



MEDIA RELEASE

INVITATION TO COMMENT MOBILE FOOD VENDORS OPERATING LOCATIONS PROPOSED

New legislation passed in State Parliament towards the latter part of last year and expected to commence operation on 1 March 2018 requires Councils to permit mobile food vendors to operate within the Council area. The City of Port Lincoln along with all South Australian Councils has prepared a list of areas where mobile food vendors may operate in the future and is seeking comment from the community on the eighteen sites selected.

Council cannot restrict the type of food sold by the mobile food vendors but it is required to prepare 'locational rules' that include sites from which the mobile food vendors may operate, the number of spaces available and hours of operation. In identifying these sites the Council has taken into account legislated requirements including location, number and operating hours of nearby bricks and mortar businesses. Council is also required to be mindful that the operation of the mobile food vendors does not impact on pedestrians, traffic movement and the quiet enjoyment of nearby residents.

"Council welcomes the opportunity of providing for all types of business to operate within the City" Mayor Bruce Green said. "We also want to make sure that it is fair and equitable for all businesses whilst at the same time encouraging tourism and place activation".

Some mobile food vans are quite colourful and aesthetically pleasing Mayor Green continued, not to mention the diversity of food that some have to offer. "This diversity in appearance and offering has the potential to activate and rejuvenate spaces that could come alive due to additional activity created by temporary trading", Mayor Green stated.

Mobile food vans could also provide a convenient way for residents or visitors to grab lunch or a snack. Consequently Council's list of locations includes sites near Flinders Park, Nelson Square Reserve, Shelley Beach, Eyre Park, South Point Reserve and Pioneer Park that are in residential settings. Other sites include Axel Stenross, Jetty Carpark on Tasman Terrace and Billy Light's Point.

The community is invited to make comment on the locations proposed by Thursday 1 March 2018. A copy of the draft policy containing all of the suggested eighteen sites is available on Council's website www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au, Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library.

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