Little Corella Petition 2003-2004

We the undersigned petition the City of Onkaparinga to :

 # Refrain from killing the Little Corella (Cacatua sanguinea) in the township of Old Noarlunga and any other parts of the City of Onkaparinga, Adelaide South Australia,

and

 # Develop a program of tree planting of suitable species in consultation with Parks and Wildlife management, forming corridors along waterways, roadsides, in parks and reserves for the survival and dispersal of the Little Corella and other native fauna,

and

 # Develop strategies for managing the Little Corellas in the township of Old Noarlunga in consultation with the community of the City of Onkaparinga,

and

 # Study the Little Corella habitat, requirements, range and age distribution.
Promote the occurrence of our native species in the Onkaparinga region as a valuable asset of eco-tourism.

The Little Corella is a native parrot of this state, which migrate to the City of Onkaparinga on an annual basis. The majority of birds are believed to leave the dry northern areas of the state for the wetter southern areas over the summer months and then return to their northern breeding grounds. These birds do not pose a hazardous risk to people. They are considered of nuisance value due to “noise” and “habit of chewing of branch tips”. They are considered one of the most intelligent of the Australian bird species. 10,000 birds were anticipated in 2002-2003. However (2,000-6,000) were counted, possibly fewer due to the drought or previous shooting on private property.

It is not appropriate to cull (discriminately kill) native parrots by shooting or other means. The undersigned request that council do not shoot the Little Corella but consider other avenues of management in consultation with the community and ultimately incorporate the Little Corella into aspects of ecotourism, along with other native fauna of the region.

Name	**Address**	**Signature**

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