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## PLANNING REFORM – PLANNED AND UNPLANNED

The most fundamental thing which drives Local Government and the most contentious issue for our Local Communities is the orderly planning of all aspects of the society in which we have all made a substantial investment. That investment is not only in the bricks and mortar in which we live or work from but also in the public spaces that we share and the type of Place that we have helped to create – all outcomes of our planning system which needs to be regularly reviewed and reformed.

**So the Government is to be commended for establishing an Expert Panel on Planning Reform but is to be condemned for then proceeding to seriously undermine confidence in the process by summarily adopting Development Plans without accepted community consultation and then going further to exclude the public by removing referrals to Councils for certain kinds of development which are of critical concern to local communities. This downward spiral began with the Adelaide City Council but now includes all Rim Councils – and where next?**

Councils, and the communities they represent, are not against development *per se* but they do have specialised fine-grained local knowledge and they do assert that such valuable knowledge should be heeded when policy is being developed and when applications for development approval are being considered.

**There is a growing groundswell of grassroots disaffection with the way in which John Rau, Minister for Planning, has been progressively removing Councils and the community from the planning processes. Most recently and most cynically of all he has removed the last vestige of community input from many critical planning decisions by removing referral to ACC and the Rim Councils. This is bad policy and even worse implementation. It is hard to know why the Minister would take such provocative actions and choose to pick a fight at this point in the life of the Weatherill Government.**

**Council has now resolved to take a strong position coming into the State election to demand full restoration of its development assessment powers through the removal of the \$10M cap, a review of recent Ministerial DPAs impacting on the city (Capital City DPA and St Andrew's Institutional DPA) and to prepare an SOI for submission to the new government post election in March 2014 and to have a full review of all outstanding Heritage Listings in the CBD.**

## RECOGNITION FOR ADELAIDE'S GREAT BUILDINGS

Sixty two of the city's buildings have been recognised as being historically and architecturally significant in Adelaide City Council's 'Great Buildings' project.

As part of this year's *About Time: South Australia's History Festival*, Adelaide City Council asked city residents, students, workers and visitors to submit their favourite buildings in the city, North Adelaide and the Park Lands. The final 'Great Buildings' list was then chosen by a panel of design and architecture experts. The final list and photo gallery is available at [www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/great-buildings](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/great-buildings).

**From landmark heritage churches to early dwellings, and from contemporary university buildings to intricate glasshouses, the list showcases the diversity of our city's architecture. There was an overwhelming response with 192 buildings submitted by the public and 5372 votes cast. Thank you to those who took the time to participate.**

Cycling and walking trails will be developed in time for *About Time: South Australia's History Festival* in May 2014.

## PREPARE FOR AGEING NOW

A report by the Productivity Commission - **An Ageing Australia: Preparing for the Future** - has found that Australia is facing a major slowdown in its growth in national income per capita and productivity outlook at the same time as ageing will start to make major demands on all Australian governments.

**The population aged 75 or more years is projected to rise by 4 million from 2012 to 2060. In 2012, there was roughly, one centenarian for every 100 babies. By 2060, it is estimated that there will be 25 such centenarians.** Meanwhile, Australia's population will continue to grow strongly, and is expected to lie between 34 and 42 million by 2060,

To access the report, click here. <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/commission/ageing-australia>

**I WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FROM MY NOTES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR. THE NEXT EDITION WILL BE AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 29 JANUARY 2014. I WISH ALL MY READERS & CONSTITUENTS A HAPPY, HOLY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS.**

**Council Meeting- 10 December 2013 (Next Ordinary Mtg 14 January 2014 (6pm) – Gp 1 Céés – Tues 21 Jan (5.30pm)**

NB: Group 1 Committees are the City Planning and Development Committee and the City Culture and Community Facilities Committee  
Agenda Items 1 to 3 are standard items which include the Acknowledgment of Country and the other usual formalities.

