

ITEM 727
MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR M F HUDSON RE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF KAURNA PEOPLE AT COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillor Hudson has given notice of intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting to be held on 23 August 2010:

That:

The City of Unley's present Council meeting acknowledgement of the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains be amended to read:

We acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional land of the Aboriginal people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge that the Aboriginal people are the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Aboriginal people today.

This amended acknowledgement also be used at all appropriate functions, ie Citizenship ceremonies, meetings of the City of Unley Development Assessment Panel, etc.

Background

As you may be aware, I have raised this issue before in this place in the interests of historical accuracy.

It is brought forward to you again as a result of the documentation I provided to all Members several weeks ago concerning the proposed legal actions by representatives of the Ramindjeri people. They claim that the Ramindjeri are traditional occupiers of all the land lying between the southern bank of the Torrens River to at least the southern most tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

This proposal is not designed to do anything other than to forestall our involvement in any possible future litigation, given a potential Native Title claim over the Adelaide Plains south of the Torrens River from any another Aboriginal group besides the Kurna people. Council should not be placed in the awkward position of being seen to favour any one group above another.