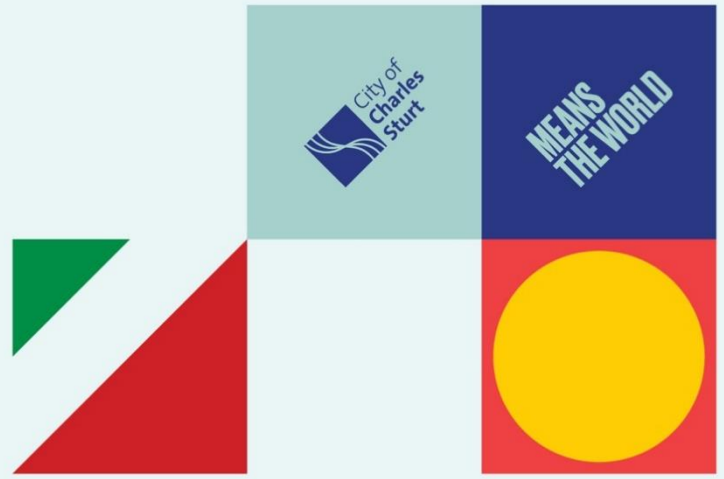




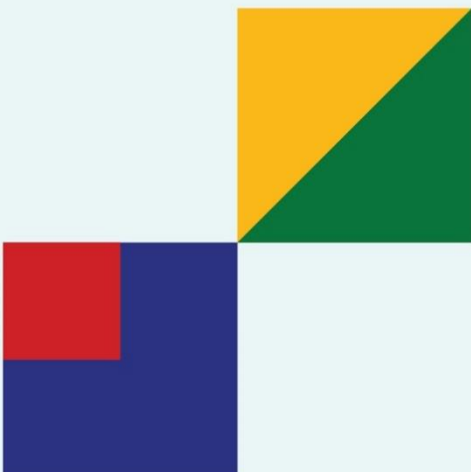
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Ovingham Underpass Dry Zones
November 2025

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have seen an increase in concerns from the community relating to antisocial, alcohol related behaviour by different groups in and around the reserves at Ovingham Underpass / Karrarendi Yerta Kadla. This behaviour has been having a significant impact on nearby residents and local businesses.

In response to community concerns we recommended that several open space areas surrounding the Ovingham Underpass, including adjacent paths and roads, are made Dry Zones, or “Dry Areas”. Council has received a letter of support from the South Australian Police (SAPOL) to apply for a Dry Area within this area, to assist with the effective management of this behaviour.

Council invited community feedback on each of the respective areas proposed to become permanent (24/7) Dry Zones. Consistent with the endorsed Community Engagement Approach, the objectives for this community consultation ensure:

- Council consults communities of interest, including local businesses, residents and service providers on the implementation of a Dry Area, which is one aspect of our broader response to community concerns raised about the safe and appropriate use of reserves surrounding Ovingham Underpass / Karrarendi Yerta Kadla.
- Our community is aware that Council is actively responding to community needs, building positive relationships between Council and the community, and thus making sound, evidence-based management decisions.
- Clear information is provided to our community about the decision, including the reasons and evidence that informed it.

The community engagement and promotion opportunities included:

- Engagement through the Your Say Charles Sturt website.
- Raising awareness through Your Say Charles Sturt, letterbox drop and social media channels.
- Raising awareness through onsite project signage at popular reserves and fenced off lead areas (including QR code).
- Promotion on digital screens at Civic Centre and libraries.

During the consultation period there were:

- 1,206 views of the project page on Your Say Charles Sturt.
- 50 project followers.
- 284 responses to the online feedback survey.
- 3 emails and other feedback.

The engagement was effective, with useful feedback provided to inform Council’s continued commitment in pursuing permanent Dry Zones at Napier Reserve (and surrounds), Chief Street and Drayton Street pocket parks (currently under construction), and Parfitt Square. An average of 88% of survey respondents were in support of Dry Zones across the reserves, while an average of 7% were against and an average of 5% had no preference. Responses within consultation also highlighted an additional nearby reserve, Turnbull Reserve, Ovingham, where anti-social behaviour and alcohol consumption was reported.

Further analysis of the community engagement and stakeholder feedback is provided in Section 4 of this report. All open comments received from community and stakeholders are presented in raw form in the back of this report, refer Appendices B and C.

As endorsed by Council on 22 September 2025 (Item 6.1) administration will now develop an application for permanent Dry Zones in the abovementioned reserves to be submitted to Consumer and Business Services as soon as possible.

2. BACKGROUND

We have seen an increase in concerns from the community relating to antisocial, alcohol related behaviour by different groups in and around the reserves at Ovingham Underpass / Karrarendi Yerta Kadla. This behaviour has been having a significant impact on nearby residents and local businesses. Council has also received a letter of support from the South Australian Police (SAPOL) to apply for a Dry Area within this area, to assist with the effective management of this behaviour.

We have developed a holistic response to these concerns, shared with the City of Prospect, SA Police and other government agencies and stakeholders. These proactive measures include, but are not limited to:

- Increased proactive cleaning.
- Additional monitoring of nearby facilities.
- Regular staff engagement with residents, businesses and community members.
- Collaboration with government agencies, community services and cultural leaders.
- Investigation into sustainable safety improvements.
- Activation of the reserve with positive community use.
- Ensuring appropriate support is available for people in need.
- Exploring the opportunity to implement a Declared Public Precinct via SAPOL and State Government.
- Pursuing the implementation of a Dry Area.

On Monday 22 September 2025 a Petition was presented to Council (22 September 2025, Item 5.1). meeting with 172 signatures requesting that the Cities of Charles Sturt and Prospect work with each other to address the antisocial behaviour negatively impacting local residents and the community and designate the whole area as an alcohol-free zone to mitigate continuous anti-social behaviour.

A report from administration was also submitted to Council (22 September 2025, Item 6.1). In that meeting, Council endorsed a motion to establish a Dry Zone at Ovingham Underpass / Karrarendi Yerta Kadla and understand community views to ensure all relevant matters are considered.

The City of Prospect are also pursuing a Dry Zone for the relevant reserves and land parcels within their borders and we continue to seek opportunities to collaborate with them to ensure the Dry Zone boundaries are continued across borders effectively.

While the existing complaints refer mainly to Napier Reserve and Ovingham Underpass, we recognise that implementing a Dry Area in one location may displace unsavoury alcohol related behaviour to other nearby reserves. Therefore, community feedback was sought on the potential implementation of Dry Areas within nearby reserves at Chief Street Reserve, Drayton Street Reserve (currently being developed), and Parfitt Square. These are reserves within a similar walking distance from licenced premises, that feature facilities such as toilets, shelters, and barbeques that attract larger gatherings. The proposed Dry Areas would apply to these specified reserves 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Community consultation was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Public Consultation Policy (PCP). The engagement level was 'consult'.

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- Our community is aware that Council is actively responding to community needs, building positive relationships between Council and the community, and thus making sound, evidence-based management decisions.
- Clear information is provided to our community about the decision, including the reasons and evidence that informed it.

Consultation was open for a 3-week period from 22 October 2025 to 11 November 2025 to ensure the public was given reasonable opportunity to review the proposal.

Community consultation included these key stakeholders and communities of interest:

- Mayor and Elected members.
- Local business and resident groups.
- The broad Charles Sturt community.
- Landowners and occupiers within the locality.
- Relevant associations, service providers or other key stakeholder groups.
- South Australian Police.
- Local Member(s) of Parliament.
- City of Prospect.

Communication and awareness of the consultation was via the Your Say Charles Sturt website, social media posts and a letterbox drop of nearby residents of an A5 flyer advertising the consultation.

Visitors to the relevant reserves, other locals and public were informed through signs installed onsite. Refer **Table 1: Community Engagement Activity** for the full list of awareness raising and engagement activities and levels of participation. Examples of the various community engagement activities are provided in Appendix A.

While no formal community drop-in sessions were offered as part of this consultation, Council has been consistently engaging with community groups and local businesses face to face on site as part of regular visits.

