

strengthening our community

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Dear Mr Reeve

RE: VICTORIA PARK LANDSCAPING & COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

Further to meetings and conversations held between you, other Adelaide City Council staff and SECRA representatives during the past six months I wish to reiterate those concerns that have been expressed by SECRA and its members regarding the redevelopment of Victoria Park.

Victoria Park is bounded by residential housing on both the eastern and western boundaries and these residents, together with the public from other suburbs, both near and far, use the park for recreational purposes. Victoria Park has the potential to be one of the most attractive and utilised areas of the Adelaide Park Lands but unfortunately for in excess of five months of the year much of the park is not able to be utilised by the public because of the setting up and dismantling of the infrastructure for the Clipsal 500 race.

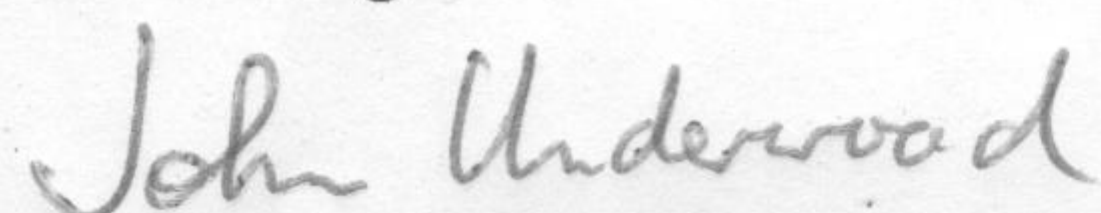
Even when not occupied by Clipsal 500 the extensive bitumen race track combined with the other paths and tracks that transverse the park detracts from what should be a park that is welcoming, provides the community with facilities and has an appealing landscape.

SECRA has previously requested that funds be made available for landscaping and plantings between the two east-west paths that have been recently completed in order to reduce the unattractiveness of these paths.

It is understood that the Adelaide City Council is applying for a State Government Open Space Grant for Victoria Park.

SECRA fully supports such an application as there are much needed funds for the provision of facilities, landscaping and plantings to enhance the experiences of the general public and local community using Victoria Park. Ideally this funding should be directed in those areas of the park that are not compromised by Clipsal and are available for use by the public for 12 months of the year.

Kind Regards



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