



27th Sept 2021

To, Mayor, Angela Evans

CC Paul Sutton, CEO
Bruce Williams, Gen Manager, City Services

Dear Mayor Evans,

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association, as one member of the 35 residential action groups comprising Community Alliance SA, wishes to fully support and endorse the following motion seeking LGA support and calling on the State Government for an independent and comprehensive review of the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act.

WACRA continues to express concerns about inappropriate housing and high-rise developments in our local government areas without any consideration for residents or 'Greening Adelaide' aims and objectives.

WACRA seeks your support in actioning the Community Alliance SA motion.

Bert Brown

Chair, WACRA

MOTION:

That the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) considers the following motion at its next meeting on the 1st November:

The LGA calls on the State Government for an independent and comprehensive review of the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act and associated documents with respect to maintaining effective and defensible democratic process related to:

1. *Local participation in planning*

2. *Local government representation in planning*
3. *The protection of local heritage places and items; and*
4. *The preservation of neighbourhood character through consideration of appropriate design principles*

By actioning this suggestion prior to the state election, all stakeholders can be clear about the support candidates will have with respect to democratic processes in planning.

We submit that our members and supporters have consistently raised concerns over the manner in which the planning reform process has ignored specific concerns regarding engagement, lack of acknowledgement to loss of notification and comment for development proposals, and the excessive costs expended by the SPC. There has been little inclusive and thorough training of the public and councils prior to activation of the Code. Consequently the activation involved a premature and problematic on-line system, with the Commission ignoring submissions raising key concerns, inclusive of process, heritage content and climate change response.

We ask this on behalf of our members. The Community Alliance SA Inc (CASA) is an umbrella organisation for over 35 residential action groups in South Australia. CASA was formed in 2011 following a number of controversial Ministerial Development Plan Amendments that caused widespread community concern. We advocate for our member groups, including lobbying for reform of government, planning and related legislation, and for genuine community engagement.

We would be grateful if you could respond to this request, and are available should you have any further questions,

Yours sincerely



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