Table 1: Community Engagement Activity

What	Engagement activity	Details	Participants
Consultation promotion	Your Say Charles Sturt email campaign – Dry Zones at Ovingham Underpass	New project email campaign sent on 24 October 2025 to those with relevant interest categories	Sent to 1,419 registered Your Say members. 80 click-through (5.64%)
	Onsite signage and displays	Images notifying of consultation were displayed on digital screens in Civic Centre and Libraries Corflute signs promoting the consultation were installed: Napier Reserve, fencing on Church Street and Drayton Street pocket parks (currently under construction) and Parfitt Square.	140 QR code scans 125 unique QR code scans
	Social media	Facebook posts: CCS Facebook: 21 October 2025 CCS Facebook: 6 November 2025	99 - Engagements 11,720 - Reach 1,610 - Link Clicks
	Letterbox Drop	A5 flyer notifying of consultation delivered to letterboxes in the local area (catchment area indicated in Appendix A)	1,116 letters delivered
Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page	Your Say Charles Sturt online project page – Dry Zones at Ovingham Underpass	Dry Zones at Ovingham Underpass Your Say Charles Sturt Open to everyone Launched 22 October 2025	1,206 page views 1,033 page visits 791 unique visitors 50 project followers
Feedback and Submissions Received	Online community survey (Your Say Charles Sturt), and opportunity to prepare a written submission	22 October 2025 to 11 November 2025	287 responses: • 284 survey responses • 3 other responses

4. ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS AND KEY THEMES

4.1 Introduction

Participants were asked to share their preferences for establishing permanent Dry Zones at 4 reserves local and nearby to the Ovingham Underpass:

- Napier Reserve (and surrounds).
- Chief Street Pocket Park (currently under construction).
- Drayton Street Pocket Park (currently under construction).
- Parfitt Square.

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We received 287 contributions from our community and visitors:

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4.2. Overall Feedback and Geographic Spread

Overall, the feedback for the implementation of permanent Dry Zones at the listed reserves was supportive.

Overall, the feedback received for the implementation of permanent Dry Zones across the listed reserves was strongly supportive. On average, approximately 88% of respondents were in favour of establishing permanent Dry Zones, while around 7% were against and 5% indicated no preference. This reflects the consistently high level of support recorded across Napier Reserve, Chief Street pocket park, Drayton Street pocket park and Parfitt Square. The levels of support for each individual reserve are outlined in the following graphs.

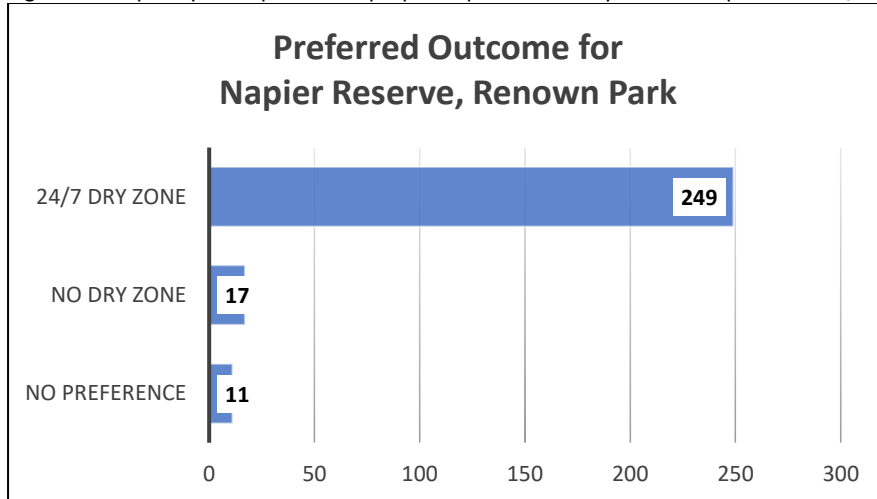
Participants responded from the following suburbs:

- Brompton (88)
- Ovingham (60)
- Bowden (51)
- Renown Park (40)
- Devon Park (9)
- West Croydon (7)
- Ridleyton (3)
- Hindmarsh (2)
- Other suburbs (24).

4.3. Napier Reserve (and surrounds), Renown Park

The majority (90%) of survey respondents were supportive of the implementation of a permanent Dry Zone at Napier Reserve (and surrounds), while 6% were against, and 4% indicated no preference. The breakdown of this feedback is illustrated in Figure 1.

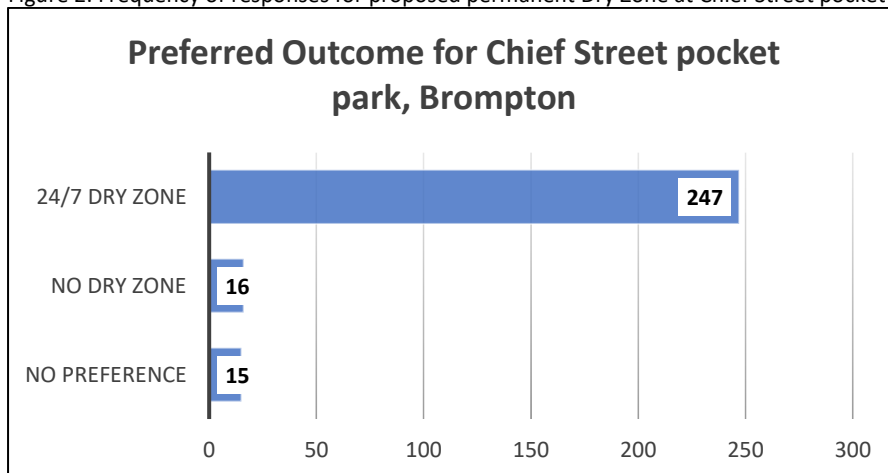
Figure 1: Frequency of responses for proposed permanent Dry Zone at Napier Reserve, Renown Park.



4.4. Chief Street Pocket Park (currently under construction), Brompton

The majority (89%) of survey respondents were supportive of the implementation of a permanent Dry Zone at the Chief Street pocket park, while 6% were against, and 5% indicated no preference. The breakdown of this feedback is illustrated in Figure 2.

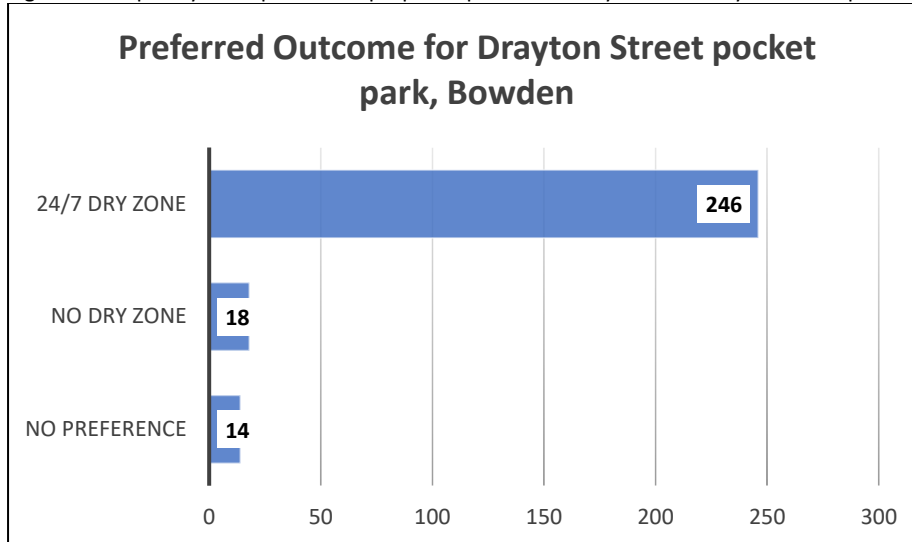
Figure 2: Frequency of responses for proposed permanent Dry Zone at Chief Street pocket park, Brompton.



4.5. Drayton Street pocket park (currently under construction), Bowden

The majority (88%) of survey respondents were supportive of the implementation of a permanent Dry Zone at the Drayton Street pocket park, while 7% were against, and 5% indicated no preference. The breakdown of this feedback is illustrated in Figure 3.

