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Dear Mr Bennett

Thank you providing The South Australian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects' *South Australia Election Manifesto* document.

Please find attached a consolidated response on behalf of the Government to your questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rob Lucas'.

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

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Response to Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

1. Creating a new, single, government agency to coordinate the planning, design and delivery of South Australia's green infrastructure
2. Protecting South Australia's trees

The Marshall Liberal Government established Green Adelaide, a new entity with a focus on making metropolitan Adelaide cooler, greener, wilder and climate-resilient. Key to Green Adelaide delivering on its priorities is its connectivity to state and local government agencies (particularly planning authorities) and community groups. These partnerships offer opportunities for Green Adelaide to integrate the achievement of its objectives into the planning and management of metropolitan Adelaide across a range of sectors, and where possible, partner with funding in order to maximise outcomes.

In 2021 the Minister for Planning and Local Government requested the State Planning Commission to undertake the 'Open Space and Trees Project' to better understand the use and benefits of open space and trees in an urban context, and the impact of infill development on our urban tree canopy. This project also includes a broader review of regulated and significant tree regulations and will be completed in 2022.

The issues and opportunities to be considered within the Project include:

1. The impact of climate change and the 'urban heat effect'.
2. Open space and urban greening policy and its contemporary relevance.
3. Loss of urban trees as a result of infill development.
4. The potential imbalance between the value of regulated and significant trees, and the penalties which apply for their removal.
5. Inappropriate tree species included (or excluded) as regulated and significant trees.

Additionally, as part of the preparation of the new 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, commencing in 2022, the Commission will review the tree canopy target in light of data and methodologies available, and further investigate how the planning and development system can further urban greening outcomes.

3. Improving South Australia's connectivity by creating better streets for people

The Government has an ongoing commitment toward the integrated planning of transport and infrastructure.

The Government, through its various departments, takes a coordinated approach to land use planning, with joint governance arrangements to ensure oversight and coordination; particularly between the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and Planning and Land Use Services in the Attorney-General's Department (AGD PLUS). DIT and AGD PLUS are jointly working on the upcoming review of the 30 Year Plan for Adelaide.

The new Planning and Development framework has a number of mechanisms embedded in it that ensure integrated planning of transport infrastructure needed to support changes in land use and development.

In addition to the *South Australian Walking Strategy 2022-2032* the Government has recently devised the *Cycling Strategy for South Australia 2022-2032* which identifies and acknowledges the benefits of cycling, both health and economic, to South Australia. These strategies will be relied upon by the government for future projects and of use to the Local Government sector who have a major role in the design and delivery of our streets and footpaths.

The Government has already completed or funded cycling infrastructure to the value of \$55 million across this term of government, however the strategy identifies there is more work to be done. Projects such as the Fleurieu Connections project, along with cycling infrastructure associated with the Riverbank Precinct and the Torrens 2 Darlington project have been identified as priority projects in the coming years.

4. A new approach to Designing on Country

The Government appreciates the interest of the Institute in developing a new approach to Designing on Country.

The Government recognises the importance of working in close partnership with Aboriginal people and communities in the planning for and development of State infrastructure.

This is occurring in the establishment of Tarrkarri – the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre being built at Lot 14. This Centre will provide a platform for the world to learn about the unique cultures and incredible story of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. It will be our nation's premier centre honouring more than 60,000 years of continuous First Nations cultures. The Government is ensuring strong representation of the Aboriginal Peoples' story and their culture, values and aspirations through an Aboriginal Reference Group with members of South Australian and national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholder groups. The Reference Group has worked with the architect for the Centre to develop its detailed design.

Archaeological investigations and recording Aboriginal heritage are a well established part of implementing State infrastructure projects.

The Government also recognises that Aboriginal culture is developing a stronger presence in the planning system and would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Institute how this can be further encouraged and facilitated.