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Community Consultation  
Attention: Ray Scheuboeck  
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Dear Ray

On behalf of residents of the south-east precinct of the City of Adelaide, SECRA thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the draft concept plan for Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra Park (Park 21W).

SECRA supports the planned approach to upgrading the Adelaide Park Lands to ensure that they are enjoyed by residents and visitors to the city for years to come. We believe that our comments are in line with the *Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025* (APLMS) which contains the following relevant strategies:

- STRATEGY 1.4 Support activation of the Park Lands by upgrading and enhancing buildings and structures responsive to their park setting
- STRATEGY 2.4 Create a path network within each park
- STRATEGY 2.5 Install wayfinding signage enhancing the legibility of paths and connections across the Park Lands
- STRATEGY 2.8 Provide car parking on and adjacent to the Park Lands only where need has been demonstrated, and no reasonable alternative exists.

SECRA notes that the theme of the APLMS is "striving for balance, managing tensions, creating a future." It is SECRA's view that this balance is retained through reducing the use of the Park Lands for car parking, keeping the footprint of buildings within the Park Lands to a minimum, and that these structures are to be aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the surrounding Park Lands. This approach balances community use of the Park Lands with adequate protection and enhancement of Park Lands flora and fauna (and in particular the indigenous species of the Adelaide Plains).

SECRA, therefore, does not support the proposal for a 150 space car park in Park 21W and is strongly opposed to the road and car park linking a new amenities building to be located in the centre of the Park. In doing so, we note there is ample car parking along Goodwood Road, Greenhill Road, South Terrace and the adjacent Park 22.

SECRA also acknowledges that some structures on the Park Lands provide essential amenities to support community sport including change rooms for players and officials, first aid and storage. The existing amenities building located on the edge of the parklands near Goodwood Road requires significant renovation if it is to continue to carry out these functions. SECRA is of the view that the current location of the amenities building is appropriate as it is visible, accessible, easy to police and maintain. Any improvement or replacement of this facility should retain the same or similar footprint.

SECRA was consulted on proposed design and location of the amenities building in Victoria Park, and this resulted in what is considered to be an aesthetically acceptable structure in that Park. SECRA would like to see a similar consultation process occur with the proposed sporting pavilion in Park 21W.

SECRA would also like to make the following comments on the use of Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra Park and is generally supportive (pending further detail) of the:

- meandering paths proposed in the concept plan
- realignment of the Park Lands Trail through the centre of Park 21 and linking up with the trail in Park 22
- planting of further trees and the provision of seating around the ovals to further the use of the park like environment for spectators.

SECRA suggests the following ideas for unstructured areas:

- new modified sporting infrastructure for older children such as three on three courts, soccer goals and football goalposts placed adjacent to Princess Elizabeth playground
- new tables, seating and BBQ facilities to be set by the Park Lands Trail and biodiversity area enabling picnics and social events
- interpretative material, and
- remove the old driveway on the Greenhill Road boundary.

Finally, SECRA acknowledges the often overlooked historical connection of the Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra Park as the original location of the Dardanelles memorial, the first of its kind in Australia. The monument commemorates the landing of ANZAC forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915 resulting in many casualties.

We recommend that a plaque explaining the history of the Dardanelles memorial, which now resides in Anzac Parade adjacent to Government House, be erected adjacent to the Park Lands trail by the former wattle grove together with the planting of further wattle trees.

Attachment 1 is a revised version of the Park 21W Concept Plan outlining some of the above suggestions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408996890 should you wish to discuss any matter raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely



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# SECRA'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARK 21W CONCEPT PLAN



The planned 150 car parking spaces and the amenities building should not be located in the centre of the park. The amenities building should only be located alongside Goodwood Road. Car parking should not be located on the Park Lands but if it can be shown that there are insufficient parks currently available and then any car parking on the park should be kept to a minimum and be alongside the Goodwood Road boundary.

Play and kick area for older children with practice football, soccer and basketball goals.

Plaque acknowledging history and location of original Dardanelles memorial and Wattle Grove.

Remove old bitumen driveway and replace with grassed and trees/bushes.