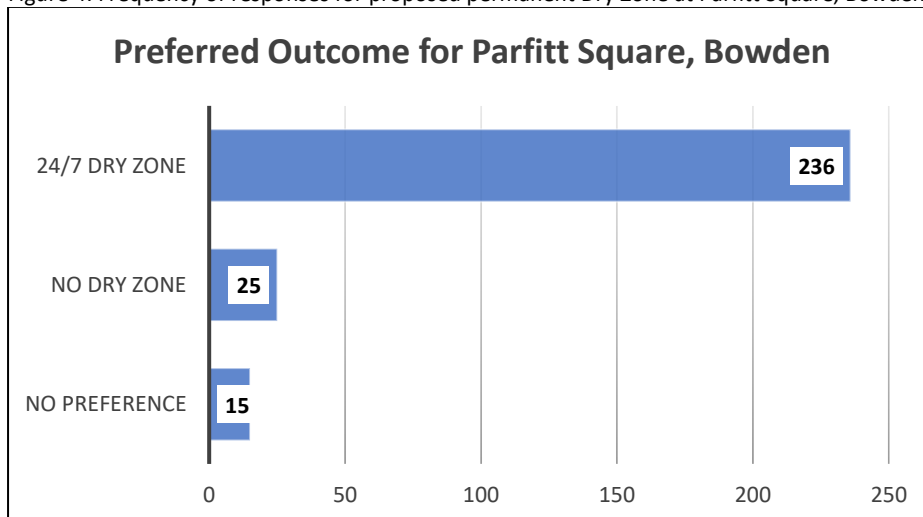
Figure 3: Frequency of responses for proposed permanent Dry Zone at Drayton Street pocket park, Bowden.



4.6. Parfitt Square, Bowden

The majority (86%) of survey respondents were supportive of the implementation of a permanent Dry Zone at the Drayton Street pocket park, while 9% were against, and 5% indicated no preference. The breakdown of this feedback is illustrated in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Frequency of responses for proposed permanent Dry Zone at Parfitt Square, Bowden.



4.7. Additional Feedback

We asked survey respondents if they had any other information or feedback to share relating to this matter that they would like Council to consider. A total of 158 comments were received.

Many comments related to feedback regarding their experiences of anti-social behaviour or feeling unsafe, while others provided suggestions for additional reserves to consider, and some shared reasons for concern regarding the implementation of Dry Zones. This community feedback is provided in full in Appendix B.

4.7.1. Additional Dry Zone Locations

There were multiple suggestions for additional locations of Dry Zones at nearby reserves. While the majority were already included or have since been included in the implementation of temporary Dry Zones, one new potential reserve was requested by respondents 9 times: Turnbull Reserve, Telford Street, Ovingham. This reserve's close proximity suggests there is a high likelihood that the behaviours observed at Napier Reserve may be displaced to this location. As such, it has been included in the Dry Zone application due to these concerns raised by residents, its proximity to Napier Reserve, and recent SAPOL attendance (although low) for alcohol-related issues in the past three months.

4.8. Emailed feedback

In addition to survey responses, three emailed responses were received. These contain:

- General support from a resident for the implementation of permanent Dry Zones under the Torrens Road bridge. Refer to Appendix B.
- A request from a resident for further clarity on the implementation of Dry Zones and what measures or protections will be in place to prevent displacement of the same behaviours nearby. Refer to Appendix B.
- A letter from the Aboriginal Lands Trust sharing their concerns regarding the use of Dry Zones as an overall punitive approach and suggesting other opportunities for engagement and sustainable resolution of the anti-social behaviour occurring. Refer to Appendix C.

5. NEXT STEPS

The project team will review the feedback as provided in this report, and prepare and submit an application to Consumer and Business Services for the implementation of permanent Dry Zones.

Updates about this consultation will be provided direct to consultation contributors and online project followers to ensure they are informed of next steps and any decision(s). The broader community will be able to access updates by visiting the public website and/or Your Say Charles Sturt project page or applicable social media updates.

APPENDIX A: ENGAGEMENT EXAMPLES

Figure 1: Example of consultation corflute signage, A5 flyer used in letterbox drop, and poster on digital screens



Figure 2: Example of social media post



Figure 3: Engagement insights from post on City of Charles Sturt Facebook Post

DATE ↓	POSTS		CLICKS	ENGAGEMENTS	IMPRESSIONS	REACH
-	2		1.61K	99	12.64K	11.72K
5 Nov 7:50 PM		Following discussions with City of Prospect, South Aust... City Of Charles Sturt ovingham	1.43K	85	10.96K	10.18K
21 Oct 5:06 PM		Have Your Say on the Ovingham Underpass Dry Zone P... City Of Charles Sturt ovingham	176	14	1.68K	1.54K

Figure 4: Example of Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page, October-November 2025



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Dry Zones at Ovingham Underpass

We are inviting community views on the introduction of Dry Zones in/around selected reserves in Renown Park, Bowden and Brompton. Share your views by 11 November.

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What's happening?

In response to community concerns we are recommending several open space areas surrounding the Ovingham underpass, including adjacent paths and roads, are made Dry Zones, or "Dry Areas". Dry Zones are alcohol-free areas.

We are inviting community feedback on each of the respective areas becoming permanent Dry Zones (24/7).

The areas nominated to become Dry Zones are:

- Napier Reserve, Renown Park - including Ovingham underpass area and adjacent paths and roads
- Chief Street Reserve (under construction), Brompton - including adjacent paths and roads
- Drayton Street Reserve (under construction), Bowden - including adjacent paths and roads
- Parfitt Square, Bowden

Let's talk about Gilbert Street, Ovingham

We are investigating amenity, greening & local movement in Gilbert Street, Ovingham. Share your ideas or vision the street by 26 November.

Gilbert Street Investigation

Jump to [Share your views](#) to skip to the feedback form. Be sure to share your feedback before 5pm Tuesday, 11 November 2025.

Map of Dry Zone areasWhy are Dry Zones planned?Questions & Answers

The recommended Dry Zone areas are shown on the map below in orange. The area surrounding the Ovingham underpass includes surrounding paths and roads in the Dry Zone area.

You can zoom in and out of the map using your mouse wheel or the map tools on the right.



Maps of proposed Dry Zone boundaries

Click on each reserve map to see a larger version. The area inside the blue line represents the proposed Dry Zone.



Napier Street Reserve, Underpass & Surrounds - Proposed Dry Zone...

Chief Street Reserve & Surrounds - Proposed Dry Zone area within...

Drayton Street Reserve & Surrounds - Proposed Dry Zone...

Parfitt Square - Proposed Dry Zone



Surrounds - Proposed Dry Zone... area within the blue boundary line

Key Dates

Wednesday 22 October 2025 to Tuesday 11 November 2025 05:00 pm
Community Feedback Invited
We invite the community to share their feedback from Wednesday 22 October to 5pm, Tuesday 11 November 2025. Feedback will be open for approximately 3 weeks.

From Wednesday, 12 November 2025
Community Engagement Outcomes
We will review all feedback and prepare a Community Engagement Outcomes Report.
The engagement findings and next steps will be shared on this page, and direct updates sent to page followers and participants of the engagement who provide an email.

November 2025
Dry Zone Application
Following review of the community engagement outcomes and any further considerations, we will submit a Dry Zone application to Consumer and Business Services for the subject areas from mid-November 2025. If this occurs, we will update this page and participants of this engagement with the outcome of any application.

Share your views



Closed

Feedback Form: Ovingham Dry Zone Areas

Take a minute or two to share your views on the introduction of Dry Zones to specific areas surrounding/near the Ovingham underpass. There are only 2 feedback questions, and we request limited personal details at the end to support reporting on outcomes.

Click 'Start' to share your views.

Start

Understanding Dry Zone Legislation

Section 131 of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 provides for the prohibition, by notice in the Government Gazette, of the consumption or possession of liquor in a specified public place, or a public place of a specified kind. The prohibition may be absolute or conditional and may operate continuously or at specified times.

The purpose of the Dry Zone legislation is to curb alcohol related anti-social and unsavoury behaviour in public areas such as reserves, main shopping precincts, car parks and foreshores. Dry Zones assist to preserve areas for family enjoyment and recreation, free from intimidation or disturbance from persons affected by alcohol.

