

**The Botanic Loop (Grey-headed Flying-fox viewing experience)  
EPBC Referral Application Number 02555**

**TREECLIMB Grey-headed Flying-fox Botanic Loop Tourist Activation Project Stakeholders Engagement List**

During the planning stages of The Botanic Loop, stakeholders who are essential to the project success, who can provide valuable insight into the project, and who are important to inform, were sought out and contacted.

In project management terms:

- **Consulted:** A person or entity that needs to provide feedback and contribute to the activity.
- **Informed:** A person that needs to know of the decision or action.

For the purposes of this document, we have defined three aims of engagement, they are defined as:

- **APPROVAL:** The project, or a key element of it, cannot proceed without explicit approval from this entity.
- **CONSULTED:** We met, or will meet, and discuss this project with the stakeholder and are open to modifying our plans based on their suggestions.
- **INFORMED:** This stakeholder will be informed that the project is happening and may take the opportunity to discuss with us. We are not assuming they necessarily will discuss the project, and we are not planning to make any changes to the project based on their feedback.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Both the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium (BGSH) and TreeClimb have been involved in engaging stakeholders. The organisation that coordinates engagement with the stakeholder is specified.

STAKEHOLDER	CATEGORY (plus notes)	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	STATUS- Comments
BGSH, Public call for proposals.	APPROVAL (Submission of TreeClimb's proposal for Ecotourism opportunities in the Botanic Gardens.)	BGSH, Business Manager	High	<b>Complete:</b> An EOI was put to the market (15/08/2022 to 02/09/2022) for commercial site activation projects in Botanic Park. A fully compliant submission was received from TreeClimb. TreeClimb is an Australian company with existing canopy walks in Tasmania, Victoria and NSW. The company also has adventure parks in the Adelaide Parklands, Kuitpo Forest and at Salisbury. The proposal is for construction of a 750 m suspended canopy walk, starting next to North Lodge just inside Adelaide Botanic Garden and rising into the canopy supported on poles, forming a loop around the 'bat colony' and ending near the new entrance to the Zoo in Botanic Park off Plane Tree Drive.
Board of the BGSH (Judy Potter, Presiding Member)	APPROVAL (project is on Board land)	BGSH, Director	High	<b>Complete:</b> An Initial briefing was given to the Board on the 06/05/2022, at which the Board approved further development. Since the initial briefing regular project updates are provided to Board and they have formally approved the development and business proposal.
City of Adelaide (Council)	APPROVAL (for planning permission)	Treeclimb	High	<b>Complete:</b> Development Application was approved on the 01/12/23 by the Adelaide City Council. The Adelaide City Council would have undertaken its own stakeholder engagement through the Development Application process.
Deputy Premier's Office, brief through OCE	APPROVAL (if DPC does not support the project we would not proceed)	BGSH, Director	High	<b>Complete:</b> On the 20/01/23, the Deputy Premier was briefed in writing and the project discussed the BGSH quarterly meeting with the Deputy. The Deputy Premier is supportive of the proposal and noted the potential educational opportunity through the use of the Botanic Gardens plant specimens and the Flying Fox colony.
Relevant Federal Threatened Species Unit	APPROVAL (for necessary permits)	Treeclimb	High	<b>Pending:</b> The process is underway, and TreeClimb are currently working through the legislative requirements and Referral process to the EPBC.

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Safe Work SA	APPROVAL (need to approve construction methodology, approval of safe work practices for the public)	Treeclimb	High	<b>Pending:</b> Once plans are finalised, TreeClimb will reach out to Safe Work SA, this normally occurs toward the end of the project as SAFE Work SA will need to inspect once complete and grant final approval.
Friends of the BGA (Ed McAlister, President)	CONSULTED (due to project proximity to North Lodge)	BGSH, Director	High	<b>Complete:</b> An initial briefing was given to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens Executive and Committee on the 13/02/23. Follow-up briefings to committee will be held regarding project status and planning. The Friends Executive and Committee are supportive, although, noted the proximity of their headquarters and shop at North Lodge to the Botanic Loop entrance area. They have asked to be kept informed as the project nears the build stages.
Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation	CONSULTED	BGSH, Deputy Director, Public Engagement	High	<b>Complete:</b> The BGSH Deputy Director, Public Engagement, wrote to KYAC in March 2023 informing them of the project, offering engagement and asking whether there were any concerns or objections. To date no response has been received.
Threatened Species unit Department of Environment and Water (Lisien Loan)	CONSULTED	TreeClimb	High	<b>Complete:</b> TreeClimb has held several meetings onsite with the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to discuss the project as a whole and feedback was given regarding the regulatory processes.
SA Health	CONSULTED (regarding public advice and health warnings)	TreeClimb	High	<b>Complete:</b> TreeClimb engaged with SA Health.
Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc and Professor	CONSULTED	BGSH, Deputy Director, Living Collections	High	<b>Complete:</b> In February 2023, the Deputy Director, Living Collections at BGSH met with Linda Collins and Professor Wayne Boardman. Both were positive about the project and felt that we can make it work. Their

