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**INTERIM REPORT**

**OF THE**

**SELECT COMMITTEE**

**ON THE**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Appointment of the Select Committee**

On Wednesday, 24 July 2013 a Select Committee of the Legislative Council was established to inquire into and report on all aspects of the St. Clair land swap.

The Select Committee was established as a result of a range of concerns raised by the Hon Michelle Lensink, MLC in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 19 June 2013. These concerns relate to the process undertaken by the Charles Sturt Council in the process of swapping a part of the open space at the St Clair Reserve for land at the old Actil site and using the land at the St Clair Reserve for housing. Following debate, terms of reference were agreed and the Legislative Council passed the motion.

### **1.2 Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference of the Select Committee are to inquire into and report on all aspects of the St. Clair land swap including but not limited to -

- (a) All previous and current decisions of the Charles Sturt Council on this matter, including the vote to request the State Government to dedicate this land as a Memorial Park;
- (b) The findings of the Ombudsman's Report on the St. Clair Land Swap Investigation, including matters of conflict of interest;
- (c) The significant amount of land lost to roads in the land swap, and reduction of open space;
- (d) The advice provided and sought by Council on the area of open space available to the community before and after the land swap;
- (e) The communications between Council, prospective developers and the State Government; and
- (f) Any other relevant matter.

### **1.3 Membership**

The membership of the Select Committee is:

Hon J. M. A. Lensink  
Hon. K. J. Maher  
Hon. M. C. Parnell  
Hon. D. W. Ridgway  
Hon. R. P. Wortley

## **2. PROCESS**

The Select Committee has met on 6 occasions since it was established in July 2013. It has received 10 submissions, heard public evidence from 15 witnesses and in camera evidence.

Select Committee members noted and appreciated the effort made by all parties to date, both written and verbal, in order to present their views.

Organisations and persons presenting public submissions to the Committee to date are contained in *Appendix A*, while *Appendix B* contains details of the witnesses giving public evidence to the Committee.

## **3. INTERIM REPORT**

At this stage, there remains additional evidence to be presented to the Select Committee.

It is therefore premature for the Select Committee to make any observations or conclusions.

This Interim Report has been presented to enable the release of evidence received to date. This is considered particularly important to ensure that policy makers are aware of all available information provided to the Select Committee.

The Select Committee's final report will be provided once all evidence has been heard and deliberations concluded.

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The Hon J M A Lensink  
Chairperson  
25 November 2013

## **APPENDIX A: SCHEDULE OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

Written submissions have been received from the following persons and organisations:

Mr Paul Shiels

Mr Trevor White and Ms Carol Faulkner, Cheltenham Park Residents Association

Ms Nancy Fahey

City of Charles Sturt'

Ms Natalie Stanco

Ms Rina Russo

Mayor Kirsten Alexander:

Cr Tolley Wasylenko

Mr Kevin Hamilton

Mrs Maureen Hamilton

## **APPENDIX B: SCHEDULE OF WITNESSES**

Public evidence has been received from the following persons and organisations:

Mr Mark Withers, Chief Executive Officer, City of Charles Sturt  
Mr Fred Hansen, Chief Executive Renewal SA  
Mr Stephen Smith, Senior Strategic Planner, Renewal SA  
Mayor Kirsten Alexander, City Of Charles Sturt  
Cr Robert Randall, City of Charles Sturt  
Cr Tolley Wasylenko, City of Charles Sturt  
Mr Kevin Hamilton  
Mrs Maureen Hamilton  
Mr Peter Stanford  
Ms Kelly Thomas, St Clair Residents Association  
Ms Leni Brown, St Clair Residents Association  
Ms Carol Faulkner, Cheltenham Park Residents Association Incorporated  
Mr Trevor White, Cheltenham Park Residents Association Incorporated  
Mr Carlo Meschino