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The Hon Stephen Mullighan MP

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Dear Mr Underwood

Thank you for your emails to the Premier, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, and other Members of Parliament including me, regarding the incorporation of a park lands corridor within the redevelopment of the former Royal Adelaide Hospital site. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Housing and Urban Development, the Premier has asked me to thank you for your email and respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding. I appreciate you sharing your ideas for the redevelopment of the site. Your suggestions have been forwarded to the design team within Renewal SA which is overseeing this project.

I share your sense of optimism about what could happen on this site as it is progressively developed in the years ahead. We have the opportunity to create something of outstanding value to all South Australians, with many potential uses, to create what will be an iconic destination for our State. I can assure you the South Australian Government is working hard to achieve the best outcome for this prime location on North Terrace.

Whilst the site sits within a zone designated as Adelaide Parklands, it is important to note the land has been in use as a hospital since the 1840s and, therefore, largely inaccessible to the public for recreational purposes. While the State Government is still finalising a master plan for the site, I can advise any proposed development will return 70 per cent of the site to publicly accessible space.

Significantly, the State Government has already committed to integrating approximately two hectares of the site within the neighbouring Botanic Garden. These two hectares will become landscaped public realm. More broadly, the project envisages a mix of educational, commercial and cultural spaces, and complementary accommodation opportunities with a focus on student accommodation, aged care living and short-term accommodation.

I can assure you the State Government is determined to deliver well-planned open spaces and connections throughout the project site, and the wider Adelaide Riverbank Precinct, including attractive cycling links for the public.

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I encourage you to become involved by visiting [theadelaidriverbank.com.au](http://theadelaidriverbank.com.au) online where you can keep up to date with progress on this project.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



**HON STEPHEN MULLIGHAN MP**  
**MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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