

St Peters Billabong Encroachment Petition

to the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters



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Part 1: The petition of:

The concerned residents of River St, St Peters and visitors to the St Peters River Park on behalf of all who use the River Torrens Linear Park.

Part 2: Matter of concern to petitioners

The encroachment of properties along Eighth Avenue and River St onto the north eastern portion of the bank and lack of action by the council since first informed of this matter in 2018 by Ralph Bleechmore. In particular we draw the attention of the council to the construction of fences blocking access to public land and the removal of native vegetation as evidenced by aerial photography.

We are concerned about the stability of the billabong bank as noted in the 2024-2025 Draft Council budget¹ where it describes the receding of the bank by up to 1m in the past 20 years leading to potential for significant impact to citizens, private property & assets.

We note that the NPSP Parks and Reserves Community Land Management Plan² applies to this land and that the St Peters River Park is zoned as part of the Linear Park (River Torrens), meaning that the Linear Park Act (2006)³ applies.

The St Peters Residents Association website contains additional information regarding the history of the St Peters River Park. After initial refusal by NPSP council, this was obtained by a Freedom of Information request submitted by Ralph Bleechmore.

1 Council Meeting 8 April 2024 Agenda, pages 23, 86-87

https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/files/18234_council_agenda_8_april_2024.pdf?v=282

2 https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/about_council/council-property/community-land

3 <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/lz/path=%2FC%2FA%2FLINEAR%20PARKS%20ACT%202006>

