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“Provide Cover for Mirnu Wirra” Hundreds to raise umbrellas to protect Park Lands Sunday 4 June from 1.00pm

Hundreds of South Australians will come together this Sunday to “provide cover” for threatened Adelaide Park Lands.

The human “cover” will be represented by hundreds of umbrellas, raised over the perimeter of an eight-hectare site; a haven of biodiversity that has been earmarked for destruction, to build proposed new police barracks.

The event is supported by Adelaide Park Lands Association, Trees for Life, Conservation Council, the Nature Conservation Society, and Butterfly Conservation SA.

Park Lands Association President Shane Sody has called on the State Government to purchase one or more brownfield sites for its promised new barracks, rather than carry through with threats to this or any other site within the world-unique Adelaide Park Lands.

“The State Government is purchasing 524 properties to upgrade South Road,” Mr Sody said. “But so far, it's been unwilling to purchase any brownfield site for its planned massive expansion of city police barracks.”

“The Government is proposing not just horse paddocks, but an enormous security-fenced compound; to include stables for 40 horses, offices and meeting rooms for 30 staff, a kitchen, change rooms, horse “tack” rooms, a veterinary suite, fodder stores, a secure gun room, garaging for horse floats, staff car parking and more.

“The eight hectares supposedly required would be much larger than the Adelaide Oval stadium; much larger than the present Thebarton police barracks,” Mr Sody said.

“Such a semi-industrial facility does not belong anywhere on your Open Green Public Adelaide Park Lands, and especially not at this site, which has been nurtured for years by Bush for Life volunteers as a haven of biodiversity and is now home to 70 plant species as well as the endangered chequered copper butterfly.”

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