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**Re: Proposed relocation of South Australia Police Mounted Operations Unit to Mirnu Wirra Park**

Dear Ms Davis

I refer to your letter dated 17 March 2023, where you requested that South Australia Police (SAPOL) seek an alternative location for the Mounted Operations Unit and new police stables. The work undertaken by Trees for Life and your concerns regarding Mirna Wirra Park are noted.

On 27 September 2022, the South Australian Government announced that Thebarton Police Barracks would be demolished to make way for the new Women's and Children's Hospital. Noting that police horses have been stabled on the Adelaide Parklands since 1840, SAPOL in conjunction with Renewal SA, has conducted a comprehensive search for suitable land (including sites on and off of the Adelaide Parklands). After an extensive review process Mirnu Wirra Park has been identified as the most appropriate. SAPOL has made a recommendation to the government that a portion of Mirnu Wirra Park be allocated as the new location for SAPOL's Mounted Operations Unit.

SAPOL has proposed that only a small portion of that Park be used for the Mounted Operations Unit and is mindful of the impacts this change of use may have on the site. An Ecologist and Heritage Architect are providing advice to ensure any development of the site is sensitive to the environment.



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This includes the retention of the majority of existing native vegetation along Greenhill Road and Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue (with unrestricted community access to that vegetation). It is also envisaged that the stables can be placed to maximise the retention of trees and plants within the area while opportunities for additional plantings will be sought.

Thank you for your letter.



Noel Bamford  
Assistant Commissioner

4 April 2023