

Request for Deputation

Deputation requests must be received by 5pm on the day prior to the meeting at which the deputation wishes to appear.

Please note where there are multiple requests for a deputation on the same matter, the relevant parties may be requested to share the allocated eight minute timeslot.

If a deputation is approved this form will be published in the relevant Council or Committee agenda with any personal contact details redacted.

I hereby request to be heard at the Council meeting on 17 March 2026

Name: *Diane Cass*

I will be speaking on my own behalf: Yes ☐ No ☒

OR

I will be speaking as the spokesperson of: *Disability Engagement Focus Group*

Group Website and/or Facebook address: *N/A*

Estimated number of group members: *7*

Does the group have a Council appointed Liaison: *Andrew Brown, Inclusive Communities Project Officer*

Person authorising your representation of group: *Andrew Brown*

Phone and Email of person authorising your representation: *8301 7357 andrew.brown@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au*

Questions

I am willing to answer questions from Elected Members after my deputation: Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please ensure you keep your responses succinct and relevant to your deputation.

The topic or issue I wish to speak about is: *(please give sufficient details of the matter to enable consideration of your request for a deputation)*

Support of the draft Inclusive Communities Action Plan 2026-2030, which is to be endorsed for community engagement at the council meeting on 17 March.

The importance of access and inclusion in the City of Onkaparinga and how council can positively contribute.

The diversity of access and inclusion.

The need to resource this important work and ensure we are creating an environment that is inclusive, not just for our community now, but also future generations.

The relevance to Council in relation to the subject matter is:

The Inclusive Communities Action Plan 2026-2030 is a legislated council plan under the disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA) for our community.

What expectations do you have of Council as a result of this deputation?

An understanding of the key issues facing people with disability in our community and the important role Council has in being a leader in this space.

The importance of a sustained long-term commitment by council.

What benefit will be delivered to the general community as a result of this deputation?

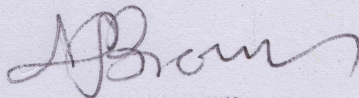
A community where people of all abilities and backgrounds feel a sense of belonging, and have the opportunity to equitably participate in all aspects of life.

Please note the following guidelines:

- The Presiding Member (Mayor or Chairperson) will consider the request and the requestor will be advised in writing of the acceptance or otherwise and provided with a council administration contact and the details of the time and date of the meeting.
- If a deputation request is approved a copy of the written request or deputation request form will be published in the relevant Council or Committee agenda with any personal contact details redacted.
- If you wish to distribute material to elected members prior to the meeting, elected member emails addresses can be found on Council's [website](#) or if you wish to hand out hard copies at the meeting please provide 13 copies to council administration prior to the meeting date.
- If you wish to provide a Powerpoint presentation with your deputation, it must be sent to council administration by 5pm the day prior to the meeting. USBs are not accepted for use.
- All members of the public who attend Council or committee meetings are required to electronically sign in using the on-site device which includes having their photo taken.
- At the appropriate time in the meeting (usually at the beginning) you will be invited by the Presiding Member to come forward and make your deputation on the topic or issue which you have nominated.
- The Presiding Member will advise you of the allocated time (eight (8) minutes, or your share of the allocated time).
- Deputations are limited to the topic or issue which has been nominated in the written request.
- As meetings are recorded, deputations are captured in the recording and the recording is published on council's website.
- Persons making a deputation are to refrain from swearing and making defamatory or derogatory comments. Failure to abide by this may result in the termination of a deputation.
- Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and anything a person providing a deputation may say will be subject to the normal laws of defamation. Consequently, care should be taken when providing a deputation address.

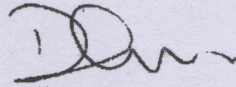
I have read and understood and acknowledge the above guidelines:

Signed: Name/signature



Andrew Brown, Inclusive Communities Project Officer

Signed: Name/signature



Dr Diane Cass on behalf of the Onkaparinga Disability Engagement Focus Group

Dated 13/03/2026