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Mayor welcomes landmark infrastructure commitment for Seppeltsfield Road

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Light Regional Council has welcomed the State Government's announcement that powerlines along Seppeltsfield Road will be placed underground, helping safeguard one of the Barossa's most recognisable and treasured heritage landscapes.

The project represents a significant investment in preserving the iconic avenue of date palms that has become synonymous with the region's identity, history and tourism appeal.

Mayor Bill Close said the announcement was a positive outcome for the community and demonstrated the value of balancing essential infrastructure upgrades with heritage conservation.

"The Seppeltsfield Road palms are much more than roadside trees. They are an iconic part of the Barossa landscape and a landmark recognised across South Australia and beyond," Mayor Close said.

"Council welcomes the State Government's commitment to undergrounding powerlines and protecting this unique avenue for future generations.

"This announcement is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when government, industry and community work together towards a shared outcome."

Light Regional Council has long recognised the significance of the Seppeltsfield Road palms and their contribution to the region's identity, tourism economy and local character.

Council continues to invest in the management and maintenance of trees of historical significance across the region, supporting the care and preservation of these valuable community assets.

"Council is committed to preserving the unique character of our region and has continued to invest in the ongoing maintenance of significant trees and landscapes," Mayor Close said.

"These palms form part of the story of the Barossa and contribute significantly to the visitor experience that attracts people from around the world."

Local advocate and Seppeltsfield Road resident Cathy Wills welcomed the announcement and acknowledged the many individuals and organisations that had contributed to protecting the historic avenue.

"The palms are an irreplaceable part of our local landscape and heritage," Ms Wills said.

"This announcement provides confidence that future generations will continue to enjoy and appreciate one of the Barossa's most iconic and photographed vistas.

"It's heartening to see such a positive outcome achieved through a united community effort. This solution supports essential infrastructure while preserving the character that makes this place so special."

Mayor Close said Council looked forward to continuing to work alongside the State Government, SA Power Networks and community stakeholders as the project progresses.

"This is a fantastic outcome for the Barossa, our residents, visitors and future generations who will continue to enjoy this remarkable avenue of palms for many years to come."

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