideration at the July Ordinary Council meeting. 	

REPORT DETAIL

Council received the tabled petition at its principal office on Wednesday 11 June 2025. Pursuant to regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* and Council’s Code of Practice Council and Committee Meetings Policy 18.63.2, on receipt of a petition, a report must be placed on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the council or if received after the Agenda has been finalised, at the following Council meeting. The petition must:

- be legibly written or typed or printed; and
- clearly set out the request or submission of the petitioners; and
- include the name and address of each person who signed or endorsed the petition; and
- be addressed to the council and delivered to the principal office of the council.

As per Council Policy, only the first cover page of the petition which provides the details of the Head Petitioner, the subject matter and action that they are seeking Council to consider will be included as an attachment to this report. The full petition will be tabled at the Council meeting.

The petitioners ‘strongly oppose the City of Port Lincoln Council’s proposal to revoke the community land classification of the reserve located at 10 Oswald Drive for the purpose of constructing residential housing.’.

The Head Petitioner, Chris McGown has stated that the petition contains 168 valid and unique signatures. Council Officers have undertaken a preliminary review for errors and duplicate names and have identified that the petition does not contain duplicate names or invalid entries.

As the intent of the petition is already being considered in an agenda item that will be tabled at the July Ordinary Council meeting, it is recommended that Council:

- Notes and receives the petition submitted by Mr Chris McGown on behalf of the residents and community members of Port Lincoln, and surrounds, who have been included in the petition as tabled; and
- Acknowledges the significant effort and dedication put into gathering the identified signatures and thanks Mr Chris McGown, as head petitioner, for his active citizenship; and,
- Advise Mr Chris McGown, as head petitioner, that the petition will be seriously considered as part of the consultation process on the Community Land Revocation proposal along with all other submissions received.

PETITION TO CITY OF PORT LINCOLN

11 JUN 2025

Pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013, a petition to the council must:

- (a) be legibly written or typed or printed; and*
- (b) clearly set out the request or submission of the petitioners; and*
- (c) include the name and address of each person who signed or endorsed the petition; and*
- (d) be addressed to the council and delivered to the principal office of the council.*

To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Port Lincoln

Head Petitioner Name: **Chris McGown**.....

Address: **12 Oswald Drive, Port Lincoln**.....

Telephone: **0427 270 805**..... *chris.mcgown745@schools.sa.edu.au*

Date: **13/5/25**.....

The petition of *(identify the individuals or group eg residents of the City of Port Lincoln)*

Local Port Lincoln Residents living near 10 Oswald Drive.....

draws attention of the Council *(identify the circumstances of the case)*.

Community Land Revocation Proposal at 10 Oswald Drive Port Lincoln.....

The petitioners therefore request that the Council *(outline the action that the Council should or should not take)*:-

We, the undersigned residents and community members of Port Lincoln, strongly oppose the City of Port Lincoln Council's proposal to revoke the community land classification of the reserve located at 10 Oswald Drive for the purpose of constructing residential housing.

This reserve has long served as a valued and irreplaceable green space for our community, providing environmental, recreational, and social benefits that would be lost if the proposal proceeds. Our reasons for opposing this proposal include:

1. Preservation of Flora and Fauna

The reserve at 10 Oswald Drive supports a diverse ecosystem and serves as an important habitat for local wildlife. Removing this green space would destroy natural habitats and threaten native flora and fauna, undermining local biodiversity.

2. Community Trust and Expectations

Many residents who purchased property and built homes in the surrounding area did so with the clear understanding and expectation that this land would remain a protected

reserve. Revoking its community classification would represent a breach of this trust and compromise the integrity of past planning assurances.

3. **Vital Community Recreation Space**

The reserve is a cherished area for local families, children, and pet owners. It provides a safe, accessible space for outdoor play, dog walking, and community interaction—contributing to the mental and physical wellbeing of residents.

4. **Environmental and Urban Impact**

Urban infill at the cost of green space sets a dangerous precedent and erodes the natural character of our neighbourhoods. Once lost, these reserves cannot be replaced.

We respectfully urge the City of Port Lincoln Council to **abandon** the proposal to revoke the community land classification at 10 Oswald Drive and instead commit to the **long-term protection and maintenance** of this vital public space for current and future generations.

As the Head Petitioner, I confirm that this petition contains 168 (Number) unique signatures and meets the requirements of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*. I understand that once submitted to Council, this petition and its contents will become a public document. I also acknowledge that only the front page of this petition will be included as an attachment to a report to Council, and the complete petition will be tabled at the relevant Ordinary Council meeting.

(Signature)

(Date)