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Dear Mr Sody *Shane*

On behalf of the SA Labor team, thank you for making contact and sending through the Adelaide Park Lands Association's Survey ahead of the state election.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank you for the valuable role your organisation plays in promoting, protecting and taking care of Adelaide's precious our parklands.

In response to your survey, I can provide the following information.

- 1. The Adelaide Park Lands are unique in the world and have National Heritage status, yet many people, even in Adelaide, seem unaware of their rarity. What, if anything, should the SA Government do to address this?**

The Adelaide Park Lands are indeed a unique and beautiful part of our city.

While we push ahead with securing South Australia's future, we must ensure that Adelaide remains Australia's most liveable city with plenty of green open space.

Where we live should be as green and pleasant to live in as possible, not hemmed in by buildings and roads, and nowhere to breathe.

Ensuring people from around South Australia, as well as our interstate and international visitors, are aware of our precious icon helps build the case for protecting what we have.



- 2. The Adelaide Park Lands are being gradually eroded and there is no effective mechanism to halt or impose a limit on the extent of losses. The Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 has been ineffective at preventing continual losses of Open Green Public Space to development. If elected, what type of amendments to the Act would you initiate or support to provide real Park Lands protection?**

The Adelaide Park Land Authority was established under the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* to undertake a key policy role with respect to the management and protection of the Adelaide Park Lands.

Labor will ensure the membership of the Park Lands Authority reflects the skills and experience required by the Act, including knowledge of biodiversity and cultural heritage.

- 3. The City Council and others are developing a bid for UNESCO World Heritage recognition of "Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes" (i.e. for the Adelaide Park Lands and the rural settlements of the Mt Lofty Ranges). The City Council has been advised that World Heritage Listing would result in a 20% to 30% increase in international tourism. The bid would require State Government support. If elected, how will you assist in advancing this World Heritage bid?**

Labor recognises the Adelaide Parklands are a treasured community asset, enjoyed by so many.

An elected Labor government will work with the Adelaide City Council to investigate a bid for Adelaide and its surrounds to be recognised with UNESCO World Heritage status.

- 4. On 20 January 2022, approximately 35 hectares of Riverbank Park Lands were re-zoned to permit future development in Park 27 (including on Kate Cocks Park, and Helen Mayo Park) and in Park 11 (Frome Park). The re-zoning represented the biggest single attack on the Park Lands in their 185-year history. If elected, how much of this recent re-zoning would you attempt to wind back, to ensure that these sites are once again zoned as Open Green Public Parks?**

A Malinauskas Labor Government will scrap the \$662m basketball stadium on our Park Lands and instead invest that money in our health system. Further, we will restore full protection to Helen Mayo Park.

- 5. The proposed Adelaide Recreation Circuit would be a globally unique, uninterrupted walking, running and cycling trail showcasing Adelaide's Park Lands. The concept has support from:**
 - Business SA,
 - the Committee for Adelaide,

- the Australian Hotels Association,
- the Property Council,
- Athletics SA,
- the SA Road Runners Club,
- Bike SA,
- Bike Adelaide,
- the Kaurna community, and
- the Adelaide Park Lands Association.

If elected how would you assist to bring this concept to fruition?

Labor will investigate creating an uninterrupted walk, run and cycle circuit around the Park Lands and will not build on the beloved walking and cycling paths that weave through Helen Mayo Park – a beloved path that connects runners, cyclist, and families to the Bonython community space.

6. For bonus points please nominate any site or sites within the Adelaide Park Lands, previously lost to development, where you would support re-greening, rehabilitation, or restoration to Open Green Public.

An elected Malinauskas Labor Government will not commercialise Pinky Flat, Elder Park or the River Torrens with a 20-storey development on the riverbank.

We will not support the Marshall Liberal Government's \$662 million basketball stadium that would take in the Helen Mayo Park's treasured walking and cycling paths, established parklands and areas of cultural significance to the Kaurna people.

We will instead cancel it and invest this \$662 million in our hospitals - because that's what South Australians need and want.

In the lead up to the March 19 election, SA Labor will be releasing further policies. Labor's policies on health, jobs, education, and the environment will outline a clear path for the future, not just for the next four years but for the next generation.

In the meantime, if you would like details policies already announce, they can be accessed via my website at [Peter Malinauskas MP | For the Future](#).

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely



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