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*Adelaide City Council Draft 2010-11 Business Plan and Budget.*

**The South East City Residents Association (SECRA)** welcomes the opportunity to respond to this ACC draft 2010-2011 Business Plan and Budget.

**We support the Council's Business Plan and Budget for 2010-11.**

We would like to make the following observations:

- we would like to know what projects depend on State, Federal or private funding.
- we support the redevelopment of Victoria Square (with the retention of areas where people can sit in shady areas) and would like to see a commitment from the State Government.
- we support efforts to increase the population of the City but would encourage developments that are family-friendly rather than those that concentrate on the building of investment properties (that can remain empty for much of the year).
- families, generally, do not support extended hours for hotels and clubs in residential areas.
- we support increased funding for improvements to heritage buildings and streetscapes. Some of this funding could be used to help dispel the myth that protecting heritage has negative economic consequences for owners.
- we would like increases to horticultural services so that existing street plantings of shrubs and trees could be adequately maintained. The plantings at Angas Street/Hutt Street are much neglected.
- in previous submissions to previous budgets we have asked for improvements to footpaths, street lighting and maintenance of street plantings in our area.
- we support requests by residents in Corryton, Gladstone and Carrington Streets for new plantings in no-standing zones incorporating "protuberances" into the street. We believe that the Council should support efforts by residents to look after their neighbourhood.
- we would like more trees planted to provide shade for pedestrians e.g. in Halifax Street between Hutt and Pulteney there are gaps that need to be filled.
- we want existing street trees (in particular those in Gladstone Street) retained. We deplore a "risk management" culture that advocates the cutting down of street trees in case someone at some time in the future should decide to sue for some possible damage to their property.
- we believe that narrow streets with narrow footpaths (such as Vincent street/Vincent Lane) should be a priority for undergrounding of power lines (and removal of stobie poles). These footpaths are not wheelchair/gopher/pram-friendly.
- we support the replacement of the 16-seater Connector bus with a 24-seater bus. The Connector Bus service is well patronized by residents and the larger bus makes it possible for the elderly and the disabled to better use the service. We noted last year

that the universities provide an afternoon bus for their students but not one in the morning and this causes problems for others trying to use the service.

- we suggest that Council investigate applying a speed limit of 30kmph in residential streets in our area.
  
- Hutt Street is an arterial road but it is also the centre of a residential shopping area. We suggest a speed limit of 40kmph on Hutt Street.
- we support the proposed pedestrian refuge at Carrington Street/Hutt Street.
- we are pleased that the Council is addressing the issue of noise generated by events in the Park Lands. We ask that the current Noise Management Incentive Scheme be available to residents living near Park Lands as well as those bothered by noise from more permanent sources of noise.
- we support funding of the Box Factory Community Centre which provides an excellent service to our community in helping to support and create social capital.
- we have found the services of the Community Development Officer for our area very useful in helping our organisation interact more successfully with Council.

We will now comment on specific items that have special significance for the south-east of the city.

## **CAPITAL PROGRAM**

### **Capital - Strategic Enhancement Program**

#### *SE1 Adelaide Park Lands Trail – Stage 6*

We support this as many “non-lycra” cyclists would prefer to ride more slowly on a dual walking/cycling path rather than take their chances on the road. It also brings visitors into our area that may support businesses on Hutt Street.

#### *SE4 Sustainability, Cleansing and Recycling Initiatives.*

We would like the fines for littering reduced but then enforced by Council. We would ask food outlets to take responsibility for littering around their premises. Many residents are currently picking up litter but areas away from dwellings are often overlooked.

#### *SE7 Rundle Mall Master Plan*

Rundle Mall is our major shopping street and we would like to see property owners take better care of their heritage buildings (and better protection be provided for these buildings).

#### *SE9 Undergrounding Powerlines Program*

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#### *SE10 Victoria Park Masterplan Implementation – 2*

Residents and Park users have appreciated the tree planting and fitness track construction that took place last year. We were disappointed that the SA Motor Sport Board did not site their contractors' camp away from East Terrace and residential areas (although there has been a distinct improvement for residents and Park users in the re-siting of most of the camp further north away from the Halifax Street bike path). The SAMSB have been using the fitness/walking track for truck movements with subsequent damage to the track (which presumably will be repaired by the SAMSB). We ask the Council to instruct the SAMSB to remove temporary gravel tracks put down for the car race and return these to grassed areas as determined by the Victoria Park Master Plan.

Package 2 sees the continuation of the fitness/walking track and the creation of a number of ovals. This should not be at the expense of the south-east corner of Victoria Park where huge piles of dirt have accumulated from various projects including the first section of the fitness track.

We want the pre-European remnant vegetation in Victoria Park preserved in situ. The reduction in the number of ovals is more than made up for by the tourist/educational potential of such an important natural heritage site which is currently being considered for State Heritage protection.

*SE13 Lighting Pedestrian upgrade Gilles/Sturt Street*

Last year we supported residents' efforts to have this upgrade.

**Capital – Assess Renewal Programs**

**Transportation Program**

*T29 Gilles Street (Hutt to Pulteney Street) North Side – Footpath resurfacing.*

We support this.

**Drainage and Waterways Program**

*D3 Park 16 & Park 17 Flood Management*

In the past we have written to Federal Senators asking for their support for the ACC wetlands/water-harvesting project in Victoria Park.

**Park Lands and Squares Program**

*PL1 Park Lands Initiation and Data Collection.*

We support an approach that treats the Park Lands first and foremost as a natural system. This requires that protecting and enhancing biodiversity must take precedence over the staging of events. Data collection and staff expertise in the area of biodiversity is therefore most important. We would also like better data on Park use other than during events.

We note the number of cigarette butts in the Park Lands especially after events (and particularly the Clipsal 500 car race. Despite best efforts of organisers thousands of butts are discarded onto Park Lands). We suggest that there should be a policy of No Smoking in the Park Lands except in designated areas away from grassed areas and provided with butt out bins.

*PL5 Street Tree Replacement Program*

We need more street trees for shade in summer.

**Properties**

*P43 Victoria Park Heritage Grandstand*

We support further work on the heritage grandstand with the restoration being completed as a matter of priority so that it can be used by schools and other community groups. We note that the Clipsal 500 car race is encroaching on the area in front of the grandstand, despite organisers having assured us last year that they could not increase their existing footprint. This, indeed, was their argument for not moving the contractors' camp away from East Terrace and residential areas towards Wakefield Street.

We do not wish to speak in support of our submission.

Yours sincerely,

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