

# Lucy Hood MP

MEMBER FOR ADELAIDE



## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### Buckingham Arms Development

Dear local residents,

I write to you to provide an update regarding the Buckingham Arms site. As many of you would be aware, in March, the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) categorically rejected Citify's proposed three x 10-storey tower development on the site, citing 15 major reasons for the knockback. I believe this outcome was a result of our effective community-driven campaign that pointed out the significant flaws of the proposed 182-apartment design.

Earlier this month, architect Scott Meek of Stallard Meek Flightpath Architects, speaking on behalf of Citify, went on ABC Radio Adelaide to announce they were revising the design (please see the full transcript of the radio interview on the back of this letter). In this interview, Mr Meek stated that the new design, which would remain 10-storeys high, would be submitted to SCAP for consideration under the *original* development application. This means the developers would avoid the new design undergoing further public consultation.

But given the architect stated in the same interview that the new design has, and I quote, "*been done from scratch*" and will be "*completely different*", indicates it **should** be submitted as a new development application, which allows for the full public consultation process. Given the significance of this site to our local community, I believe it is only fair we are given a say on any new proposal that has been "*done from scratch*".

I will be writing to the SCAP on behalf of the community to request that, given the architect's public admissions, if any new design is proposed it must be submitted as a new development application and require full public consultation. I would love your support.

Please send your views via email to: [saplanningcommission@sa.gov.au](mailto:saplanningcommission@sa.gov.au). If you require assistance with wording, or have any questions, please contact my office on 8269 1838 or via: [adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au).

Lastly, I would like to thank the Town of Walkerville for making a joinder application to the Environment, Resources and Development Court (ERD Court). Council's application will be considered by the Court in late July. If successful, this would allow Council to be part of ERD Court proceedings relating to the developer appealing SCAP's decision to reject the *original* proposed development.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lucy Hood'.

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