

South Australia is our backyard: Community views of the new planning system

The State Government's planning reforms will change the way our State, city, suburbs, neighbourhoods and backyards are planned and developed.

To encourage wider public debate on these important issues, Community Alliance SA – an umbrella organisation representing about 25 community and resident groups – has organised a public forum on the proposed new planning reforms and upcoming review of the 30-Year Plan for Adelaide

Forum speakers include Minister for Planning, **John Rau**, Opposition Shadow Minister for Planning, Local Government and Regional Development, **Steven Griffiths**, and Greens MLC **Mark Parnell**.

Announcing the proposed new legislation yesterday, Mr Rau said: "There will be an emphasis on deeper consultation and community engagement, upfront, in the initial formulation of policy. This is a win for communities."

However Community Alliance SA president Tom Matthews said "communities will actually lose out by being further removed from decisions about proposed developments".

Mr Matthews said other key issues from a community perspective included:

- Elected council members being removed from decision-making
- An emphasis on faster approvals leading to inappropriate decisions
- Character of suburbs being degraded by a reduction in the number of zones and a 'tick box' approach.
- The Planning Minister having too much control
- The proposed urban growth boundary being 'too little too late'
- Whether the 'infrastructure delivery scheme' will spread development costs fairly and deliver critical infrastructure when needed

Members of the public are invited to submit questions to be put to a Q&A-style panel of experts including: **Carolyn Wigg** – Community Alliance SA. **Paul Leadbeter** - Conservation Council SA, **Kevin O'Leary** – Urban planner and commentator, **Norman Etherington** – President National Trust SA.

**Community Alliance SA Planning Forum with MC Mike Smithson, of Seven News –
Wednesday, October 21, 7pm, at Burnside Ballroom (corner Greenhill and Portrush roads)**

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