



Community Alliance  
South Australia  
Engaging for Reform

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Hon Members of the Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
North Terrace  
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The Community Alliance SA is an umbrella organisation comprised of a large number of resident and community groups. We are concerned with the lack of genuine community consultation and participation in the current governmental system of planning and development. Our aim is:

**'To put the people back into planning and development'**

As you are probably aware, the Planning Minister, the Hon John Rau MP, currently has the power to use the 'interim development control' section of the Development Act. In the Act this was intended only as an emergency power, to be used to ensure orderly and proper development when an amendment to a Development Plan is being proposed.

However, at present the power can and has been used inappropriately, to allow inappropriate development applications to be rushed through before the community has had a say, or due process completed.

Using this power, a number of draft Development Plan Amendments (DPAs) have recently been put into immediate effect at the same time as, or before, their release for public consultation. These include the Capital City DPA, Regulated Tees DPA, State-wide Wind Farms DPA and now the Adelaide Oval Footbridge DPA

In these cases, this has allowed bad development proposals to enter the approval process before a final decision is taken on whether the amendment is appropriate, and without any independent advice or meaningful consultation.

There is nothing in the current wording of the Development Act to stop the Minister using this power for any future DPA, if he 'considers it necessary to ensure orderly and proper development in the area affected by the amendment'.

The Community Alliance SA wants to stop this power being misused by this and any subsequent Government.

Mark Parnell's Interim Development Control amendment bill will alter the wording of the relevant section in the Development Act so that it can only be used for its intended purpose - as an emergency measure to protect us from inappropriate development.

**We are asking you to vote in favour of the Interim Development Control Amendment Bill introduced by Mark Parnell in the Upper House (No 87, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012).**

We would also very much like to meet with you to discuss this issue directly with you, preferably as soon as possible, since the above bill will be put to the vote very soon. If this is

not possible, we would appreciate the opportunity for a brief discussion on this issue by telephone.

Thank you for your consideration.

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### ***About the Community Alliance SA***

***Community Alliance SA is calling for reform based on a genuine partnership between communities, government and the development sector.***

***We are a community group representing around 30 residents' associations dedicated to 'Putting the People back into Planning and Development'. We are fighting for a development process that guarantees genuine community engagement.***

***Our goal is the establishment of a planning and development system that engages all parties in an open, transparent and accountable process from the initial design concept through to implementation. This process should create well conceived, regulated, sustainable, planned, designed and implemented developments.***