- 4. **Apologies** All members were present.
- 5. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meetings of held on **26 October and 5 December** were taken as read and confirmed.
- 7. **Deputation** The Council was addressed by Mr Ian Vagg, a N.A. resident, re proposed **event parking controls**.
- 9. **Report of the City Planning and Development Committee – 3 December (Presented by Chair: Cllr Malani)**
  - 9.1 Council noted release of State Government 'Housing in the City' strategy and agreed to work with key stakeholders to further the work of housing in the city but noted some of the adverse impacts of recent planning changes on city property.
  - 9.2 Council will advise **the Premier** in the **strongest possible terms** of its opposition to the removal of referral of DA's over \$10M to Council for its opinions and expertise. This is the last vestige of community involvement and is to be deplored.
  - 9.3 Council agreed to changes to the **Connector Service** following community consultation. The new service which will be combined with the City Loop and will provide a **vastly improved service** will begin on **26 January**. Council expressed its concern that the **livery of the vehicles** should be distinctive and should acknowledge Council's contribution to the service.
  - 9.4 Council adopted the **Oval On-Street Event Parking Plan** subject to inclusion of a **permit system** for residents.
  - 9.5 Council noted and agreed in principle with the **SMA Oval Traffic and Transport Management Plan** subject to concerns about **CBD business access**, the exclusion of taxi layovers in **Pinky Flat** and other aspects of **access to N.A.**
  - 9.6 Council adopted the **Climate Change Action Plan 2013-2015** which includes working with Eastern Region Councils.
  - 9.7 Council endorsed a process to create Plans for the **Central Market District** and the **greater West End District**.
  - 9.8 Council noted with regret the death of **Mr Gilbert Currie** who was the Dep. City Planner 74-81 and City Planner 82-84. *The committee confirmed Nov Minutes, re-appointed me as Deputy Chair and received an update on its Parklet Programme*
- 10. **Report of the City Culture and Community Services Committee – 3 December (Presented by Chair, Cllr Hender)**
  - 10.1. Council granted temporary licence to **Adelaide Motorsport Festival** in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi on **13 April 2014**.
  - 10.2 Council endorsed the revised location to **Topham Mall** for the **Sensing with Light Artworks** subject to DA approval. *The committee also confirmed November Minutes, Adopted Town Hall Fees and Charges and received the Monthly Update*
- 11. **Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 3 Dec. (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
  - 11.1 Council approved the request for a memorial bronze plaque of **Dr Reginald Sprigg AO** to be located on **North Tce**.
  - 11.2 Council approved the removal of the **Moreton Bay Fig** tree located in the n/e corner of **Hindmarsh Square/Mogata**. *The committee also received Adelaide High School Rowing Club consultation results and the Monthly Update.*
- 12. **Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 3 December (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
  - 12.1 Council authorised the CEO to prepare a submission to the relevant Minister re **compulsory voting for Adelaide CC**. The submission is to be made following the March 2014 State Election.
  - 12.2 The CEO is to prepare a position paper setting out **10 key areas of concern** to Council in the coming State Election. *The committee also confirmed its Nov. Minutes and considered the Forward Procurement Report and the Monthly Update.*
- 13. **Report of Adelaide Park Lands Authority - Meeting held 28 November (Deputy Chair Ms Mary Marsland Presiding)**
  - 13.1 The Authority advised Council that it **supports proposed changes** to the car parking arrangements for the **Adelaide Bowling Club in Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka**, extending restrictions from 3 to 4 hours and changing No Stopping times.
- 14. **Report of Adelaide City Council Audit Committee – Mtg 29 November (Chair Mr Allen Bolaffi Presiding)**
  - 14.1 Council noted and received the report from the Audit Committee regarding **requirements of ICAC** on Internal Financial Controls and the Best Practice Model for Adelaide City Council.
  - 14.2 The Committee noted the **LGA Mutual Liability Scheme** Risk Management Report with no actions being required.
- 15/16. **Reports from the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors** Clearihan, Hender, Malani and myself noting functions and activities undertaken on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Council were received.
- 17. **Report from Cllr Abiad on** his representation of Council at the **FutureGov Summit 2013 at Phuket** was noted.

**Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**

- 18 Council endorsed comments as a landholder on hotel development of **174-180 Wright Street** for submission to DAC.
- 19. Council nominated **Cllr Clearihan** to the Minister to continue to represent Council on the **Education Adelaide Board**.
- 20. **Question on Notice** None
- 21 **Reply to Question w/o Notice** by Cllr Williamson re **Outdoor Dining Policy**.
- 22. **Questions without Notice** None
- 23/24/25. **Motions on Notice** were moved by **Cllr Malani** re Attracting Business to the City • **Cllr Moran** re **Clipper Ship**, City of Adelaide & support for location at Pt. Adelaide • **Cllr Moran** re waiving encroachment policy re **Gawler Chambers**.
- 26 **Urgent Business**. **Cllr Williamson** reported recent sporting & academic achievements of the **Adelaide High School**.

**Confidential Items (28-34)** • 28-Connector Bus Service • 29-Rundle Mall Lighting • 30-Planning Matters • 31-Appointment of Audit Committee Chair • 32-Civic Recognition Request • 33-Australia Day Awards • 34-CEO Performance Review.

**Any views expressed herein are those of Cllr Plumridge AM and do not purport to be those of the Adelaide City Council.**