

EMAIL DATED 27/03/13 TO SANDY RIX, PROJECT DIRECTOR, RIVERBANK PROJECT

Re: Riverbank Project Survey & Feedback

Dear Sandy

Further to the meeting between Vivienne Lambert, yourself and SECRA representatives on 5th March 2013 I provide the following feedback on the Riverbank Project for consideration.

- The Guiding Principles for the project identifies the need for "connecting" and "linking" the city with the Riverbank. This supports SECRA's request that much of the existing Royal Adelaide Hospital site be returned to the Park Lands or at the very least a wide Park Lands corridor should be created to provide a link between the eastern Park Lands and the River Torrens. Such a corridor would accommodate a much needed "off road" trail for use by pedestrians and particularly those recreational cyclists who are reluctant to ride on the roads as is currently required if cycling between the eastern Park Lands and the River Torrens. The proposed principle of *"connecting the city with the Riverbank through new and activated north-south links, using streets and lane ways"* is not a suitable option for recreational cyclists unless "off road" bike lands are provided within these links.
- When reviewing the shared pedestrian and cycling paths along the River Torrens the current conflict between pedestrians and speeding cyclists needs to be addressed.
- There is a concern that existing Park Lands within the precinct under the control of the Adelaide City Council will be taken over by the SA Government and redeveloped. Any suggestions that the Park Lands and the existing Royal Adelaide Hospital site should be sold off for private development must be rejected. These Park Lands are not the Government's to sell. They belong to the people of South Australia.
- The Riverbank Project should not include any buildings on the Park Lands within the Riverbank precinct.
- As suggested at our meeting on 5th March a long term objective should be to relocate the Governor from Government House. This would enable the Government House area, together with the Torrens Parade Grounds, to be returned to Park Lands and thus provide a vista from North Terrace to the River Torrens and a much needed open space Park Lands access from the CBD to the River Torrens. This open space area and Government House would then become a much visited tourist attraction. The Governor (if that position still exists) could be relocated to one of the large residential properties in North Adelaide with an office provided in the CBD. The old Government House could still be used for official Government functions.

Regards

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