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Engaging for Reform



# Media Release

## ***“People to Prod Politicians over Poor Planning”***

A Demonstration with Street Theatre  
Wed 5 March 11.30am Parliament House

“Poor planning decisions and lack of democratic decision making have pushed communities to *'Prod the Politicians'* to revise the State 30 Year Plan and put people back into the planning process” said Tom Matthews, President Community Alliance SA

Community Alliance SA consists of 30+ community groups who have called on all SA political parties to make an election commitment to -

**A full revision of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide**

**A reinstatement of local councils as principal decision makers**

**An end to political donations that influence the planning process**

**Genuine community engagement**

**Protection of heritage and character of suburban street scapes and open space**

“The people have been silenced for too long”

“We are taking our message to our political leaders who need to be reminded that they are there to listen, represent and be accountable to the people” said Mr Matthews.

“We are angry that the only time that they want to be seen with the people is at election time and ignore our call for a transparent and accountable planning process that includes the vision and concerns of the people”.

Every politician and candidate has been sent a questionnaire seeking their responses to making commitments to a fair, open and community inclusive planning process.

They are so far very silent and it is our intention at the demonstration to expose this silence.

“They will know we are around and we intend to keep 'prodding politicians' until we have a fair and transparent planning system that puts the people back into planning and development in SA” said Mr Matthews.

### **Contact and further information**

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