Dry Zone prohibitions can be made for a short term to cover one-off major events such as New Year's Eve, or for an ongoing period.

All applications for a Dry Zone are made to Consumer and Business Services. Councils applying for a Dry Zone are required to submit a detailed description and plan of the proposed area as per the Dry Area guidelines.

Community views are represented in addition to letters of support from the Local Member of Parliament and local Police.

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Dry Zone Frequently Asked Question

What is a Dry Zone?



Why are Dry Zone's imposed?



Who monitors and enforces Dry Zones?



How do I know which areas are Dry Zones in Charles Sturt?



Why isn't all of the City of Charles Sturt a Dry Zone?



What areas can be declared Dry Zones?



Are there other Dry Zones in South Australia?



Where can I find more information about Dry Zones?



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Figure 5: Catchment Area of letterbox drop in local Ovingham, Renown Park, Brompton and Bowden areas.



APPENDIX B: FREE TEXT COMMENTS

Contribution ID	Do you have any other information or feedback to share relating to this matter that you would like to be considered?
22785	I don't think a dry zone will do anything to solve the fundamental problem people are experiencing. It will either push antisocial behaviour somewhere else, or already vulnerable people will be arrested. What is needed is support from the community, likely social workers or an alternative space to gather. We cannot expect every problem to be solved by calling the police. I also note that the area is largely empty at night. Council could encourage more non-residential uses to support "eyes on the street" and crime prevention through environmental design
22791	The new pocket park on Churchill Road Ovingham
22794	I [REDACTED] the Ovingham Underpass and the antisocial activity there is so disruptive, destructive to surrounding properties and very unsafe. Steps need to be taken to ensure this behaviour is stopped, and I think introducing a Dry Zone will have positive benefits for the community.
22797	I am pleased to see the council taking this approach.
22800	I hope that in partnership with dry zones that there are facilities/support put in place for those members of the public that have problems with alcohol and would like assistance.
22802	I would like to propose that the area around the Ovingham Hotel (formerly Bombay Bicycle Club) is also being considered as a dry zone. There are often groups of people sitting out the front of the liquor store drinking alcohol. My teenage daughter needs to walk past there every afternoon when she walks home from the bus stop and it's often an uncomfortable (and potentially unsafe) walk
22803	This desperately needs to happen so we can have peace and safety in our neighbourhood again. I would also include the other side of Napier Park across the train tracks as a dry zone; otherwise large groups are likely to just congregate there instead.
22805	Dry zones don't actually change behaviour. Activate the space properly with out of hours activity and then it will feel safer. For what it's worth, every time I've been through there, I've felt perfectly safe, but maybe it's an issue at other times. Nonetheless, making it a dry zone won't solve anything, should have social workers available etc rather than criminalising being in a public place
22806	Hi there. We [REDACTED] the underpass on the [REDACTED] side [REDACTED] and have had a number of issues with loud late nights by the sports teams that play in addition to the more recent antisocial behaviour. Timing the court lights to turn off at a reasonable time and some signage to remind users that this is a residential area and to be respectful of neighbours would be greatly appreciated. We have had people climb our fence and enter our property late at night to retrieve lost balls - and our kids have even had their own balls taken. We LOVE the area and the community space, but it doesn't need to be so brightly lit and loud after 10pm!
22810	Also include the Telford St pocket park in Ovingham
22811	I've recently bought in [REDACTED] after previously owning in [REDACTED] I thought I was making a better move but have been really shocked at the antisocial behaviour around the area, so I'm really pleased to see these things happening. I don't know what else can be done with the amount of housing trust I'm now realising is around, which sounds horrible to say, but I just generally feel quite uneasy commuting and walking to/from the

	bus with some of the types of people who are quite obviously affected by drugs, alcohol and/or other mental health conditions. Anything else council can do to alleviate any other concerns for safety that myself and neighbours have would be much appreciated.
22813	I realise there are strong views about this, but I just feel I have to express my disquiet about the introduction of dry zones. I am not aware of anywhere that they are in place that do not involve Aboriginal residents. Surely there are other approaches that can be taken up.
22814	dry zones promote healthy behaviour, of which I support for locals, communities, businesses and visitors
22815	As a [REDACTED] I am sick and tired of feeling unsafe and intimidated by intoxicated groups of people. I also feel for the local businesses that are impacted by the same people that have harassed and abused me, just for being a pedestrian in these areas
22819	Churchill road Pocket Park, the streets around the Ovingham Hotel
22828	I agree that introducing dry zone restrictions would help police to reduce the increasing antisocial behaviour happening in these areas. I have personally witnessed this behaviour multiple times and I support any measures to reduce it.
22829	The whole area needs to be a dry zone due to the massive rise in antisocial behaviour
22833	Also Devonport tce directly under the underpass not a good look there should be no gathering in public
22835	Prefer Gilbert St and Torrens road around the Ovingham Hotel be a dry zone too
22839	Nearby park known as Telford Triangle on Telford Street, Ovingham should also be considered for classification as a dry zone due to its proximity to proposed locations. This park is surrounded by houses and without also be classified as such may become a new problem area when others become dry zones.
22841	My 6 year old son often uses the soccer pitch at the underpass with his father, and he sees things a 6 year old should not be exposed to. The behaviour of some people, drinking or not, is not appropriate in areas where children's play and sports equipment is present. These people live locally, there's too much social housing in the area and they congregate in these areas.
22843	Should the park on Telford st and areas surrounding the Ovingham Hotel be considered? People have been drinking in these locations.
22848	While I would appreciate dry zones being implemented in places where there are playgrounds, like Parfitt square and the Telford Triangle, implementing dry zones in many of these locations would just move the antisocial behaviour to another place, not stop it from happening. It would also contribute further to the over-policing of indigenous communities, which plays a significant role in the disproportionality of indigenous incarceration compared to non-indigenous communities in Australia. Antisocial behaviour has a root cause; rather than establishing dry zones that will at best move the problem behaviour somewhere else, the council should be spending money on the communities these problems are coming from, figuring out why people are behaving the way they are and addressing that without the looming threat of arrest by SAPOL.
22849	1. It will just move antisocial behaviour somewhere else or get already vulnerable people arrested 2. We need to address the root causes of the issue instead of expecting the police to solve everything - community connection and creating a hub for support services would do far more good 3. Council should work with the state government or a community service to get social workers in the area or organise a safer place to gather

	4. Council should support more non-residential activities at night in the area to get “eyes on the street” and encourage crime prevention through environmental design, rather than adding pressure to already strained police workforces
22850	Sad it’s come to this needing to occur. Community safety has to come first.
22852	Ovingham underpass (on other side of train tracks to Napier reserve)
22855	Please consider Telford Triangle as a dry area also, as well as outside the Ovingham Hotel. I am concerned about people migrating to these nearby areas if they cannot drink together under the bridge. Thank you
22862	Large groups of indigenous people are congregating under the bridge, with increased police presence. I feel for the residents who live close by & also for Council staff who have to clean up the mess left behind.
22863	For the last several months in the evenings/nights we don't feel safe and do not go anywhere near these areas at those times. Even at other times we have noticed a huge increase in police presence. We are the ratepayers and the people demonstrating this anti-social behaviour are most likely not. This anti-social behaviour is also spilling on to our street which we're not happy about.
22868	My experience is mainly with the Ovingham underpass. I play basketball and Soccer there with my children and quite often we find broken glass which we have to clear up. There are also people drinking which can be loud and disturbing to my children.
22869	I regularly walk through this area to and from the Ovingham station and encounter large groups drinking. They leave a lot of broken glass around as well which makes it unsafe for kids to play. I have been avoiding riding my bike through here to avoid flat tires.
22871	There has been too much antisocial behaviour in this area and it needs to be addressed , we have a primary school with small children accessing this area and it is not safe for them accessing this area after school , also not good for the home owners and children who use to use this park under the bridge and have stopped due to broken bottles , food litter , wine cask and bottles everywhere and people drinking they don’t feel safe taking their children there anymore which is not good , this was a park area designed to family to enjoy not for antisocial behaviour of some individuals who choose to use this area as a drinking spot
22874	It would be good to include the areas just outside the primary school on Napier street. This is being upgraded with more footpath space and is already a spot where groups have gathered late at night and police have been called
22875	Not at this point
22876	Council should be on top of cleanliness in these areas, too... overgrown bushes/ trees impeding pedestrians walking... landscaping or lack of along Torrens Rd areas
22877	I have witnessed A LOT of antisocial behaviour from a large indigenous group that congregate under the Torrens Road overpass! Shop lifting from the OTR. Large amounts of rubbish left around the provided bins! Walking into oncoming traffic. Putting people at risk. Creating a VERY unsafe environment in these areas that are beautiful and should be enjoyed by all instead it scares the community away! Needs to be policed.
22883	It needs to be a dry zone as children can’t play and families can’t have fun

