

## 4.0 ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF COMPONENTS

### 4.1.9 Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A Assessment





Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A

Existing Planning / Development Plan Context

Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A exists within the Botanic Precinct PL6 of the *City of Adelaide Development Plan* (pp. 418-421). Its ‘Environment’ is described as

**PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**  
*The open park and garden theme of the Botanic Precinct should be maintained and strengthened. The diversity of uses which have been established within the Precinct, such as the Zoological Gardens, Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park, should be carefully managed to limit further loss of natural surfaces.*

**ACTIVITIES**  
*The Zoological Gardens, Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park should continue to be used for leisure, recreational, educational and research activities.*

*The former State Transport Authority (STA) Bus Depot should be used for unstructured recreation, leisure, education and research. The University of South Australia and Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) open lot car parks should be converted to Park Lands for passive outdoor recreation use.*

**ENVIRONMENT**  
**Planting Character and Landscape Design**  
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*The Botanic Park character should be strengthened and extended on Frome Road by the conversion of alienated land north of the University of Adelaide School of Medicine, currently used for car parking, to Park Lands.*

**Permanent Structures**  
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**Areas of Significant Landscape Character**  
*The formal character of the Plane Avenues in Botanic Park and in Frome Road, together with the Moreton Bay Fig Avenue in the Botanic Gardens should be conserved and maintained.*

The Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A was considered in the *Adelaide Botanic Garden Conservation Study* (2006) upon request of the Board of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and with the approval of the Corporation. The Study concluded, noting an historical review and assessment, that the Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A possessed only ‘contributory’ cultural heritage significance as follows:

- Rankings of cultural significance**
- Contributory cultural significance*
    - *Historical link between the former use of this area by the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia, and the role played by this Society in the reservation and establishment of the Botanic Garden on its current site*
  - No appreciable cultural significance*
    - *Current development and planting on this area*
  - Alteration or loss which has jeopardised cultural significance*
    - *Loss of western point of entry (which existed from at least 1874–1928)*
- (Aitken, Jones & Morris, 2005, pp. np).

No component in Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A is identified on the State Heritage Register.

No component of Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A has been identified on the National Trust of South Australia’s Register of Significant Trees.

**Significant Components and Places**  
The following section summarises any cultural landscape features that possess cultural heritage value.

**Overall Spatial Pattens**  
The Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A land has no evident spatial patterns.

**Land Use**  
The land use has shifted from showgrounds associated with the South Australian Agricultural & Horticultural Society, to training purposes before being used for car parking. No physical or spatial evidence of the past uses is evident.

**Natural Features Responsiveness**  
No natural features are evident.

**Circulation Networks**  
No historical circulation systems are evident. Notwithstanding this, it is evident that a gate between the Garden and the Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A land existed between 1874 to 1928; thereby implying ready access to the original showgrounds to and from the Garden.

**Boundary Demarcations**  
No evidence is present of past demarcation devices and fencing is evident.

**Vegetation**  
There are no vegetation elements that possess cultural heritage merit.

**Spatial Arrangements**  
No evidence is present.

**Structures**  
No evidence is present.

**Small Scale Elements**  
No evidence is present.

**Historical Views and Aesthetic Qualities**  
No evidence is present.

**Cultural Landscape Heritage Significance Evaluation**  
The following table summarises the cultural landscape heritage components present in Tainmundilla/Park 11A/Western Approach. A separate assessment, in the Main Report, positions Tainmundilla/Park 11A/Western Approach’s cultural landscape in the context of the wider Adelaide Park Land.

Recommended: Preparation of a Conservation Study	-
Proposed: National Trust of South Australia / Significant Tree Register	-
Recommended: Adelaide City Development Plan	-
(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance	-
(f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it.	-
(e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics	-
(d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance	-
(c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history	-
(b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance	-
(a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history	-
Recommended: State Heritage Register	-
Recommended: Register of the National Estate	-
Vulnerable	-
Low Significance	L
Medium Significance	-
High Significance	-
Existing: National Trust of South Australia / Significant Tree Register	-
Existing: Adelaide City Development Plan	-
Existing: State Heritage Register	-
Existing: Register of the National Estate	-
Tainmundilla/Park 11A/Western Approach Item / Component / Place	Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A generally

- ❖ Revise *City of Adelaide Development Plan* citations pertaining to PL6 to reflect the above conclusions and recommendations.

Statement of Cultural Significance

Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A possesses minimal significance to the Adelaide Park Lands. It records the site of the original South Australian Agricultural & Horticultural Society showgrounds and Exhibition Building but no physical or spatial evidence of the latter is extant.

In reviewing the ‘Western Approach’, Aitken, Jones & Morris in the *Adelaide Botanic Garden Conservation Study* (2006) concluded that the site had only contributory cultural significance as demonstrating a historical link between the former use of this area by the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia, and the role played by this Society in the reservation and establishment of the Botanic Garden on its current site. In terms of Conservation Policy the *Study* (2006) recommended:

*In the event that the former showgrounds site comes under the management of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide (either wholly or in partnership with others), new links between Frome Road, Botanic Park, and the western approach to Adelaide Botanic Garden could be explored. Any redesign of this area should take into account the cultural significance of the site and its context, especially the entrance shown on Schomburgk’s 1874 plan (linking with the main east–west spine of the Garden).*

Recommendations:

- ❖ In line with the *City of Adelaide Development Plan* policies, the Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A should be returned to Park Land in the future.
- ❖ Prepare a landscape master plan for the re-development of the Tainmundilla/Frome Road Park/Park 11A to a Park Land character environment having regard to the *Adelaide Botanic Garden Conservation Study* (2006) recommendation for the ‘Western Approach’ that states:

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- ❖ Remove presence of all stobie poles and overhead wires from the Tainmundilla/Park 11A/Western Approach;