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LABOUR TRAMPLES ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE LIBERALS BRAKE A PROMISE

Last week the Liberal Party 'went to water' and reversed their pre-election position on restoring development assessment powers to councils, powers which were stripped away by Minister Rau in a cynical move just before last Christmas. The vote in Parliament was on the **Greens Motion to "disallow" Development Regulations** that stripped suburban councils of their ability to assess new residential developments over 4 storeys and denied the Adelaide City Council its right to make submissions on behalf of its community for developments in excess of \$10m which are assessed by the secretive DAC.

Not satisfied with taking our assessment powers away, the Minister has gone further and removed the right to provide critical local knowledge and input into the process on behalf of our constituency, a dastardly move now apparently supported by the Liberal Party. This totally unjust move was initiated by Minister Rau without consultation and with no plausible justification and has now been supported by the back-flipping Liberal Party.

Also joining Labour and Liberal in voting against local government tonight were Family First and Xenophon Group (John Darley). It is pleasing that Dignity for Disability's Kelly Vincent voted with Greens MLCs Mark Parnell and Tammy Franks.

Mark Parnell writes "If you think it's over, then think again. The State Government's crusade against local government has moved to the next level with yet more Regulations passed to strip councils of their powers. The Development (Assessment of Significant Developments) Variation Regulations 2014 go much further than the ones I just tried to disallow. These new Regulations effectively allow the assessment of ANY development worth more than \$3m in ANY council area to be taken from Councils and given to the DAC. Developers will have a choice about whether to stick with the Council process or apply to have their project determined by DAC. Even if a developer is happy to work with the council, a senior public servant can decide that DAC is the assessing authority. These latest Regulations came into force on 14th August, but were only tabled in State Parliament last week. Rest assured, I will continue to fight for a planning system that reflects community aspirations, rather than a system that only values the big developers and the property industry". *(end of quote)*

It is good to know that we have some support for the continuing role of Local Government in the planning system. What is disappointing is that these draconian moves are being made by Minister Rau at the same time as he is asking us to work with him to reform the planning system through the work of the Expert Panel. Ironically, a major plank of the reform agenda is greater consultation with and involvement of the community in urban planning.

AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE



The artistic works of **noted aboriginal artist Bluey Roberts** are on display at Tandanya - National Aboriginal Cultural Institute at 253 Grenfell St until 25 October 2014.

Born in 1948 in Meningie, South Australia, Bluey Roberts is of the Ngarrindjeri/Kokatha peoples.

His artistic career, spanning five decades, consists of public murals, carved and etched emu eggs, boomerangs, cool among, walking canes and shields and hundreds of paintings on canvas and on found and created objects.

Through his art, Bluey tracks the rich diversity of animal, and plant life from his homelands of Meningie and the surrounding Coorong, the Upper Murray and the Murray River mouth. *(Extract from work by artist and curator Troy Anthony Baylis)*

THE CROWS ARE WELCOME - BUT THEIR SHED IS NOT

In recent times, the Advertiser has been running some highly speculative stories about 'plans for the Crows to move its Shed from West lakes to Adelaide, into a prime Park Lands site such as the University Oval at Karrawirra (Park 12).

So far there has been no such request put to the Council and I want to make it crystal clear that I would be totally opposed to any move to give over any public Park Lands site for such a blatantly commercial venture.

Already sites around the Adelaide Oval have been given over for private commercialised uses and perhaps these could be upgraded to meet the needs of the Adelaide Football Club without impacting on the Oval and its immediate environs.

VEALE GARDENS TASK FORCE SET UP BY MINISTER GAGO

This is a positive move towards a long-term solution to the problems of Veale Gardens but Council and the Community it represents still want a Trial Dry Area. **Perhaps in the meantime the Task Force should hold its meetings in Veale Gdns**

PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Once again the Rates Notices have shown some alarming disparities between property valuations in different parts of the city and in particular in North Adelaide. **If I am re-elected, I will make a review of our valuation system a high priority.**

Council Meeting- 23 September 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg Tuesday 24 Oct (6pm) – Gp 1 C'ees –Tues 7 Oct (5.30pm)

NB: Group 1 Committees are the City Planning and Development Committee and the City Culture and Community Facilities Committee
Agenda Items 1 to 3 include the Acknowledgment of Country, the Prayer and the Memorial Silence for the Fallen.