22884	Just be good not to hear intoxicated people in the street (Guthrie Street Ovingham) at night when I have to work. I do not walk my dog through the week as I feel unsafe in the area prior to 7am and after 6pm and due to work commitments, I cannot walk my dog.
22886	I think cctv cameras in these areas could also assist in enforcement of the dry zones.
22889	We live in [REDACTED] near the underpass [REDACTED]. Lately this place is becoming not very friendly to the community to hang around. Specially towards the evening half of the day. We have nothing against the indigenous people in this Country, but they are hanging around this area in a very disturbing manner. They are clearly not only consuming alcohol in the area but some sort of drugs too. Afterschool lots of school kids playing as well during evening and nighttime young crown playing in this area and if they mingle with this drug addicted crowd there goes the next generation too. These are areas for everybody to hang around and have fun and enjoy.
22890	Dry Zones aren't a solution for anti-social behaviour, and I think in this area you're going to end up over policing indigenous Australians.
22892	The bus stops close to the OTR and also front of the OTR Brompton and also Ovingham train station, would make the area safer.
22895	Make the entire area immediately surrounding the Ovingham Hotel a dry zone. There is regular antisocial behaviour associated with the drive-thru bottle shop and at the bus stop outside the hotel.
22898	Tennis courts area on Park Tce opposite Jarmers/Plant 4.
22899	Moving ham brainstorm, under the bridge needs to be included as a dry zone at all times.
22900	Langman Reserve and the western side of South Road between the River Torrens and Grange Road would greatly benefit from the establishment of a 24/7 dry zone there. In the last 3 months I have sighted and collected smashed alcohol bottles and discarded alcohol bottles in large quantities. Most frequently found behind the bushes. Additionally, City of Charles Sturt has attended multiple times on request to perform cleanups and repair damage.
22903	Thankyou for supporting the application for a dryzone. It would be interesting to know how this application is also being supported alongside other steps to assist people with alcohol and drug issues.
22904	There are two schools in the vicinity also, students do not need to be subjected to this behaviour daily
22905	As there are multiple schools and childcare centres around the area it would be very beneficial for these areas to be dry zones. Local businesses have been having regular issues due to them not being a dry zone yet and it would be great for their business and also safety to make them a dry zone.
22907	This needs to be seriously considered asap because local families no longer feel safe or comfortable utilising Ovingham overpass reserve including my family and I and others feel this problem will move onto other nearby parks and reserves also if all parks and reserves nearby aren't included also
22909	As these are recreation spaces for families dry zones are appropriate.
22910	Mudge way Gibson and 14th street

22912	Important for whole community to feel safe. Restricting alcohol consumption will mitigate risk factors.
22915	I have observed and experienced the effects of excessive alcohol consumption in Parfitt Square and think it a shame that prohibition needs to be applied because this pleasant picnic venue is good for young families to lay back and enjoy. However, I agree that alcohol is not necessary to this enjoyment.
22917	██████████. Lives quite close to the Chief St and Napier Reserve. Both locations are unsafe at times due to no dry zones. Its not just about alcohol use there, but about community safety. Dry zones are a means to make these areas a little safer. Council also needs to keep putting measures in place/monitoring to remove the problem. She knows someone who was assaulted nearby and was threatened by these peoples. Cultural issues are not the same as Community Safety, Comm. Safety has to come first. Many people in the nearby neighbourhood are fearful about using these facilities in her immediate neighbourhood. Residents in the nearby area, are on these front lines - woken up by breaking glass, fearful, ██████████ is considering relocating from this area as this is getting too hard. At one point she called SAPOL 4 x times a night due to the peoples living under the bridge. Peoples taking over the area, drinking & being really disruptive. Fencing/lock areas off at night?
22919	The underpass has become an unsafe area to even walk past during the day let alone at night. Whoever thought an area secluded from sight would be a success needs their job cancelled. What a waste of money!
22920	The underpass is now unsafe to walk through day and night. Whom ever thought that this would not be the case needs to be sacked with effect immediately or at the very least made to clean the area up. They are a disgrace to both who they work for and the community in general.
22924	Underpass used mainly by children and teenagers and commuters exiting or leaving the train station. Many childrens birthday parties, family picnics, exercise groups during summer months at which alcohol not present.
22926	I strongly support the introduction of a Dry Zone in the Ovingham area. However, I believe that to effectively address the ongoing antisocial behaviour, the restrictions should extend beyond alcohol to also include drug use and smoking in public areas. Drug use, alcohol consumption, and cigarette smoking have all contributed to serious safety, health, and amenity issues for nearby residents. These behaviours often occur together and create an unsafe environment, particularly near the underpass, train station, and pedestrian areas. I therefore recommend that the Council and SA Police consider a broader prohibition zone that includes bans on alcohol, illegal substances, and smoking in the same designated area. This would greatly improve community safety and wellbeing for local residents and visitors.
22927	Dry Zone laws in the area would mean that if these visitors are found intoxicated or in possession of alcohol, they could be arrested, separated from their families, and detained in police cells. They could face an on-the-spot fine of \$160 or more, and if their case goes to court, penalties could increase to \$1,250. These individuals are unlikely to have the means to pay these fines or to fully understand the legal consequences of not doing so. If they choose to return to their homelands instead, warrants for their arrest could be issued—criminalising people simply for being homeless and drinking in public. All of this is happening because they currently have no safe place to stay. Rather than punitive measures, what is urgently needed is a coordinated, compassionate response, including temporary accommodation, access to Centrelink, health care, and alcohol and other drug support services.

22930	Where will the people currently drinking in these areas go to?
22932	All premises should be smoke-free and drug-free, with fines applicable for non-compliance.
22933	This is coded racism, making a space dry allow SAPOL to criminalise First Nations disadvantage and intergenerational trauma. An alternative to this is increased services for First Nations people visiting our area
22935	Dry zones are a blunt instrument which will criminalise a minority group. I don't dispute that the behaviour in that area is problematic, but I would like to see more options explored, either as an alternative to a dry zone or additional.
22940	Absolutely disgraceful behaviour from drunken individuals at all areas above - particularly at the Ovingham Underpass. VERY unsafe walking through this particular area even during the day and affecting local businesses. Complaints made to no avail. DO something about it once and for all. Enough is enough!
22941	The disturbance happening under and around the Ovingham overpass is not under control and causing too much disruption and is unsafe. Changes need to be made quickly.
22942	My children usually ride to school and go under the underpass but now I'm nervous in case something happens
22947	There is a real problem with people being drunk and disorderly in Parfitt square and [REDACTED]. The dry zone is an excellent idea with no negatives
22949	A great relief!
22956	These areas need to be a dry zone to enable them to be fully utilized as intended. Currently not at all family friendly and those that previous used the various equipment/ landscape do not as it's being unfit and unsafe.
22959	I would also like to see these areas patrolled as there is all sorts of activity happening through the night on Drayton street leading into the Torrens road bridge area
22961	Dry zone should extend to include the OTR and bus stops. Very antisocial behaviour occurring at the bus stop multiple times throughout the week consistently. As a bus user along Torrens Rd this needs to be improved and appropriately policed.
22967	Seems like a sensible proposal, given the recent community concerns. I hope there will be a review of the effectiveness a bit later if the dry zones are implemented.
22968	I think this will make these areas safer and more usable for families
22972	I had a friend of mine have his windscreen smashed at 10pm while he was parked next to the overpass. The item was an empty alcohol bottle.
22976	I don't know why you don't declare all public places dry zones alcohol only inflames anger and violence and not be tolerated especially in public areas where children frequent
22977	I think it's important families can go to dry zones
22979	I've never seen any behaviour from the public that would suggest we need to police/restrict activities in those areas.

