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## EMINENT PERSONS' STATEMENT

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The Adelaide Park Lands are a priceless asset. They are held in trust for the people of our City and State. They must be protected – not only for all those who enjoy them now, but for the generations to come.

We believe that any alienation of our Park Lands for private purpose is a gross breach of that trust. Appropriation of Park Lands for commercial 'development', including hotels and office blocks, should never be countenanced, and private residential development should never be permitted. The Park Lands are an invaluable heritage that must not be traded.

The errors of the past must form no precedent for the future.

We therefore urge the South Australian Government and the Adelaide City Council to honour their trust, and reject notions of private residential and/or commercial property development within the Adelaide Park Lands.

We endorse the words of Lewis Cohen, Deputy Mayor of Adelaide, who said, in 1910:

**"The parks are the pride and glory of this city—the best and greatest asset it has, or ever can have. To every generation they are becoming more valuable. Let us, therefore, keep them inviolate, keep them intact, keep them sacred from the hands of the despoiler."**

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## **Names (alphabetical by surname)**

Honourable Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO (Former Premier of South Australia)  
Maggie Beer Hon D.Bus. DUniv AM (Cook, food author, restaurateur and food manufacturer)  
Ed Briedis (Chairman, North Adelaide Society)  
Ralph Clarke (Former member, SA Parliament and deputy leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party)  
Peter Combe (Children's entertainer and musician)  
Assoc. Professor Robert Dare (Historian)  
John Doyle AC, QC (Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of SA)  
Professor Norman Etherington AM (President of the National Trust of South Australia)  
Archbishop Emeritus Leonard Faulkner D.D. (Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide, 1985-2001)  
Hon Ian Gilfillan (Former member of SA Parliament and leader of the Australian Democrats)  
Ian Hannaford (Architect)  
Robert Hannaford AM (Artist)  
Michael Harbison (Former Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide)  
Dr Barbara Hardy AO (Environmentalist, scientist)  
Jim Jacobson (Former Mayor of Burnside and Councillor)  
Professor Nicholas Jose (Academic, novelist and playwright)  
Bruno Krumins AM (Former Lieutenant Governor of South Australia)  
Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Former Minister of the SA Parliament, former Lord Mayor of Adelaide)  
Raymond Mc Millan (CEO McMillan Constructions)  
Phillip Martin (Adelaide City Councillor)  
Kym Mayes (Former Minister, SA Parliament)  
Anne Moran (Adelaide City Councillor)  
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Hon. Mark Parnell, MLC (leader of the Australian Greens, SA Parliament)  
Dr Darren Peacock (CEO National Trust of South Australia)  
Isobel Redmond MP (State member for Heysen, former SA Leader of the Opposition)  
John Schumann (Singer and songwriter)  
Hon Chris Sumner AM (Former minister, SA Parliament)  
Hon Nick Xenophon (Senator for SA, former member of SA Parliament Legislative Council)