

Community Alliance SA By-election Survey response from Steffi Medrow

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Question 1

Historic Conservation Zones, Contributory Items and other heritage protections are currently under threat with the implementation of the new planning system, without adequate discussion for an alternative way to maintain demolition controls. Would you support the retention of Historic Conservation Zones and their Contributory Items to remain protected until a proper mechanism to protect them can be achieved? If so, how would you go about this advocacy? If your answer is no, why not?

Answer: The Greens have long championed improved laws to protect heritage, including the appropriate use of zoning, property listing, contributory items and other tools to ensure heritage is protected and enhanced. If elected, I would work closely with my Greens' colleague, Mark Parnell MLC, who has worked closely with the Community Alliance since its formation and also with its member groups and other organisations such as the National Trust and Conservation Council.

Question 2

A Community Engagement Charter, allowing for tailored approaches to community engagement, was a key recommendation of the Expert Panel for Planning Reform. However, the Charter that was adopted excludes consultation on development assessment. Will you support extending the Community Engagement Charter to development assessment as originally recommended by the Expert Panel on Planning Reform? If so, how would go about this advocacy? If your answer is no, why not?

Answer: The Greens support expanding the community charter to include development assessment as well as policy formulation. In addition, the Act needs to be changed to give greater rights to citizens to be notified of development applications and the right to make representations and to appeal decisions is a wider variety of matters. The Greens have been the only party fighting in State Parliament against the erosion of community rights in planning. The Community Alliance mantra "putting people back into planning" is also a driving force for the Greens. If elected, I will continue that fight.

Question 3

Please explain your position on the protection of significant trees, open space in urban areas and the retention of suburban backyards.

Answer: The Greens have moved many amendments to legislation in Parliament to better protect significant trees. These are routinely opposed by Liberal and Labor. The Greens have also fought to protect open space from over-development and urban sprawl in dozens of campaigns from Cheltenham Racecourse, St Clair, Buckland Park, Gawler, Mount Barker and many others. As the only qualified Planner in State Parliament, Mark Parnell MLC has challenged inappropriate zoning and development that erodes both public and private open space over the last 13 years on the Environment Resources and Development Committee. Prior to that, Mark spent 10 years

fighting for the community as a lawyer with the Environmental Defenders Office. If elected, I will work with Mark to ensure those campaigns continue.

Community Alliance SA By-election Survey response from Sebastian Konyn

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Answer: The Greens have long advocated for laws which better protect heritage, including the appropriate use of zoning, property listing, contributory items and other tools to ensure heritage is protected and enhanced. If elected, I would continue this advocacy to ensure our valuable heritage is preserved.

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Answer: The Greens support extending the community charter to include development assessment as well as policy formulation. Changes to the Act must provide citizens with more rights to be notified of development applications as well as an expanded right to make representations and to appeal decisions. The Greens have been the only party fighting in State Parliament against the erosion of community rights in planning and our attitude towards planning legislation strongly echoes the Community Alliance slogan of "putting people back into planning and development".

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Question 4

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Answer: If elected, I would follow in the footsteps of my Greens' colleague, Mark Parnell, who has worked closely with the Community Alliance and its member groups since its formation. Furthermore, I will promote projects for the greening of urban environments and new buildings, and advocate for shared spaces such as community gardens.

Community Alliance SA By-election Survey response from Gary Johanson
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Certainly support the retention of them, and the rejection of the current proposals for rezoning in the new planning is a key plank of my policies. My chief advisor happens to be the person who designed and lobbied the first PAE Council to bring in the only historic conservation zone in the former Enfield Council area, in the suburbs of Manningham and Broadview. I also have been on the record as Mayor of PAE opposing Government proposals to water down or ignore heritage zoning and removal of protection.

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Certainly. I am advocating for this very thing now, and propose if elected to make this and similar more community inclusive provisions into the new code by the Government.

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Please explain your position on the protection of significant trees, open space in urban areas and the retention of suburban backyards.

A key plank of my policies is the rejection of the high rise and small allotment mentality of the former and current government which sees less private open space. I believe we need to keep suburban backyards where possible, protect significant trees (other than where a danger) and more open space in our suburbs. I fought as Mayor for more open space in our Council area, and under my command, PAE Council spent tens of millions of dollars buying government land for use as open space.

Question 4

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Even though I support urban consolidation, in SA it has been done badly, and with no consideration of the community or Councils. Planning needs to be done in such a way that the community drives the changes because they are what it wants, not to be imposed from above, by governments who are in the pockets of the big development industry.