

MEDIA RELEASE

Launch of Community Alliance SA Inc **Sunday 27 November 2011 at 1pm** **St Clair Reserve, Woodville Road, Woodville**

A new Community Alliance of over 15 active organisations has been formed to challenge and propose the need for substantial changes to the planning process of State and Local Governments.

A day for sharing of stories, planning action and engaging for reform, **Community Alliance SA Inc** will be launched by **Senator Nick Xenophon on Sunday 27 November at 1.00pm**. Presenters will include:

Mark Parnell MLC	Greens SA Parliamentary Leader,
Carol Vincent	Chief Executive, South Australian Farmers Federation,
Kirsten Alexander	Mayor, City of Charles Sturt

Ruth Trigg, Helen Wilmore and Cam Stafford will also be presenting to members and friends of the Alliance. All members of the public and the media are invited to this event. Food and drinks will be provided by the Centennial Park Scout Group.

BACKGROUND

Significant adverse and damaging planning decisions have been made by the Labor Government, impacting upon many areas across South Australia, including the Adelaide Park Lands, Cheltenham Park Racecourse, St Clair Reserve, Glenside, Mount Barker and Gawler, and ignoring valid concerns of residents and community groups.

Community Alliance SA Inc was established on 11 October 2011 as a state wide advocacy group to lobby Government for genuine community consultation and reform.

Foundation Groups

The Foundation Groups who assisted with the planning of the Alliance are:

- Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association Inc
- Adelaide Showgrounds Area Residents Group Inc
- Australian Civic Trust Inc

- Burnside Save Open Spaces Inc
- Cheltenham Park Residents' Association Inc
- Gawler Region Community Forum Inc
- Mount Barker & District Residents' Association Inc
- North Adelaide Society Inc
- Norwood Residents Association Inc
- People's Environment Protection Alliance Inc
- Prospect Residents' Association Inc
- River Lakes and Coorong Action Group Inc
- South Australian Federation of Residents and Ratepayers Inc
- St Clair Reserve Residents Association Inc
- Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association Inc

Membership is open to any South Australian organisation which supports the objectives of the Alliance and agrees to be bound by its rules.

Aim and Objectives

Community Alliance aims to lobby for reform of the Development Act and all related acts, regulations and legislation to provide planning that incorporates genuine community engagement and collaboration.

The objectives of the Community Alliance SA Inc are to:

1. Campaign for ethical and transparent governance including the provision of genuine information to communities.
2. Lobby for reform of planning, development and related legislation to ensure participative decision making with real community engagement.
3. Lobby for sufficient resources for reform of compliance and enforcement of relevant legislation and regulations and procedures.
4. Act as an advocate for residents' associations and community groups in South Australia.

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