

DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

MB23-002255

To: Minister for the Environment and Water

**MEETING WITH THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR OF ADELAIDE,
DR JANE LOMAX SMITH AM**

Timing: For meeting on 29 March 2023

Date	29 March 2023
Time	11-11.30am
Location	APH M1.48
Meeting with	The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax Smith AM City of Adelaide (Adelaide City Council)
Prior meetings	The department is not aware of any prior meetings. .
Is this meeting organised by a lobbyist organisation?	No
If so, are they registered on the Australian Government Register of Lobbyists?	
The Lobbyist Register - Australian Government Lobbyist Register (ag.gov.au)	
What we want	To hear from the Lord Mayor about the World Heritage proposal for the <i>Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout, and rural settlement areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges</i> . s. 22 Talking points are provided at <u>Attachment A</u> .
What they want	The Lord Mayor's Office has provided an agenda for the meeting (<u>Attachment B</u>).

The agenda notes that the Lord Mayor would like to discuss support for the World Heritage nomination for the *Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout, and rural settlement areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges*.

It also mentions concerns about the proposed new Women's and Children's Hospital and its impact on the National Heritage values of *Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout*, and potential implications for the proposed World Heritage nomination.

Issues/Sensitivities

Further information and background on these issues is provided at Attachment C.

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Proposed World Heritage nomination: *Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout, and rural settlement areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges*

5. On 23 January 2023 the Hon Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier of South Australia, wrote to you advising that the SA Government has committed to work with the

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Adelaide City Council to investigate a bid for Adelaide and its surrounds to be nominated to the World Heritage List (**Attachment F**).

6. There has been media attention on the matter, highlighting the disconnect between the SA Government's support of the World Heritage nomination and its intent to develop the nWCH within the Adelaide Park Lands.
7. The department has not seen details of the proposed nomination, including the boundary or potential heritage values, and therefore is unable to provide a position on whether the nWCH poses a 'threat' to the World Heritage nomination.

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Consultation

YES

The department is in regular contact with officials in Heritage SA and the project team for the nWCH proposal.

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Attachments**Attachment A:** Suggested talking points**Attachment B:** Agenda for the meeting**Attachment C:** Background

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Attachment F: South Australian letter of intent to progress a World Heritage nomination, 23 January 2023

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Attachment A**Suggested talking points – Meeting with Lord Mayor of Adelaide****Update on World Heritage proposal for Adelaide and its surrounds**

- The South Australian Deputy Premier, the Hon Susan Close, wrote in January 2023 to advise that the South Australian Government has committed to work with the Adelaide City Council to investigate a bid for Adelaide and its surrounds to be nominated to the World Heritage List.
- World Heritage listing takes a long time and the Deputy Premier's advice that the tentative listing process will take up to two years is noted.

Seeking support for World Heritage bid

- The World Heritage Intergovernmental Agreement outlines that the states are responsible for preparing World Heritage tentative list submissions and nominations, in consultation with the Australian Government.
- The Australian Government is responsible for ensuring the documentation is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the World Heritage Convention and Operational Guidelines, and for submitting it to the World Heritage Committee.
- My department is available to provide advice on this process as needed.
- Australian Government support will be considered when the relevant documents are prepared and consultation has been undertaken.

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**Potential impacts on the World Heritage proposal from developments in the Park Lands**

- The potential for impacts on the World Heritage proposal will depend on what values are assessed as being of World Heritage significance.
- An analysis could then be undertaken of the impacts of specific proposals against these values.

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Agenda Meeting with Minister Plibersek

29 March, Canberra

Agenda Items

- Update on World Heritage Bid process progress.
 - Nomination is for **World Heritage Listing: the Adelaide Park Lands and city layout, and rural settlement areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges**.
 - Driven in collaboration with Adelaide Hills Council representing Councils across the Mount Lofty Ranges (Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom).
 - Threats to success
- Seeking World Heritage Bid support from Minister Plibersek.

