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Renewal SA
(RE Lot Fourteen)
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Dear Lot Fourteen Stakeholder Engagement Representative

I refer to the attached letter from SECRA to the Premier dated 2 January 2019 regarding a Park Lands corridor through the vacated RAH site and the attached reply to that letter dated 24 January 2019 from the Acting Premier.

The response from the Acting Premier states that *"Current considerations include the development of a number of north south and east west orientated corridors to maximise accessibility. These tree-lined streets and laneways, many of which are adjacent landscaped gardens and lawns, will enable the seamless integration of the Adelaide Botanic Garden into Lot Fourteen"*.

While SECRA acknowledges that there will be corridors through the site and such corridors have been shown on various Master Plans they do not provide what would be defined as a true "Park Lands corridor" linking the eastern Park Lands with the Botanic Park and or the River Torrens Linear Park.

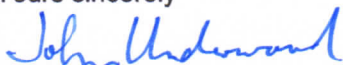
The statement *"These tree-lined streets and laneways, many of which are adjacent landscaped gardens and lawns, will enable the seamless integration of the Adelaide Botanic Garden into Lot Fourteen"* may indicate that such a corridor is proposed but SECRA questions the validity of such a statement as past experience has shown that the Botanic Gardens would be reluctant to allow *"the seamless integration of the Adelaide Botanic Garden into Lot Fourteen"*.

For your information SECRA was involved in the consultation process during the development of the current Park Lands Trail. SECRA expressed concern to the City of Adelaide that the trail stopped at the corner of East Terrace and North Terrace and pedestrians and cyclists had no choice but to use the roads to access the Botanic Park and River Torrens Linear Park Lands. The City of Adelaide Council therefore approached the Botanic Gardens and requested that the Park Lands Trail go through the Botanic Gardens and this request was refused as it is understood that the Botanic Gardens would not allow cyclists in the gardens and required the gardens to be closed and the gates locked from dusk until dawn. It is for this reason that SECRA has asked for an unrestricted Park Lands corridor and trail through the vacated RAH site.

In view of the Botanic Gardens refusal to allow access to cyclists and the requirement that access to the gardens be restricted to daylight hours could you please explain how there can be *"seamless integration of the Adelaide Botanic Garden into Lot Fourteen."*

It would also be appreciated if you could provide more detailed information on what is proposed for off road pedestrian and cyclist access through the redeveloped Lot Fourteen site from the eastern Park Lands to Botanic Park and or the River Torrens Linear Park.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Underwood,

Thank you for your letter of 2 January 2019 to the Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, regarding the opportunity to extend the Park Lands Trail to the River Torrens Linear Park through the former Royal Adelaide Hospital site, now known as Lot Fourteen.

The Government's objective for Lot Fourteen is to be a flagship of economic transition and a key driver of economic growth, now and into the future. The development of the Lot Fourteen neighbourhood is undoubtedly a once-in-a-century opportunity for our State; to secure the future generations of South Australians to come by creating new, high value jobs in a range of emerging industries.

The announcement that the Australian Space Agency will locate its headquarters at Lot Fourteen underscores the prominence of this site and its attraction to organisations of national and global significance.

We recognise that one of the natural advantages for Lot Fourteen is its inner city location - in the heart of one of the world's most liveable cities. Directly adjacent leading universities and the vibrant East End, and adjoining our renowned Adelaide Botanic Garden, community and commuter accessibility to and through Lot Fourteen is a key priority.

The master plan for Lot Fourteen (available on the Renewal SA website) identifies numerous conceptual development opportunities for the neighbourhood. Detailed public realm planning is progressing and will address pedestrian and cycle movement, as well as the landscape amenity of Lot Fourteen.

Current considerations include the development of a number of north-south and east-west orientated corridors to maximise accessibility. These tree-lined streets and laneways, many of which are adjacent landscaped gardens and lawns, will enable the seamless integration of the Adelaide Botanic Garden into Lot Fourteen.

The expanding connectivity through Lot Fourteen will provide prioritised access for pedestrians and cyclists, enabling access from North Terrace to Frome Park through the neighbourhood's iconic heritage buildings and the future National Aboriginal Art and Culture Gallery. From Frome Park, existing pathways link to the Adelaide Botanic High School, Adelaide Zoo and the River Torrens Linear Park.

The Park Lands Trail is an important community asset and provides significant utility and enjoyment to many South Australians and visitors alike. The intended pedestrian linkages through Lot Fourteen will extend the benefits of the trail through a unique, engaging and verdant urban environment.

I trust this information has been of benefit to you and the South East City Residents Association.

You can find further information on the Lot Fourteen development, including regular project updates at <https://renewalsa.sa.gov.au/projects/lot-fourteen/>. You are also welcome to contact Renewal SA on 08 8207 1300 to discuss the project with our stakeholder engagement representative.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Vickie Chapman MP
A/PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

24 / 1 / 2019

cc: Hon Rachel Sanderson MP, Member for Adelaide

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2nd January 2019

Hon Steven Marshall
Premier
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Dear Mr Marshall

The South East City Residents Association (SECRA) is aware that your Government has plans for the vacated Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) site and acknowledges the latest announcement that the Australian Space Agency is to be established on the site.

Currently the Park Lands Trail that surrounds the city ends at the intersection of North and East Terrace. The vacated RAH site provides a "one off" opportunity to develop a strip of Park Lands through the site alongside the Botanic Gardens to link the Park Lands Trail with the River Torrens Linear Park. This would not only build on the uniqueness of a city surrounded by Park Lands but would enhance the Trail for pedestrians and provide a safe "off road" route for cyclists from the east Park Lands to the River Torrens Linear Park including those students who will be cycling from the eastern suburbs to the new Botanic High School.

While SECRA would like as much as possible of the vacated RAH to be returned to Park Lands it is considered that a pedestrian and cycle friendly unrestricted path in a tree and grassed Park Lands corridor through the vacated RAH site represents an opportunity that should not be wasted. Not only would this complete the Park Lands Trail surrounding the city but it would also provide a natural park area for those persons working in the revamped RAH site to relax and enjoy.

SECRA is also of the view that the Park Lands Trail that completely circles the city of Adelaide should be promoted as a unique attraction and experience for tourists and visitors to Adelaide. Where else in the world are people able to walk or cycle around a trail surrounding a city alongside a river, through natural woodlands, sporting and playground facilities and an historic cemetery where early settlers are buried?

SECRA seeks your support for the above initiative that will not only be of benefit to the general public but will enhance the experiences of tourists visiting the city and the growing number of recreational cyclists.

Regards



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