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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Restoration Challenge Issued

The State Government has been challenged to bring forward its proposed restoration of Kate Cocks Park, near the old Adelaide Gaol in your Adelaide Park Lands.

The Adelaide Park Lands Association has welcomed an announcement by Health Minister Chris Picton that fences around parts of Kate Cocks Park should be removed, and the Park landscaped. Association President Shane Sody says that this Park of the Park Lands has been ignored and neglected for far too long.

"A proposal to tear down fences and landscape Kate Cocks Park has been part of the State Government-endorsed Park Lands Management Strategy since 2016" Mr Sody said. "However neither the Adelaide City Council nor the State Government has committed any funding to it.

"This year, we've been campaigning that "Kate Cocks deserves better". See images of the Park here: <https://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/blog/kate-cocks-deserves-better>

"Health Minister Chris Picton says the Government is proposing to make 30,000 square metres of Kate Cocks Park 'publicly accessible' but only when or if a new Women's and Children's Hospital is built on Park 27, by 2031. Why is it inaccessible now? Why is it fenced off?"

Mr Picton says fenced-off and degraded parts of the Park Lands should be "transformed into open, green space for families to use and enjoy, removing fences and significantly increasing the availability of park lands."

"We wholeheartedly agree and we are glad to now have State Government support for our 'Restore' campaign," Mr Sody said. "Therefore our challenge to Mr Picton and the State Government is a simple one. If the Government wants to make Park Lands "accessible" then do it now. Don't make the SA public wait another nine years for the long-overdue restoration of Kate Cocks Park, that's been part of the Park Lands Strategy since 2016."

"If the Government fails to act immediately on this pledge, they will be effectively holding Kate Cocks Park hostage to their development plans. They must restore Park Lands, tear down the fences that make this Park inaccessible, and THEN consider, as a separate question, where a new Hospital should be built.

"The Government is trying to claim that building a proposed eight-storey hospital car park on Kate Cocks Park would restore Park Lands. However what will restore Park Lands is immediate action to tear down existing fences and landscaping of degraded areas. Kate Cocks deserves better."

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