



DATES TO REMEMBER

SECRA members are reminded of two important dates. Firstly is the 16 January 2014 closing date for comments on the Adelaide City Council's Residential and Main Street DPA. This document has the potential to affect some residents in the south east precinct of the city and members are encouraged to submit any concerns that they have to the ACC by the closing date. It should be appreciated that there are some aspects of the document that the ACC is not necessarily in agreement (eg catalyst sites 1500 m² and above but the Minister of Planning did not agree with the 2500 m² proposed by Council). Members may also wish to raise their concern about this situation.

The second date is the 19 February 2014 when SECRA and the South West City Residents Association (SWCRA) are inviting candidates for the seat of Adelaide in the 15 March 2014 State Election to a public meeting at the South West Community Centre, Sturt Street. This will provide these candidates with the opportunity to explain why residents should vote for them and for residents to ask them questions.

RESIDENTS LOSE REPRESENTATION

The SECRA committee is most concerned at the apparent lack of consultation and arrogance that we are experiencing from the State Government on development planning. The latest instance was the Planning Minister John Rau removing the statutory consultation rights from the Adelaide City Council for developments over \$10 million in the City of Adelaide and this action was taken without any consultation with the Council. Residents in the city rely upon the Adelaide City Council to represent their interests and concerns about such developments particularly when they are in residential areas of the city. This representation has now effectively been taken away from them by the Minister for Planning.

SECRA'S ALLIANCE WITH OTHER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS

SECRA's concerns about the action being taken by the State Government on development within residential areas are shared by other city and inner suburbs residents associations. At a recent meeting of representatives from these associations it was agreed to form an alliance of the City and Inner Suburbs Associations (CISRA) to work together to promote their concerns about this most disturbing development prior to the coming State Election. It has also been brought to our attention that one of the candidates for the seat of Adelaide has intimated that there is a push to revisit the construction of a permanent structure in Victoria Park for the Clipsal 500 race. Clarification will be sought on this concerning development together with the parties' positions on the future management and development of the Park Lands.

FEEDBACK FROM SECRA MEMBERS

As with previous State Elections SECRA is proposing to write to the main political parties seeking their response to a number of questions on issues which are of interest and concern to residents in the south east precinct of the city. The SECRA committee would therefore appreciate suggestions from members as to what questions could be put to these political parties. Also it would be appreciated if members could advise the committee of any issues associated with the Residential and Main Street DPA that they would like included in SECRA's submission on that document. Members' comments can be emailed to feedback@secra.asn.au.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

The Adelaide City Council and local community organisations have arranged a free movie show on Friday 7 February 2014 at 7.30pm at Himeji Gardens in the south Park Lands. The movie will be the Australian hit "The Sapphires". Everyone is invited. BYO chairs, rugs and BBQs.

The SECRA committee wishes all residents an enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.