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Wayne Boardman (The University of Adelaide, Grey-headed Flying-fox expert)				<p>feedback was to ensure planning was done with the welfare of Grey-headed Flying-foxes as the highest priority.</p> <p>Professor Wayne Boardman has offered to provide assistance and advice based on his expertise in the behaviour and management of the colony.</p>
Bat Rescue SA and Bat Protection Group(s)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Deputy Director, Living Collections	High	<b>Complete:</b> In February 2023, the BGSH Deputy Director, Living Collections for Botanic Park met with Sue Westover and consulted with her regarding the project and received positive feedback.
SA Grey-headed Flying Fox working group	CONSULTED	BGSH, Deputy Director, Living Collections	High	<b>Complete:</b> In February 2023, the Deputy Director, Living Collections continued to discuss the project at the SA Grey-headed Flying-fox Stakeholder Management Group and only received positive feedback. DEW staff are included in the stakeholder group, as are representatives from Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc. and other Bat Rescue groups listed above.
WOMADelaide (Ian Scobie)	CONSULTED (to ensure impact on WOMAD is minimised through development of route)	BGSH, Director	High	<b>Complete:</b> On the 30/01/23, Ian Scobie met with BGSH Director and Seb Packer and on 15/02/23 for a follow-up meeting on-site to discuss the Botanic Loop. A walkthrough of the proposed route and potential impacts of / interface with WOMAD were discussed. Further meetings have been held with WOMADelaide staff over the past 12-18 months to discuss operational matters.
Adelaide Park Lands Association	CONSULTED	TreeClimb	High	<b>Complete:</b> Consultation was done through the Development Application referral process submitted by TreeClimb.
Zoos SA, Adelaide Zoo (Elaine Benstead and Phil Ainsley)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Director	High	<b>Complete:</b> On the 20/02/23 a consultation meeting was held with Zoos South Australia's Chief Executive Elaine Benstead. In that meeting Elaine was very positive about the project and discussions were initiated about possible links to the Zoo. At this stage the Botanic Loop will not link into the Zoo directly, but the option is open for a second phase of the project

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				to connect to the Zoo and create an extended Botanic Park/Zoo experience. <sup>1</sup>
Tourism Minister's Office (through Daisy Miller, Adviser)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Director NBEG	High	<b>Complete:</b> On the 18/01/23, meetings were held between Nature Based Experience Group Pty Ltd, the BGSH Director and the Minister. The minister is very supportive of the project.
Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood MP.	CONSULTED	NBEG		<b>Complete:</b> On the 18/01/23, a meeting was held by between Nature Based Experience Group Pty Ltd and the Member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood MP. The Member for Adelaide is very supportive of the project.
Department of Environment and Water Chief Executive	CONSULTED	BGSH, Director NBEG	High	<b>Complete:</b> On the 03/02/23, DEW Chief Executive John Schutz was consulted regarding the Botanic Loop. The Chief Executive also visited the Kuinto Treeclimb site.
Lot Fourteen (Di Dixon)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Pending:</b> Meeting was scheduled for the 29/03/23.
SAPOL	CONSULTED	Treeclimb	High	<b>Complete:</b> Consulted by TreeClimb.
AEDA (Ian Hill)	CONSULTED	Treeclimb	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> Consulted by TreeClimb.
SA Tourism (Hitaf Rashid)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Pending:</b> Meeting was scheduled for the 17/2/23.
SA Power Networks (Rob Stobbe)	CONSULTED	BGSH, Business Manager	High	<b>Complete:</b> Consulted by BGSH Business manager on the 18/01/23.

<sup>1</sup> Since this consultation was held, an entry to the Botanic Loop next to the entry of Adelaide Zoo has been proposed. The entrance will be connected through extending the boardwalk adjacent to the Zoo's entrance and installing an elevator. All other documents submitted to the EPBC reflect this adjustment to design.

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Australasian Bat Society	CONSULTED	BGSH, Deputy Director, Living Collections	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Consulted by the Deputy Director, Living Collections on the 03/03/23.
Royal Adelaide Hospital	INFORMED (in order to hold relevant vaccines)	Treeclimb	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by TreeClimb.
Adelaide Botanic High School (Alistair Brown, Principal)	INFORMED	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> On the 18/02/23, The School Principal Alistair Brown was informed of the project and raised no concerns.
Moonlight Cinema	INFORMED	BGSH, Business Manager	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by the BGSH Business Manager.
St Peter's College	INFORMED (re parking)	BGSH, Business Manager	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Informed on the 18/01/23 by the BGSH Business Manager.
University of South Australia	INFORMED	BGSH, Business Manager	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by the BGSH Business Manager.
National Wine Centre	INFORMED (for potential sales/promo opportunity)	BGSH, Business Manager	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by the BGSH Business Manager.
Diggers Shop (Jill Woodlands)	INFORMED (for potential sales/promo opportunity)	BGSH, Deputy Director Public Engagement	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by the BGSH Deputy Director, Public Engagement.
Salvation Army	INFORMED (142 years old plaque in Botanic Park)	BGSH, Business Manager	Low	<b>Complete:</b> Informed by the BGSH Business Manager.
Green Adelaide (Brenton Grear)	INFORMED (potential partnership opportunity)	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> The BGSH Director informed both Green Adelaide Director Brenton Grear and Chair Professor Chris Daniels about the project. Both

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				are supportive. It aligns well with Green Adelaide's mission to promote nature awareness and green spaces within the City.
Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment, Western Sydney University	INFORMED	BGSH, Chief Botanist	Low	<b>Pending:</b>
CSIRO Land & Water, Waite	INFORMED	BGSH, Chief Botanist	Low	<b>Pending:</b>
City of Norwood Payneham & Saint Peters	INFORMED (adjacent council, maybe impacted by parking?)	Treeclimb	Low	<b>Complete:</b> TreeClimb informed the City of Norwood Payneham & Saint Peters.
Adelaide Botanic Garden's Foundation (Andrew Kay)	INFORMED	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> The BGSH Director gives regular updates to the Foundation's Board and through Andrew Kay's role as a BGSH Board member. The Foundation were informed of the project and are supportive of it.
University of Adelaide (DPC Engagement)	INFORMED	BGSH, Director	Medium	<b>Complete:</b> The BGSH Director informed the University of Adelaide through Professor Laura Parry (University of Adelaide Pro Vice Chancellor – Research Excellence), Professor Laura Parry has a role on the BGSH Board.