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Dear Ms Chapman

Request for a meeting to discuss the Adelaide Park Lands

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Planning and Local Government. The Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association (APPA) looks forward to working with you, in your role as the Minister to whom the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (the APL Act) is committed.

As the new Minister, you now have the opportunity to promote, both locally and world-wide the unique nature of this "City in a Park". You also have an opportunity to address the continual, ad hoc, diminution of the Adelaide Park Lands. For many years Adelaide's priceless resource, matched by no other city in the world, has been whittled away, with little strategic foresight. Accordingly, there is an urgent need to improve governance and management of the Adelaide Park Lands. I note that the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor has attracted publicity in recent days calling for creation of a "Park Lands Foundation."

I have provided two attachments. One is APPA's recent submission to State Parliament's Natural Resources Committee (NRC), in which we urged the NRC to recommend State Government action on four matters:

- State Heritage listing for the Park Lands;
- A review of the APL Act which has been clearly ineffective to achieve its own stated purposes;
- Support for exploring a UNESCO World Heritage bid; and
- a feasibility study on the proposed "Adelaide Rainbow Circuit" an unbroken cycling/ walking/ running loop around the entire Adelaide Park Lands.

The other attachment is APPA's recent submission to the Legislative Review Committee about the Planning and Design Code; in particular concerns about the proposed generic zoning "City Open Space" which fails to acknowledge the historic and social values of the Park Lands nor recognise their world-unique nature.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you the matters identified above, and/or any other proposals that you might have for improved governance or management of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane Sody'.

Shane Sody
President 29/9/2020

Attachments: (1) Green_Open_Space-NRC_Submission_APPA
(2) APPA SUBMISSION to LRC re Planning Reform - 2020-09-14

cc Rachel Sanderson MP, Member for Adelaide;
Sandy Verschoor, Lord Mayor

The Hon Vickie Chapman MP

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Dear Mr Sody

Request for a meeting to discuss the Adelaide Park Lands

I write in response to your letter of 29 September 2020 about the Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association's recent submissions in relation to the Adelaide Park Lands to the State Parliament's Natural Resources Committee and on the Planning and Design Code (the Code). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note your concerns regarding the proposed Adelaide Park Lands Zone. I am advised the Zone is primarily a transition to carry across key aspects of the current Development Plan policy covering land use matters, while the Park Lands Management Plan addresses finer detail and operational land management matters.

The State Planning Commission is currently reviewing submissions made in relation to the Code, and will provide advice to me in regard to the issues raised including any recommended changes. I assure you I will give careful consideration on comments made in relation to the Adelaide Park Lands and the Commission's recommendations on these.

As the current policy for the Adelaide Park Lands is long standing, I would be supportive of a more comprehensive review once the Code has been established. This could include consideration of the issues you have outlined in your letter. Such a process would be best led by the City of Adelaide given it is the custodian of the Park Lands.

I thank you for your engagement and interest in this continuing process.

Yours sincerely



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DEPUTY PREMIER
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Cc Sandy Verschoor, Lord Mayor
Rachel Sanderson MP, Member for Adelaide