- **4. Apologies:** Cllr Hender was on leave of absence and Cllr Hamilton was an apology.
- **5. Confirmation of Minutes.** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on **9 September** and the Special Council Meeting held on **11 September 2014** were confirmed as a correct record.
- **6/7 Public Forum/Deputations** A Deputation was made by Mr **Ron Bellchambers** in support of the No Dams option for the Brownhill Keswick Creek Drainage Scheme and expressing support for Option D in the Project Team Report.
- **8 Petitions** NIL

- **9. Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 16 Sept (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)**
 - **9.1** Council agreed to install a memorial plaque in the Jubilee 150 Commemorative Walk on North Tce to commemorate Vivian **Lewis** who was a prominent businessman in developing many modes of transport and was a founder of the RAA
 - **9.2** Council agreed to dispose of the redundant **timber bridge in Tuthangga (Park 17)** rather than renew it.
 - **9.3** Council agreed to proceed with lighting of the **North Adelaide Dog Park** at a budgeted cost of **\$120k** and will consider a further \$97.5k for other improvements to deal with maintenance issues at the Dog Park at the next Quarterly Review.
 - **9.4** Council will assess the proposed installation of two **additional flagpoles** to the Adelaide Town Hall Balcony as part of the next Quarterly Budget review. This will enable special event flags to be flown without displacing the Corporate Ensign.

The committee confirmed the Minutes of its August meeting and received the Monthly Update. It heard from Mr Bishop and Mr Meagher, in Public Forum, supporting removal of a Pepper tree in Angas Ct and noted Out of Session Papers, received a status update on Brownhill Creek Part B Works and Capital Works End of Year Report for 2013-2014.

- **10. Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – 16 Sept (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
 - **10.1** Council noted and agreed to a request from the **Adelaide Central Market Board** for a deferral of the recruitment of a fourth skills-based Board Member, until no later than March 2015.
 - **10.2** Council noted the progress and significant achievements of the **Digital Strategy for 2013-2014**. It also noted the measures of success and results for 2013-2014 and the confirmed projects for 2014-15. Council endorsed the Digital Strategy Action Plan for 2014-2015. It was also noted that an update of the Strategy is currently underway to incorporate rapid technology changes including smart and connected cities concepts. An updated Strategy will go to Council in 2015.
 - **10.3** Council agreed to communicate with business owners in the city alerting them to the potential impacts of the **Transport Development Levy** and advising that **Council remains opposed to the Levy**.

The committee confirmed its July Minutes. It also received the Monthly Update, noted Out of Session Information Papers.

- **11. Report of APLA and Other Committees**
There were no reports to be presented.

- **12. Reports from the Lord Mayor** the **Lord Mayor** reported on Council becoming a **Refugee Welcome Zone**, the **MoU** on Digital Strategy **with CISCO** and the return of the Flugelman **Spheres in Rundle Mall**.

- **13. Reports from Council Members:** The **Deputy Lord Mayor**, **Cllr Malani** attended 5 activities and **Cllr Wilkinson** 2 activities.

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

- **14.** Council will vote for the following persons to serve on the **Local Government Finance Authority:** - John Frogley (Cllr, City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters) and Ms Martin (Manager of Financial Services, City of Charles Sturt).

- **15. Out of Session Papers to Receive and Note** NIL

- **16/17. Questions on Notice:** NIL and Questions **without Notice:** NIL

- **18. Motions on Notice:** **Cllr Moran** moved to call for a report for the next Council on the feasibility of applying time limits for **on-street parking of motor cycles** to bring them into line with Council's on-street car parking policies.

■ **19. Other Business:**

By way of a Personal Explanation, **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith AM** announced his resignation from Council effective from Friday 26 Sept. He has been appointed as a **Research Scholar** at the Cambridge University Martin Centre for Urban Studies and will take up his new post next week. Council accepted his resignations, thanked him for his service and wished him well.

- **20/22 Confidential Items** • 21.1 Wingfield Update • 22 Capital City Committee.

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