22980	Creating these areas into a dry zone will criminalise the people who are using it and ignores the underlying reasons people are gathering in this space. It would be much better to work with local Aboriginal community and community organisations to support options to meet the needs of the people accessing the space. It would be better to identify a space that is away from local residents that they are able to gather safely with amenities and services that can support. The people accessing this space are part of our community and the council has a responsibility to them as well as the local residents.
22983	Over the past 12 months I have watched the area beneath the overpass change from a safe accessible community space to a menacing dirty folate. If I could afford to move away, I would. Please introduce dry zones before it's too late.
22984	Violence, DV and drunken street fights in Ovingham area are making the community unsafe.
22986	I would like to raise serious concerns about the ongoing situation at the Ovingham underpass. The area has become a hotspot for antisocial and criminal behaviour, seriously impacting the safety and wellbeing of residents, visitors, and local businesses. Indigenous groups frequently gather there to drink, leading to aggressive behaviour, theft, vandalism, and littering. The area is now unsafe and neglected, and many people avoid it altogether. The lack of visible enforcement and ongoing disorder sends a clear message that this behaviour is being tolerated. This situation is unacceptable and cannot continue. I strongly urge the council to take immediate and decisive action to restore safety, order, and cleanliness at the underpass through increased patrols, enforcement, and maintenance.
22987	The anti-social behaviour also occurs at Sam Johnson Sportsground, the clubrooms veranda and a brick shelter that is in between the ovals.
22988	As a local of the [REDACTED] area, my concern is making these areas a dry zone will not fix the problem it will just move it to a different location. This area has many parks and reserves that are currently enjoyed by many, if you allocate only a few of these reserves to become dry zones, this problem will just shift to the areas that are not yet under the zoning law... make all parks and reserves dry zones in the Bowden/Brompton area.
22993	Gathering groups are fine but the anti-community behaviour drinking, litter and broken glass is unacceptable.
22996	I only support the creation of dry zones if they are across all of the council playgrounds and sports grounds, and reflect a consistent approach to zero tolerance to alcohol related social problems across our entire community (as opposed to this reactive and racially motivated proposal)
22997	Very concerning areas in our suburb :(please keep us safe!
23006	It's feels exceptionally unsafe to be walking along Torrens rd. Bowden/Brompton at the moment - small groups of people hanging around the road, I've witnessed on one day one person continually stumbling onto Torrens rd at 5pm. Not a good look.
23007	Just lately we have had lots of antisocial behaviour in this area lots of alcohol drinking , bottles and rubbish littered everywhere , council has been on top of it cleaning up all the time , but to stop this behaviour we need to make this a alcohol free zone, this was a park used by children for sports and activities but not lately which is a shame, also not safe for children coming home from school, residents are concerned about the happenings in this reserve, my vote is for a dry zone. Also, the small business in the area are suffering enormously and losing a lot of money in stolen stock and loss of customers who don't want to come to the area with all the problems we have they feel unsafe as well .

23015	Parks should be for families, kids, animals to socialise and mingle. It's nice to have a glass of wine at a BBQ or party is nice however it has become apparent that a dry zone is unfortunately required as there is very antisocial behaviour fuelled by alcohol in recent months
23016	It is very sad that a few people prevent the majority of responsible people from having a small gathering in their local park with a bbq and a glass of wine or a beer, but understandably the behaviour of the few makes this a necessity.
23020	We have previously used the courts at the underpass however will no longer due to antisocial behaviour and considerable broken glass. A dry zone will begin to address this issue so we can return to enjoying the space safely.
23021	We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs. Does this policy have support from Kurna elders? This seems like a NIMBY solution.
23025	All areas mentioned including the Ovingham underpass should be made Dry Zones. My 14yo Son has to journey on foot through some of these areas before/after school. We regularly encounter adult groups drinking alcohol and behaving erratically, smashing glass and littering in general.
23035	Also no fires and no camping.
23038	Could consideration be given to allowing parties to apply for an exemption for special events (e.g. community, family gatherings for special occasions)?
23050	Please can be a BBQ put in if the gets passed.
23052	The social, economic and aesthetic impact on local residents and businesses is currently unacceptable and these need to be made dry zones.
23057	No camping, no fires, on the spot fines for littering and accountability using information gathered from the onsite security cameras.
23064	Particularly would like Ovingham underpass dry zone. I often walk there with my children and dog and find litter and glass. I would feel safer and more pleasant space if it was alcohol free.
23088	Hello! I would like to take the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed Dry Zones in Renown Park, Brompton and Bowden. As I imagine, living in these particular areas can be difficult to manage, with regards to an increase in crime, littering and noise pollution which can have a negative impact on the local community. I am wondering however, if these designated sites are made Dry Zones, what is the proposed plan for the community who are drinking which frequent the area? Will it be up to SA Police to be monitoring this area? Will there be a community/social worker to contact if things escalate? Do SA Police have a taskforce who know the regular community of these spaces? Also, if people are no longer permitted to drink in these spaces, where will they go and what does that mean for potentially another community? You may have already touched on this topic, and I apologise if you need to repeat the questions I have written. Thank you and I hope you all have a lovely day.
23107	Under the bridge and around the Ovingham hotel
23113	I think the dry zone is vital for the peace of the community. Businesses and residents are terrified. Please push it through ASAP
23116	Lots of drunken aggression in these areas. Please fix.

23117	Lots of crime and lots aggressive drunk people.
23118	The aborigines in this area are beyond a joke
23119	We just want to feel safe, and have the ability to work and live in these areas without fear.
23132	Yes, please keep our local area and businesses free from drug and alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour. These social problems are having a major impact on the liveability of the area for everyone.
23133	Unsafe and unusable council facilities due to large groups of intoxicated/violent people bar bang around there. Often leave lots of rubbish, terrible impact on local business and homeowners.
23135	Why can the dry zone not cover the Ovingham Overpass on the eastern side of the railway line? This area is frequented by people drinking, consuming drugs and fighting as well. Shouldn't be compromised by council zones
23136	The area under the Ovingham underpass was beautiful when it was first built, safe and fun place to attend. Now, with the anti-social behaviour it doesn't feel safe. I now no longer go there with my grandchild.
23145	Dry zones provide greater security and amenity for our community, protecting small businesses and anyone wishing to visit parks and use community sporting facilities.
23146	I have seen alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour of the same nature taking place in Turnbull Reserve on Telford St Ovingham. Since the Reserve is located closer to the Ovingham Hotel than either Parfitt Square or Chief St, my concern is that unless Turnbull Reserve is also declared a dry zone at the same time, the problem behaviour will relocate there. I look forward to your consideration on this matter, Kind Regards, [REDACTED]
23147	I have seen alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour of the same nature taking place in Turnbull Reserve on Telford St Ovingham. Since the reserve is closer to the Ovingham Hotel than either Parfitt Square or Chief St, my concern is that unless Turnbull Reserve is declared as a dry zone at the same time as the proposed areas shown on the map, the problem will relocate to Telford St. I look forward to your consideration on this matter, Kind regards, [REDACTED]
23148	I don't know why you are extending the "park" on the corner of chief street and underpass Torrens road. Nightly and I mean nightly; there is screaming from either youth playing court sports and then driving up McEwin Street at high speed as they exit in their own over worked cars and motorbikes. And then extending the park for indigenous people to drink and scream and I mean scream drunk talk and fighting nightly. I'm shocked that the council would think extending the park area would in courage for these loud activities to get bigger with zero care about the people living in this area. I feel very sorry for my neighbours have to hear these loud activities affecting our daily lives. We are scared to walk our streets at night or day to visit these areas that you call "parks" especially McEwin street and Ovingham station .
23171	Perhaps people could book a free permit on occasion such as a bbq in Parfit square where they can have alcohol but typically be dry zone

