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Mr Lee Odenwalder MP

EXEMPT

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991, access was sought to:


"All correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, direct messages and notes of meetings regarding the user-pays system for policing resources."

I refer to your email dated 20 April 2020 in which you narrowed the scope of your request to seeking access to the "stake holder consultation paper".

It is determined to **release in full** the Stakeholder Consultation – SA Police Proposed User Pays Scheme consisting of four (4) pages. This determination was made on 23 April 2020.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 18 May 2020.

Yours sincerely,


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24 April 2020

Stakeholder Consultation



SA Police Proposed User Pays Scheme



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Event Policing – a snapshot 2018 - 2019



SA Police was aware of **540 events** occurring in the Adelaide metropolitan area, and proactively planned and managed **259** of these.

86 were designated **major events** demanding a high level of police planning, coordination and command.



78% of events occurred between **Thursday and Sunday** which corresponds with peak demand for core policing services.

Approx. **5,000 SA Police personnel** were deployed to these events, consuming approx. **44,000** policing hours which would otherwise be directed to core and/or front-line policing duties.



Purpose

This document summarises key elements of a South Australia Police initiated User Pays Scheme developed for consultation with event stakeholders.

Why are we doing this?

- Event resourcing takes police away from core duties.
- Finite police resources need to be better managed.
- Similar schemes operate in QLD, NSW, VIC and WA.

What are the benefits?

- More efficient use of police resources.
- Continued police presence at events.

What events will the scheme apply to?

- 'Commercial events', meaning:
 - admission/participation is charged; or
 - established for commercial gain; or
 - promoted, advertised or sponsored under commercial arrangement.
- Includes ticketed and non-ticketed events.
- Includes government sponsored or organised events.
- Includes events run by charitable and not-for-profit organisations, if commercial in nature.

What fundamental components underpin the Scheme?

- Cost-recovery only.
- Ongoing consultation and negotiation between SAPOL and event organiser.
- Central administration by SAPOL's Emergency and Major Event Section.
- SAPOL must be notified of events in advance.
- Events can voluntarily request police attendance.
- Commissioner may require police presence on public safety grounds.
- Events can appeal a decision to require a police presence.
- Commissioner to determine final number of police to attend.
- Police will remain under the command and control of senior police.
- No 'commercial event' will be automatically exempt.
- Commissioner can reduce, waive or refund charges.

What services will be subject to cost recovery?

- Event planning costs.
- Attendance of general duties police including traffic police.
- No charge for specialist police resources (e.g. STAR, Dog Operations).

How will costs be determined?

- Flat rates for planning and deployment.
- Flat rate applies irrespective of the ranks deployed.
- Rate charges include lead-up and stand-down time.
- Costs calculated for direct and indirect cost for services.

How will the business process work?



SA Police receives event advice.



SA Police assessment and negotiation of resources required.



Quote provided to event organisers.



Event conducted and SA Police resources deployed.



Actual hours worked reconciled and event invoiced.



Costs recovered.

