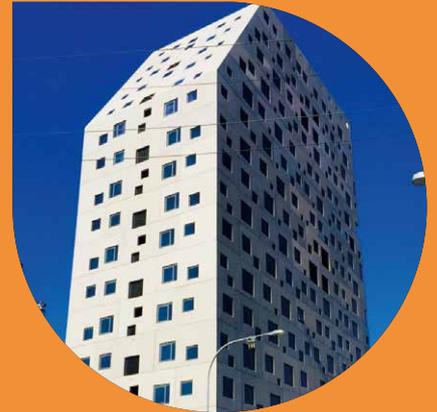


COMMUNITY ALLIANCE SA ELECTION PLATFORM 2022

**PUTTING THE PEOPLE
BACK INTO PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT IN SA**



**DEAR CANDIDATE - IF ELECTED, WILL
YOU SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
SA PLANNING SYSTEM SOUGHT BY
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE SA?**



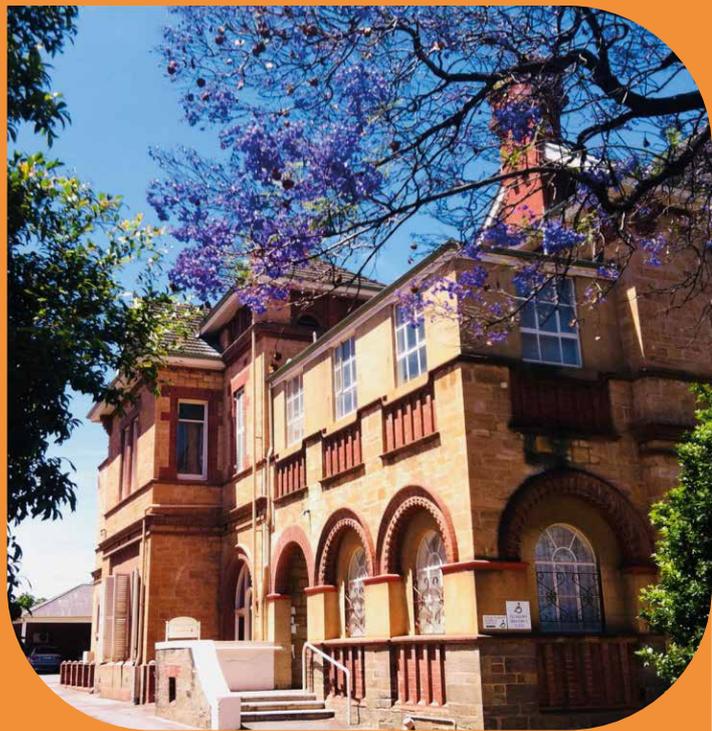
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Community Alliance
South Australia ●

INTRODUCTION

Community Alliance SA Inc, (CASA) is an umbrella organisation for over 33 resident action groups in South Australia. CASA was formed in 2011 following several controversial Ministerial Development Plan Amendments (DPAs) that caused widespread community concern. We advocate for our member groups, including lobbying for reform of government, planning and related legislation, and for genuine community engagement.

The new SA Planning System promised clarity, certainty, and efficiency with the state planning system. It fails to deliver. What currently has resulted from the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act, Regulations and Code contents is public confusion over planning policies, less transparency, negative impacts from smaller lot redevelopment involving excess car parking on streets, significant destruction of tree canopy, reduced protection for all three levels of heritage buildings and no significant increase in urban density.



WILL YOU COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING CHANGES?

GOOD GOVERNANCE • PROHIBIT POLITICAL DONATIONS • HERITAGE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION • COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHARTER

1. GOOD GOVERNANCE

Good governance equals good planning for the whole community and their environment. Amend the legislation to enable:

- Establishment of a wider range of State Planning Commission membership including people with qualifications and expertise in Urban Design, Ecology, Public Health, Heritage Management, Economics and Social Planning to augment the peak body responsible for research based policy improvements.
- The basic recognition of local, regional and state strategic planning established through an equitable and collaborative partnership to guide Code Policy content.

- Code Amendment Reports to be consistent with strategic plans and related legislation applicable to the property re zoning.
- Maintain government planning staff in an advisory capacity to the Commission who vote on policy changes.

WILL YOU SUPPORT reform of the State Planning Commission to provide this representation?

2. POLITICAL DONATIONS

In other states Political donations have been the subject of corruption and donations being made for favours. Developers do not make donation without wanting something in return. Political donations have been banned in NSW and QLD.

WILL YOU SUPPORT legislation prohibiting developers from making political donations?

3. HERITAGE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION

The P&D Code policies diminish heritage controls significantly. Our heritage needs to be recognised, protected and managed in a positive manner that conserves and adapts to changing circumstances.

