

STATEMENT BY MAYOR KEITH PARKES – LITTLE CORELLA MANAGEMENT

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I have been assisting Alexandrina Council and our community to advocate on the issue of Little Corella Management for some time now.

I have seen the damage and concern caused by Little Corellas locally, and am passionate about supporting our community to find a way forward. But we can't solve the issue alone.

I understand that there are many options that can be considered in regard to Little Corella Management. I stress that we have not requested of the Minister or the State Government the option of gassing or a cull of any type.

I reiterate that my own views regarding options for Little Corella Management, described in recent media reports, are not the collective view of Alexandrina Council. I regret that this may have caused community concern about how our Council engages with issues around abundant native species.

I respect our Council's position to advocate to the State Government for a statewide strategy, as well as seeking financial assistance to manage the issue through medium and long-term management options.

I look forward to the opportunity to put Alexandrina Council's advocacy position to the vote at the Local Government Association of South Australian Ordinary General Meeting and seek the support of other Councils around the State, also experiencing the challenges of abundant species.

I encourage those concerned about the issue to visit our Council's website for further information at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au or to write to us at alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au or PO Box 21, Goolwa, South Australia, SA, 5214.

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