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By Email: plansasubmission@sa.gov.au

Dear Caroline,

The Committee for Adelaide welcomes the opportunity to put forward a submission in response to the Government's proposed Riverbank Precinct Planning and Design Code Amendment.

We are a community of businesses, charities and cultural organisations that are passionate about the future of our state and intent on shaping a brighter future for greater Adelaide, the most liveable city in Australia and the third most liveable city in the world.

Our vision for Greater Adelaide is, by 2032, to be the most liveable, extraordinary, and vibrant global city that people and organisations from all over the world want to be a part of while those who live here are proud to call home.

We recognise that the Riverbank Precinct is a vital part of our city's cultural identity and contributes to the vibrancy that millions of locals and visitors are attracted to each year. Having a vibrant city centre is important for South Australia as it attracts business investment which contributes to our state's economic growth, jobs creation and future prosperity.

We <u>strongly</u> support the government's proposed code amendment to further activate the Riverbank Precinct to improve amenity, enhance the public realm and create more vibrancy within the Precinct. In relation to the proposed policy changes we provide the following comments:

• Entertainment Subzone

We <u>strongly</u> support the proposal to extend the entertainment use west of Morphett St bridge to provide a more active river frontage whilst ensuring our park lands are protected and enhanced to add further vibrancy and attractiveness to our city. Improving the east-west connection between development on either side of the bridge should enhance accessibility and add value for visitors to the area.

Creation of a Riverbank Subzone

We <u>strongly</u> support the creation of a Riverbank Subzone that enables the extension of the precinct's activation, including on-water and off-water development sensitive to the Park Lands.

Currently, we have some fantastic events that draw visitors to the Riverbank Precinct, including sporting events at Adelaide Oval, OzAsia Festival, Fringe Festival, Carols by Candlelight, however, they do not provide constant year-round activation. A lack of vibrant spaces with poor visibility particularly in the evening can impact safety along the River Torrens and effect utilisation of the precinct by all.

The Committee would like to see year-round activations of the Riverbank Precinct that draw people to the city on a regular basis. Enabling a diverse range of community, cultural, tourism, retail or licensed premises adjacent to the river will significantly enhance visitor offerings and contribute to the year-round activation of the Riverbank Precinct.

Overall, where pedestrian and cycling access and connectivity are noted within the amendment, we would like to see this expanded to other types of mobility to support current and future use. Improving connections, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists, and other forms of mobility, within the Riverbank Precinct and North Terrace are critical for accessibility and attraction.

We view the proposed changes to the Riverbank Precinct as a step towards enabling Adelaide to become a more vibrant global city.

Should you wish to discuss any issues raised in this submission please contact me directly on 8410 5301 or bruce@committeeforadelaide.org.au.

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