CASA advocates:

- An integrated Historic Places Act for the listing of local and state heritage places consistent with criteria. Public nominations for listing local items.
- Development of heritage listed places separately assessed under the provisions of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act. Policies for development within the Planning & Design Code strengthened. Extension of heritage controls to protect all heritage properties.
- Mapping and scheduling a property list of Representative buildings as done with State and Local Heritage.
- Removing the PDI requirement for a 51% resident vote to enable new local listings.
- Ensuring Development applications for heritage state and local listed places are described with plans and documentation for public notification.
- Providing flexibility of land uses and identifying suitable developments in consultation with owners to enable modernisation consistent with protection/ conservation of historic features of the heritage place.

Will you support the above measures to improve how heritage is managed in SA?



REVIEW OF URBAN INFILL

Adelaide's character is being destroyed by inappropriate urban infill with, four, eight plus storey apartment blocks being built within city suburbs and along main roads. This results in overlooking and overshadowing denying access to light and solar energy.

Multi-storey developments must include storage areas for bikes, ample open space, landscaping and trees and be sited and designed to prevent overlooking and overshadowing.

CASA SUPPORTS a review to avoid the loss of character neighbourhoods.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The latest International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scientific announcement advises we have 9 years to contain global warming and heat increase at a maximum of 1.5-2.0°C. The challenges include building good quality homes with sustainable building materials, solar panels and double glazing.

Trees provide a critical first line defence against climate change. Metropolitan Adelaide has some of the lowest levels of tree canopy coverage of any major city in Australia. The City of Unley loses over 20,000 sqm of tree canopy each year to new development alone.

CASA advocates:

- Preventing the unnecessary loss of large trees and protecting the existing and future urban forest by bringing our tree protections in line with best practices from interstate.
- Provide design guidelines for new housing with solar energy systems, sustainable building materials, insulation, water storage and soft shady landscaping.
- Medium and high rise apartments need safe and shady Common play areas for children.
- Accessible shady walks and parks for everyone's physical and mental health.

CASA SUPPORTS the above reforms.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHARTER

The Community Engagement Charter has failed to provide for proper and realistic community engagement, which should include assessment as recommended by the Expert Panel on Planning reform.

The transition to on-line consultation and the removal of public hearings of proposed policy changes is compromised partly due to COVID restrictions. While it is recognised that emerging generations will be computer literate, the system is not user friendly for older generations. S. 44(3) (a) and (b) of the PDI Act in particular are not delivered by the process for Code amendments and performance assessed developments.

We want people to be respected and fully engaged to participate in planning on an informed and inclusive basis.

The general public must have access to training for on line navigation of the planning system. Hard copy diagrams of planning structures and platforms could assist with familiarity of the on line content.

WILL YOU SUPPORT amendments to the PDI Act to ensure that community engagement will follow the recommendations of the expert Panel on Planning Reform as an absolute minimum and allow for real time community input into the planning approval process?

IF THESE 4 CHANGES ARE MADE THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS TO PLANNING CAN FOLLOW

AFFORDABLE SOCIAL HOUSING

There is a severe lack of affordable housing resulting in a high level of homelessness.

Affordable housing should not be exempted from good design standards. The same design standards should apply as for commercial housing designs for access to light and air, private open spaces and proximity to public transport, parks and shops.

CASA SUPPORTS:

- Increased funding for affordable and public rental housing.
- Government support for increased share/community housing.
- A range of options for providing safe emergency shelters in city and regional areas for homeless, refugees, indigenous visitors and unemployed.
- Restoration of Government funding to Shelta SA.



A FREIGHT TRAIN AND TRUCK BY-PASS AROUND ADELAIDE

The Adelaide Hills Freeway is poorly designed and unable to deliver bulk transports with the current height of the tunnel and a rapidly growing Hills commuter population. The cost of the North South corridor and other road works needs reassessing for an integrated system without the destruction of existing urban residential housing amenity.

CASA SUPPORTS:

- Diverting heavy/bulk transports to distribution centres away from Adelaide urban areas.
- Proceeding with the Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass study ASAP.
- Expanding the bypass study to include an evaluation of other potential routes to connect with Old Noarlunga at the southern end of the Southern Expressway.
- Suspending all action on Cross Road 'improvements'.
- Re-establishing a regular 2-way passenger train service from Mount Barker to Adelaide ASAP.



WILL YOU SUPPORT THE 4 MAIN REFORMS?

If you are a state election candidate, please indicate your responses to the above and return attached form response by 16 February 2022.

Send to: 'State Election' sa.community.alliance@gmail.com with your preferred contact email and details.

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Or call CASA President Dr Iris Iwanicki (0438 535 058)



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