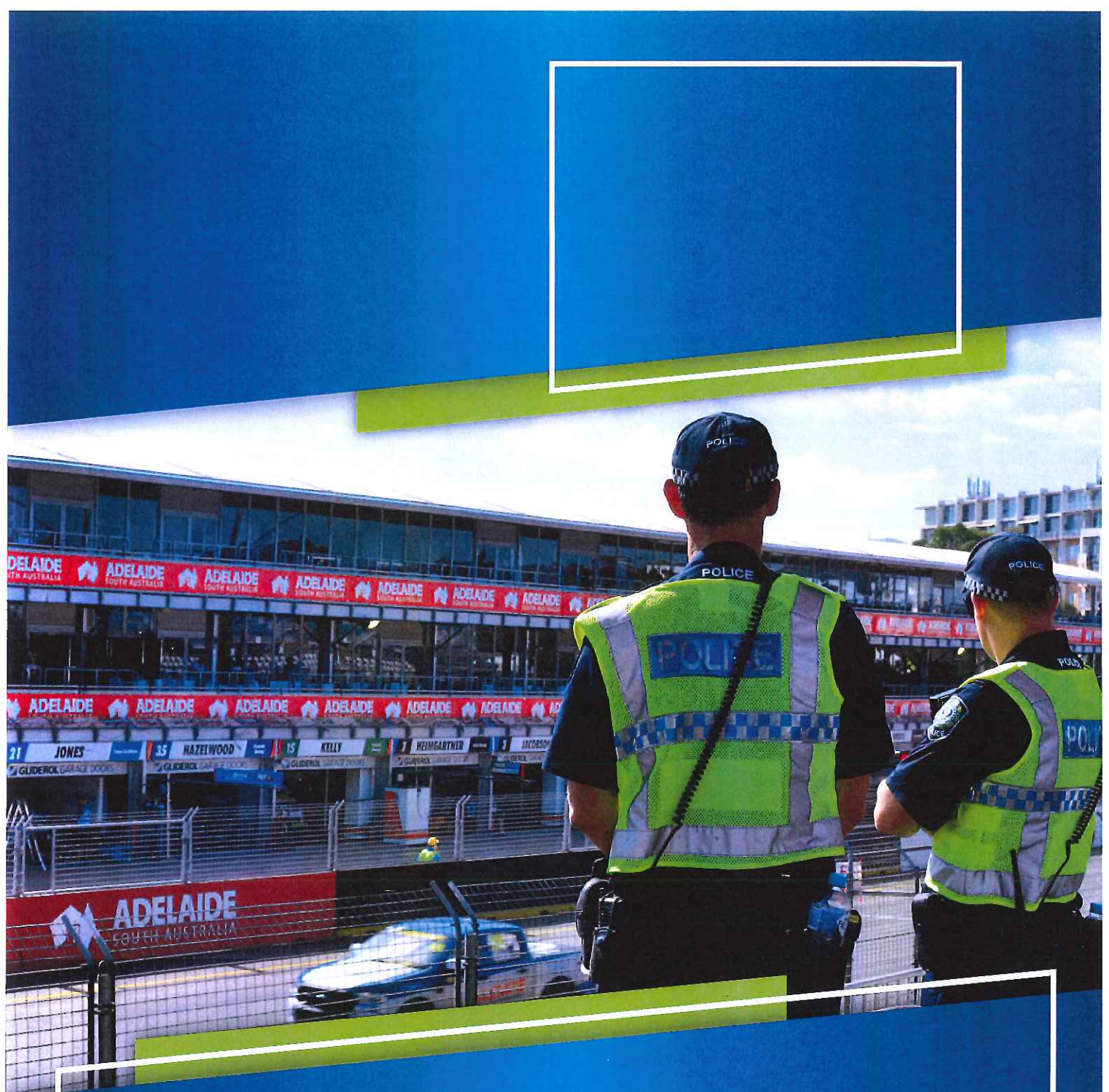
How will police numbers for events be determined?

A comprehensive risk assessment will occur using all known information, including:

- Threat environment, including any general or specific threats.
- Event venue size, type and available facilities (e.g. alcohol service).
- Nature, profile, time and place of the event.
- Anticipated weather and environmental conditions.
- Anticipated crowd size and demographic.
- Private security/traffic management arrangements.
- Previous experience and/or issues at this (or a similar) event.
- Anticipated complexity of policing response.

Police and private security

- Complementary but distinctly different roles.
- Private security functions include patron screening, ensuring compliance with conditions of entry, crowd control, and personal protective services (e.g. protection of event artist).
- Police functions include protecting the public, maintaining order, preserving the peace, providing an immediate emergency management capability and regulating safe road use (e.g. traffic management).



For further information about the proposed User Pays Scheme please contact Inspector Wendy Mazik, Officer in Charge, Emergency and Major Event Section, at wendy.mazik@police.sa.gov.au