

16 January 2014

Hon Jay Weatherill  
Premier  
GPO Box 2343  
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Dear Mr Weatherill

Attached for your information is the South East Residents Association's (SECRA) submission on the Adelaide City Council Residential and Main Street DPA.

As can be seen from the submission SECRA is most concerned about the withdrawal of the Adelaide City Council's development planning and approval responsibilities and lack of consultation by your Government. Of particular concern is the withdrawal of the statutory consultation rights from the Adelaide City Council for developments over \$10 million by the Planning Minister John Rau and that this action was taken without any consultation with the Council. Residents rely upon Council to represent their concerns and interests and this representation has now effectively been taken away from city residents by the Minister for Planning. Likewise the creation of the St Andrews DPA was also done without any consultation with the Council.

Other residents' associations also share SECRA's concern and as a result representatives of City and Inner City Residents' Associations met last December and decided to form an alliance of City and Inner City Residents Associations (CISRA) to raise the public awareness on the most unsatisfactory situation regarding development planning prior to the state election in March 2014. It is important that residents are made aware of these issues prior to the election as persons are placed on the electoral roll on the basis of their principal place of residence and not by what businesses they own and what donations they may chose to give to political parties.

While SECRA understands that your Government is promoting development within the City of Adelaide this is no reason to exclude our elected Local Council from the development approval process. While there could be an argument to have approval of major developments with significant State importance placed in the hands of Government it is considered that setting this at the current \$10 million is too low. SECRA is of the view that this \$10 million limit should be much higher and in order to alleviate some of the Government's concerns Adelaide City Council's Development Assessment Panel's five independent members could be appointed by agreement between the Council and Government.

In order to ensure that SECRA can inform our residents on what your party's policies will be on development within the City of Adelaide if re-elected to Government could you please provide answers to the following questions. If a response is not received from you by 28 February 2014 residents will be advised accordingly.

1. Will the Expert Panel on Planning Reform be retained and will their recommendations be implemented unless there are substantial reasons to reject them?
2. Will any development approval responsibilities and statutory consultation rights be returned to the Adelaide City Council and if so what will these be and how will they be implemented?
3. Will the size of catalyst sites be increased from 1500 square metres to 2500 square metres as proposed by the Adelaide City Council and rejected by the current Minister of Planning?

Yours sincerely



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