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Lord Mayor's Key Points

- Lord Mayor of City of Adelaide, which has care and control of approx. 80% of the Park Lands, the SA State Government has care and control of the remainder.
- Presiding Member of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority which:
 - Plays a key policy role with respect to the management and protection of the Park Lands
 - Provides comments and advice in relation to the operation of any lease, licence or other form of grant of occupation of land within the Park Lands
 - Provides advice to the Adelaide City Council and to the Minister on policy, development, heritage, and management issues affecting the Park Lands
 - More generally seeks to ensure the interests of South Australians are taken into account, and support activities to protect or enhance the Park Lands
- A *staunch supporter of the conservation of* Heritage places and the Park Lands
- Committed to no net loss of park lands and no further encroachment on Parklands land, and actively engaged with State on their various projects which threat the Park Lands.
- Previously Lord Mayor of Adelaide 1997-2000
- Long-standing interest and passion for the City of Adelaide and the Park Lands as State Member of Parliament 2002-2010 – Minister for the City of Adelaide and Minister for Tourism

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Attachment C**Background**

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Proposed World Heritage nomination: Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout, and rural settlement areas of the Mount Lofty Ranges

- The World Heritage bid for Adelaide and its surrounds is a joined-up bid of two previously separate proposals: The Adelaide Park Lands and the Mount Lofty Ranges.
- The nomination is being led by the Adelaide City Council, in collaboration with other local councils within the Mount Lofty Region.
- The South Australian Government anticipates the tentative listing process will take up to two years to ensure a robust proposal is developed and appropriate consultation is undertaken, including with First Nations groups.

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Dear Minister, *Tanya*

The South Australian government has committed to work with the Adelaide City Council to investigate a bid for Adelaide and its surrounds to be nominated for World Heritage status.

A local government alliance has developed a proposal for a joined-up bid for the Adelaide Park Lands and Mount Lofty Ranges. The proposal has been subjected to technical review by World Heritage experts **s. 47F(1)**, and a further technical workshop on 25-26 August 2022.

The World Heritage proposal contends that the nineteenth century property comprising Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes, including the early Adelaide plan, is of Outstanding Universal Value as exceptional evidence of the Wakefield systematic colonisation model, an important and influential model in the history of European free migration and colonial settlement. The proposal contends that the site represents the most complete realisation of British colonial settlement planning in the world, and/or a major achievement of such colonial planning.

I have written to the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and the Mayor of the Adelaide Hills Council to provide support for the Tentative Listing process to commence. Through the technical work undertaken so far, I believe there is a basis for pursuing further investigations for a World Heritage nomination. It is likely that the Tentative Listing process will take up to 2 years to ensure that there is a robust proposal, identify candidate areas for nomination, identify management issues, and undertake community consultation and obtain First Nations support. The latter in particular is important given the nature of the proposal. Early discussions with First Nations groups have confirmed that potentially significant truth-telling and awareness building will be required for the community. Technical experts suggest that there is a case for demonstrating how the settlement utilised existing settlement patterns of the original inhabitants.

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I have advised the local government consortium that my support is conditional on all of the requirements being met for a robust Tentative Listing document, and eventual state and Australian government support for the final document.

My department has from time to time kept your department briefed on the status of this proposal and will continue to liaise as the local government consortium develops the Tentative Listing document.

Yours sincerely



Hon Susan Close MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

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From: S. 22 [P. Pilbersek, MP] on behalf of Pilbersek, Tanya (MP)
To: Minister Pilbersek
Subject: FW: CEW22/01265 - Hon Tanya Pilbersek MP - City of Adelaide & Adelaide hills preparing a joint world heritage nomination [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
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Good afternoon,
Please find attached a letter from the Office of the Deputy Premier, the Hon Susan Close MP.
Kind regards,

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From: s. 47F(1)
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Subject: RE: Request from Lord Mayor of Adelaide to meet Minister Plibersek - 29 March [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
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Thanks s. 22

11am would work well on Wed 29th. Please confirm in the diary.

