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Path to underground power in Hollywood continues

The City of Nedlands has decided on a raft of actions in relation to the Hollywood Underground Power Project, following last night's council meeting.

Energy Minister Ben Wyatt will be contacted with a written request seeking changes to State Underground Power Program selection criteria – and the availability of the City Nedlands project will be highlighted, should others be cancelled.

A meeting with the Minister will also be sought to discuss establishing a “customer design and construct” status for the City's underground power projects.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said there would be further exploration of the opportunity to own and manage the street light network and prepare a business case for council to consider.

“There will also be a requirement for the Hollywood Underground Power Project to include LED lighting and smart control systems,” he said.

“Subject to receipt of the detailed design estimate – plus or minus 10 per cent – and council endorsement of the financial model, a second consultation process will take place.

“It will seek a yes-no answer to a support for the project, based on the individual landowner's contribution, as established from the design estimate.”

Mayor Hipkins said recent consultation innovations, such as the Your Voice section of the City's website, contributed significantly to the decision-making process.

“In the past, some people have not been clear on how and where to comment and how their input has been used but this new website feature has allowed them to see how the consultative process works from beginning to end,” he said.

“It allows community members to track the status of each issue seeking input, download background information, make submissions and check the relevant dates for items going to committee and council.

“Along with our other more traditional consultation methods, it ensures the City of Nedlands' public have every opportunity to make their point-of-view known.”

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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