23175	Hopefully changing these areas to dry zones will increase a sense of safety and community within these areas because as a local (and a woman) I have not felt safe walking through these areas for the last 12months and I intentionally walk a different route to avoid it. I'm certain this would also have a flow on effect to the local businesses in the area and I would love to use the lovely new areas in the underpass.
23200	I strongly urge increased and continuing scrutiny in relation to drug use (I have seen people injecting drugs in the Napier Street/Ovingham underpass area) and inspection of and removal of broken glass and rubbish from the Napier Street/Ovingham underpass area. These areas are used by local residents and families, but all are welcome. The broken glass and rubbish make the area unsuitable for many locals to use. I live in Ovingham and no longer walk my dogs through or around the Ovingham underpass area because of the these issues and the sometimes challenging behaviour of people congregating there.
23201	It is a shame it has come to this, with recent events happening, and the actions from a small group of people, and the rest of us have to suffer because of it. Perhaps if the underpass hadn't been 'themed' we wouldn't be in this position. Perhaps the theme can be changed to deter the congregation.
23207	I can't believe it wasn't dry from day one us locals wanted the train underground so this would not happen it feels like an Alice Springs town camp unsafe HELP... you have failed us. [REDACTED]
23210	The behaviour is completely unacceptable and makes people afraid to live in their own homes. Any measures to reduce the anti-social behaviour are essential for resident safety.
23214	Very upsetting and hard to run a business when this great area is ruined by a minority of protected drunks and drug users. Urgent dry zone required and policed.
23223	Concern: Public Drinking and Safety Under Ovingham Underpass. There are too many people drinking under the Ovingham Underpass throughout the day and night, causing noise, disturbance, and unsafe conditions for families and children. This area used to be great for families, but we've been unable to use it for months due to the ongoing issues. The area now feels unsafe. We request that the council take action to address this behaviour and consider declaring the underpass and nearby areas a dry zone to help restore safety and community use.
23224	I want to urgently raise serious concerns about the situation under the Ovingham Underpass. The area has increasingly become a hotspot for people drinking alcohol openly throughout the day and night. This ongoing behaviour has created constant noise, disorder, and intimidation, making the location unsafe and unpleasant for residents, families, and children. What was once a clean, family-friendly space has now become unusable for months. Many community members no longer feel comfortable walking through or spending time there due to the disruptive and unsafe environment. This situation has clearly deteriorated and requires immediate council attention. I strongly urge the council to take firm action to restore safety and public confidence in the area. This should include increased patrols and, importantly, the declaration of a dry zone for the Ovingham Underpass and its surrounding areas to prevent further public drinking and antisocial behaviour.
23226	I'm concerned that introducing a Dry Zone in one area may simply push the same problematic behavior to other nearby locations, rather than resolving it. I suggest the council monitor and, if necessary, consider including surrounding areas—such as nearby reserves, streets, and underpasses—to prevent displacement and ensure the issue is addressed more effectively.

23227	Creating a dry zone might help keep the areas clean. Right now they are a garage tip. Drugs are also an issue. Antisocial behavior is rampant here and there are no children using the playgrounds due to the occupation by unruly, loud people! Local businesses are being targeted and abused scaring away residents. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible.
23235	Given the train station and bus stops it would be far safer if these areas are dry zones. Rarely is it safe for children to play anywhere near the under pass currently.
23251	As a resident, I have noticed the significant increase in antisocial behaviour and support enforcement of a dry zone in those areas surrounding the Ovingham train station, however I have not witnessed this kind of activity around Parfitt square, and do not think a dry zone is necessary in that location and would interfere unnecessarily with barbeques and other social activity.
23253	Remove overgrown shrubs that are used for hiding
23254	Considering the number of 'inhabitants' of these parks are drunk, abusive and sprawl themselves over the train tracks and roads hindering traffic I welcome these areas become dry zones at all times...preferably with patrols to enforce dry zones.
23255	We moved to Brompton just [REDACTED] & it has been the most horrendous move for us. Our street is plagued by nuisance unwanted visitors & we are left to clean up the daily mess. This has been reported & whilst the council have been sympathetic, the police are not. The police in fact chastised us for not showing enough empathy & understanding to the undesirable people in this area. My [REDACTED] husband sleeps with a baseball bat by the bed, such is our fear of further incidents. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE have all these areas as Dry zones
23256	The real issue is supporting indigenous people coming from the APY lands WITH suitable accommodation. Recently people moved on from the under-pass camp out in houses in Ovingham. Gilbert Street. Residence have tried to get support from Lucy Hood, Police, Housing SA and Aboriginal services. No obvious action seen.
23258	I am a resident on [REDACTED] and have witnessed multiple instances of violence and antisocial behaviour. I have also found a number of used syringes around the area. And there has been an increase amount of littering.
23261	Would ideally see no dry zone but accept the necessity because of the ongoing behaviour concerns. I walk from the station nightly to home, and while I haven't encountered extreme problems it is uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous when groups walk around the tracks. Hopefully the City of Prospect is considering similar exclusions, so the problem does not merely become exclusive to the Ovingham side of the underpass. The 2-week interim dry zone enacted is appreciated. It is difficult to address the cultural concerns and lack of activity which triggers the behaviour, but I hope the councils and others are liaising with the appropriate community groups (not strictly Kurna but others as the folks appear to be not from the Kurna country).
23267	We need Albert Turnbull reserve included in this dry zone also.
23268	I've selected all of the above as the issues in the area are continuing to worsen. Yesterday was the first day of the dry zone in my area, and even then, while I was crossing the Ovingham train tracks, a woman picked up a rock and was preparing to throw it at male near me. I couldn't rule out I wouldn't get caught up as collateral damage. Fortunately, police were nearby and handcuffed her. I was more alert than alarmed, but could you

	imagine the danger posed to more vulnerable people than me- just some jaded dude who commutes through every day. That said I've seen and reported syringes and drug use in front of children, so please help make this end.
23269	Also want Turnbull Reserve to be a dry zone. This is an area there is already empty alcohol bottles left
23270	Regularly walking through these areas, I have seen no signs of trouble. Just respectful gatherings. I see this attempt to change the law as race based, and therefore it's clearly racist in its intentions. Why should people not be allowed to meet and drink in parks in areas of very high density and generally smaller housing as long as they obey the other laws and respect other people. PS I am white.
23271	The anti-social and aggressive behaviour in and around this area must be stopped. All police are able to do is move these people on and they need to have greater powers to stop this behaviour. Enough is enough.
23273	██████
23274	Unfortunately, what is a beautiful and practical community space, is seen as too unsafe or undesirable by many residents and families to use.. The importance of these community spaces is only going to increase with more residents moving in as developments are completed... so they need to be protected and maintained... I acknowledge that many of the people gathering in these areas are disadvantaged and locking them up is not the answer, but we certainly need to have some deterrents in place
23277	Could you please include Albert Turnbull Reserve, Ovingham in the Dry Zones.
23281	I agree with these areas being dry zones as I have witnessed anti-social behaviour and excessive littering (including smashed alcohol bottles). I no longer feel safe using Ovingham train station or walking in the area with my ██████ daughter and pet dog. There should also be more regular monitoring of nearby areas, including Hawker Street (Brompton Green and Josiah Mitten).
23282	Many local homeowners are feeling unsafe. Business owners are sick of the vandalism occurring. Glad this proposal has been put forward.
23285	The reserve / green space between Noble and Telford Streets should also be a dry zone. I have seen the groups that are moved on from the underpass move to this spot and continue their antisocial behaviour. I have found broken bottles and sharps and have had to stop taking my children here.
23292	Families and people wanting a place to play access these areas. They should all be dry zones. Who wants their kids playing around drunk people?
23295	Alcohol & drug-fuelled violence has been distressing to witness. Business owners have been assaulted & business impacted by broken windows & customers put off by intoxicated loiterers. Noise levels prevent neighbours sleeping, injuring mental health. Constant cleaning & surveillance of the area is very expensive. Used syringes & broken bottles present a public safety risk. Theft of alcohol from the pub is frequent, staff chasing perpetrators whilst conspirators steal more whilst staff are distracted. Groups of highly intoxicated people steal from the OTR and threaten staff. Trouble at nearby bus & train stops deters other members of the public from using services. Public defecation & urination, despite the presence of a public toilet. Fires degrading facilities & artwork. Parents with young children avoid the area, not wishing to expose them to violence. A permanent Dry Zone is essential, as a start. SAPOL's many DAILY responses are excellent, but they can't solve the problem alone.
23299	Are you working with Prospect council to ensure the other side of the train tracks are also considered? Torrens road overpass specifically.