Unfortunately Dr Lomax-Smith is unable to attend the Council of Mayors on the 30th (flying back to Adelaide first thing) so must miss Minister Plibersek's presentation to the Council.

Best regards

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Dear s. 47F(1),

The minister would be delighted to meet with Mayor Lomax-Smith. I can offer 11am on the morning of 29 March, if that suits at your end. Please note, we have offered the Council of Mayors as a group time on 30 March, at 10am.

s. 22 has passed on your agenda, thank you.

Please let me know whether the above time works for you, and I will confirm in the diary.

All the very best,

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Wednesday, 1 March 2023 9:14 PM

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Subject: Request from Lord Mayor of Adelaide to meet Minister Plibersek - 29 March

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Attn Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Water

Hello **S. 22**

I introduce myself as Chief of Staff to Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM (Lord Mayor of Adelaide).

The Lord Mayor hopes to meet Minister Plibersek sometime on Wednesday 29th March, when she is in Canberra for the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors.

She would like to update the Minister on progress towards the World Heritage recognition of the Adelaide Park Lands, including support recently committed by the South Australian Government.

Could we discuss this possibility in the next few days, by phone or email?

Best regards

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter addressed to Minister Plibersek from the National President and SA Chapter President of the Australian Institute of Architects.

Kind regards,

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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



20 April 2023

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
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Dear Minister Plibersek,

Re: Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout

We write to you on behalf of the Australian Institute of Architects, which represents over 900 members in South Australia and over 13,500 members nationally.

We ask you to take immediate action to protect the Adelaide Park Lands. We believe the various developments proposed by the SA Government will significantly impact the heritage values of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.

Most concerning are the new SA Police Mounted Operations Unit, currently proposed for Park 21 West¹, and the new Women's and Children's Hospital to be built on the site of Thebarton Police Barracks.

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¹ <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-12/sapol-wants-mounted-operations-unit-relocated-to-mirnu-wirra/102085842>

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World Heritage Bid

Compromising the heritage values of the Park Lands as noted in the National Heritage Register also represents a threat to a bid for World Heritage listing being prepared by the City of Adelaide in partnership with the Adelaide Hills Council. This bid has in-principle support from the SA Government⁷. World Heritage Listing has the potential to offer tangible benefits in the form of increased tourism and international recognition.

Sites proposed for World Heritage Listing need to be recognised and protected locally if the bid is to have any realistic chance of success. This reflects the expectation that local authorities will protect and maintain world heritage sites.

The proposed actions by recent South Australian governments in using the Park Lands as a 'free' land bank to conceal the actual cost of government developments will place the World Heritage listing bid for the Adelaide City Layout and Adelaide Hills at significant risk. Furthermore, the recommendation from the SA Heritage Council to list the Park Lands as a State Heritage Area has been sitting in limbo since 2018. These actions (or lack thereof) directly counter the in-principle support for the World Heritage bid.

The value of green space

Beyond their value as a heritage site, the Park Lands are a vital resource for South Australians. As our urban population grows and the density of urban development increases, the need for publicly accessible green space also becomes greater. Research demonstrates that access to green space improves people's mental and physical health⁸. Green space also enables an active lifestyle, in turn promoting wellness and building community. Culturally, green space is important to the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains, and other Aboriginal people located in Adelaide. Finally, green space is vital in addressing climate change, assisting with mitigation of urban heat, stormwater management and supporting biodiversity.

Next steps

The Institute is committed to heritage conservation and the effective management of heritage places by all levels of government for the benefit of the community. While our

⁷ <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/media-centre/adelaides-world-heritage-bid-one-step-closer/>

⁸ e.g. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5663018/>

primary focus is understanding and preservation of built heritage, the value of cultural landscapes, such as the Adelaide Park Lands, is also of great interest.

We would like to understand better what you, as Minister, the AHC and DCCEEW will do to intervene to protect National Heritage-listed sites like the Park Lands. It is certainly our hope that action can be taken prior to the commencement of demolition or construction, rather than after this has occurred.

Yours sincerely



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