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STATE ELECTION 2014 QUESTIONS

The Community Alliance SA is asking SA political parties and prospective politicians whether they will make a commitment to the following, enabling changes to the current planning arrangements in South Australia that require urgent attention and action:

1. A review of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide that:

- is based on real population growth figures
- reviews land use to stop further urban sprawl
- incorporates community views in a genuine and meaningful community engagement process
- is based on sound research and analysis, including discussion of different options
- is developed by publicly-employed planners, and not from outsourcing to the development industry
- is properly integrated with plans for transport and infrastructure
- delivers a plan for a truly sustainable Greater Adelaide, socially, environmentally and economically.

2. The reinstatement of local councils as the principal decision makers for developments

3. A commitment to ensuring that infill development in central and inner Adelaide protects heritage, character, amenity and the environment

4. An end to political donations that can influence the planning process

5. A commitment to embedding genuine community engagement in the planning system, including through a Community Participation Charter based on the following seven principles (from the NSW White Paper*):

Partnership - the community is to be provided with opportunities to participate in planning

Accessibility - the community is to have access to information that is easy to read and understand

Early Involvement - the community is to be provided with opportunities to participate in strategic planning at an early stage before decisions are made

Right to be Informed - the community has a right to be informed about planning decisions that affect them

Proportionate - community participation in development decisions is to be proportionate to the significance of the proposed development

Inclusiveness - planning authorities are to seek the views of the community through participation methods that are inclusive and appropriate to the needs of the community

Transparency - planning authorities are to make decisions in an open and transparent way and provide the community with reasons for their decisions, including how community views have been taken into account

* NSW Government White Paper "A new planning system for NSW: Community Participation - A FRESH APPROACH"