23300	It's a shame that a better response to a common social issue cannot be developed. It will be simply moving the problem elsewhere. It looks like a thinly disguised knee jerk and borderline racist response. Why do all people need to be prevented from enjoying a social drink with friends or neighbours at all times and in all parks in all circumstances? More thought and inclusive approach is required. Don't exclude and separate community just because of the irresponsible actions of a few. Keep trying. Thank you.
23301	Plenty of pubs in the area
23304	It's a shame when these nice public areas end up with broken glass everywhere. It's dangerous when using the basketball/soccer facilities.
23308	A dry zone would be a great idea, there is a lot of anti-social behaviour happening around the area of late, I have felt unsafe whilst out with my children. Would like to see this go ahead and improve safety and behaviour. If the dry zone goes ahead, how will it be enforced?
23313	Fencing around Chief St Park. Children will then not run on busy Rd.
23314	More bins are needed as there is significant litter in the areas. Further dry zones are needed up along Torrens road on both sides of the road and up to Fitzroy & Park Terrace.
23315	I ride my bike through these areas most days on my commute to the city. There has been constant broken glass (smashed bottles) along the pathways and roads. This a concern for myself on a bike but there is also a fair number of children walking to the nearby primary schools which the broken glass poses a safety risk. The council has been great with trying to maintain the area. However, as a CCS ratepayer I am concerned about increase costs to the council. I have also noticed groups of people sleeping in the gardens in the morning. One time with small fires burning using the landscaped vegetation (grass trees). Other local residents I have chatted to generally feel unsafe around these areas due to the large number of people and the alcohol consumption. It can be quite intimidating when crossing the train line under the underpass. The dry zone is the right step forward. I would also like to see the bottle shop at the Ovingham have restrictions on the sale of alcohol.
23316	Sharing this space with all of the community is a lovely way to interact and live life alongside one another. Without alcohol and the behaviours and risks associated with its use, we can all enjoy this space together in a safe way.
23328	I believe the dry zone should be extended to the land situated between Cotton st and Churchill rd along Torrens rd including bus stop 7a Torrens rd. I use this bus stop regularly and have noticed excessive rubbish dumping, illegal dwelling construction and large gatherings of people displaying antisocial behaviours. This makes me feel unsafe walking along the paths. I have already noticed, since the introduction of the dry zone in Bowden, that the perpetrators of this antisocial behaviour are moving towards this well-hidden space and fear if the dry zone does not extend here that this behaviour will transition to this space and I will therefore stop using public transport for fear of my safety. I support the current dry zone proposal and believe it is the correct response to this issue but worry about a long term solution if further measures aren't in place to ensure this behaviour does not spread into other areas of the surrounding community.
23329	As a local resident, I think the dry zone is a great step forward, however, have noticed the perpetrators of antisocial behaviour have moved towards the area between Cotton St and Churchill Rd along Torrens Rd. This a well-hidden area and has allowed for their behaviour to extend to this space. As a result, I have had to call the police and council due to disturbances, excessive rubbish dumping and illegal dwelling construction.

	My concern is for local business's and residents who feel unsafe trading and existing in their local spaces, particularly when it comes to the use of public transport. I personally do not attend the local OTR, Ovingham hotel and business's surrounding the overpass due to safety concerns. I have taken measures to secure my property as I often hear antisocial behaviour spilling into my street. I commend the efforts already taken and my ability to voice my concerns and feel the dry zone should be in place for a long-term period of at least a year.
23333	I feel this kind of move is paternalistic and government overreach. People should be allowed to responsibly consume alcohol in public venues, and problem drinking should be dealt with as necessary.
23334	Unfortunately making one place a dry zone will push the problem within walking distance so all must be made dry zones. It would be good if there was a way to easily apply for an exemption for small gatherings by the community for birthday parties or bbqs. This dry zones are a matter of urgency for the safety of the community and surrounding businesses.
23335	Ideal to have all small parks and reserves as dry zones. There is reserve off Drayton Street that could be a dry zone. Community safety is a priority over the right to drink alcohol in a reserve. If they do, make a dry zone maintain the police presence. It is important for local business to feel safe to open and operate. This will maintain community cohesion. There are plenty of pubs in area for people to go and drink in.
23336	Several things. 1. The Dry Zone proposal for Parfitt Square (which I support) looks incorrect. The private residence on the corner of 13th and Drayton looks like it has its driveway excluded, but not the main premises. 2. There has been some antisocial behaviour in the park on Telford Street; should the Napier/etc Dry Zone be declared it is likely that this will increase. I understand a number of residents would like to see the Telford Street Reserve included in this wider application. 3. I strongly endorse the declaration of the Dry Zone at the four reserves listed. The sooner this happens the better.
Emailed Response 1	I agree with all proposals regarding dry zones in our area. A big concern is the area under the Torrens road bridge. It is a valuable venue for community events, and could easily be used for less than social activities, especially as it is protected from the elements. What used to be a notorious traffic problem, has become a hub for people to enjoy other nearby facilities being developed by Council. Our house backs on to [REDACTED], which seems to be rarely abused by people, is a well managed and a great asset to all. May it remain so. [REDACTED]
Emailed Response 2	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed introduction of a dry zone in the Ovingham Underpass and surrounding public spaces. If I understand the proposal correctly, the introduction of the dry zones would provide law enforcement the opportunity to police compliance and move on violators of this prohibition, which will (presumably) disparege the cited 'negative, antisocial or illegal' behaviour from occurring in that location. What is unclear is what measures or protections will be put in place to prevent the same behaviours occurring in adjacent residential areas or private spaces instead.

To be even more frank, it appears to the layperson that the City of Charles Sturt is ensuring that crime and antisocial behaviour is shifted out of the electoral area of the Premier, but virtually certainly transferring the issues to be the acute problem other ratepayers in the neighbouring surrounds (belonging to the same council area.)

Are you able to shed any light on how the plan would account for/mitigate this seemingly predictable outcome?

Whilst I applaud the Council for its efforts in consultation, at this stage I don't know how to respond to the survey or a proposal that ignores the residents of Ovingham immediately adjacent to the problem areas (who will thus be most effected by the slated dry zones introduction).

APPENDIX C: LETTER FROM ABORIGINAL LANDS TRUST

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Dear Ms Edwards

Re: Ovingham Dry Zone Consultation

I write on behalf of the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) in response to the proposed implementation of a Dry Zone at Ovingham. The Trust is deeply concerned about the potential criminalisation of Aboriginal visitors who are currently without stable housing or access to essential supports.

The ALT has recent experience managing similar issues following the *Aboriginal Lands Trust (Davenport Community Dry Zone) Amendment Regulations 2024*. This approach is health-based rather than punitive - alcohol can be confiscated, but individuals are not fined or arrested. Instead, referrals are made to culturally appropriate health and social services. This model prioritises dignity, harm reduction, and long-term wellbeing.

We urge the Council to consider a similar framework for Ovingham. Key recommendations include:

- Temporary safe accommodation for visitors in partnership with Aboriginal organisations.
- On-site outreach from health, alcohol and other drug services, and Centrelink.
- Cultural liaison officers to assist with communication and service navigation.
- Community-led engagement, ensuring local Aboriginal leaders are central to decision-making.

Policing and fines will not address the underlying causes of this issue - homelessness, disconnection from country, and lack of access to care. A coordinated, compassionate, and health-based approach offers a far more sustainable solution. We would be happy to discuss the matter further with you, or else we recommend engaging with Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, which was responsible for implementing the dry zone legislation on Trust land

Kind regards



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