

strengthening our community

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Hon Steven Marshall  
Premier  
GPO Box 2343  
Adelaide SA 5001

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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