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"The responsible voice of North Adelaide"

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Notice of Winter General Meeting

2:00 pm Sunday, 24 June 2012

Community Centre, Tynte Street, North Adelaide

SOLD OUT! You should be concerned!

"Kiss North Adelaide's heritage character goodbye" is the attitude of unknown and electorally-unaccountable, faceless saboteurs who have conspired in recent months to convince the state government that it can run roughshod over all the good planning work of decades that has come before.

Between our February AGM and June, the Development Plan that has for decades protected amenity and items of value in North Adelaide, most notably its defining and unique heritage character, has been eliminated from doing precisely that which it is meant to do.

Society members should be extremely concerned that the crucial aspect which makes North Adelaide the desirable place it is, in which to live, work and play is now under serious attack to make way for twelve-storey buildings which adjoin sensitive heritage precincts. At time of publication, a new \$150m proposal has just emerged for O'Connell Street and Brougham Place; twelve-storeys, six and all.

We say you "*should*" be concerned, because much of what is in train has been done in secret and you probably don't even know what is about to assail you. You were not meant to, either.

Our Winter General Meeting will explain in clear detail, the grandiose plans that are already on the table and ready to be approved, without so much as a hint of consultation with or reference to those whom it will affect. Our outrage is exacerbated by the interim operation of this extra element buried in the 'new' plan to allow such heights to be considered. This in turn has led to many proposals already flooding the office of the Development Assessment

Commission and we are not to be informed of their nature, detail or consequences—nor have we a course of redress via usual planning channels, by being denied the right to comment. And the final insult is that should the now 'old' rules prevent something from happening, the 'new' rules will prevail and allow it to proceed. Regardless!

You must be at our meeting to understand the gravity of what is happening and to make your concerns known from an informed base, rather than wallowing in the sea of ignorance into which you have been cast adrift. This is serious stuff and never in the history of the society (even taking into account the farce of the former Le Cornu site saga) has there been such a threat to the vital essence of our area.

Our newsletter focuses on the evolution of this betrayal as best we have been able to piece together, and the special insert explains some of the terminology and processes, but it is what happens next that will potentially affect you forever. Read on ...