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Dear Lord Mayor

I write in relation to our recent meeting along with the Hon Connie Bonaros MLC and the Hon Frank Pangallo MLC in which we discussed the potential benefit to the City of Adelaide and our State by the establishment of a sister city relationship between Adelaide and Athens, Greece.

As you are aware, Adelaide and Athens share cultural bonds that have existed since the mass migration of Greeks to South Australia in the 1950s and 60s.

Through the establishment of a sister city relationship, we can build upon those bonds.

I understand that the Mayor of Athens, Mr Kostas Bakoyannis; the Deputy Minister of Development and Investments, Dr Christos Dimas; and Professor Nikolaos Stampolidis, the Director General of the Acropolis Museum in Athens, have all voiced their support for the establishment of a sister city relationship between our two great cities.

As we mentioned earlier, Greece's influence on Adelaide specifically – but Australia more generally – cannot be overstated.

It is evidence that Athens continues to seek to build cultural relations with Adelaide.

There are regular Ministerial delegations of the Greek Government to South Australia and the world-famous Evzones, members of the Presidential Guard, frequently visit our city.

The bi-annual World Hellenic Interparliamentary Association conference held in Athens is regularly attend by the many South Australian State and Federal Members of Parliament with Greek heritage, myself included.

South Australia also has a proud history of Greek migrants contributing strongly to our economy and promoting its development and growth.



The Hellenic Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HACCI) recently relaunched the new South Australian chapter, with more than 200 members.

HACCI SA is actively working towards an expansion of trade among businesses between the two cities.

HACCI SA is also committed to supporting and promoting the sister city program as one of its key objectives and is excited about the ongoing opportunities this could deliver to the broader SA community.

I am of the view that a sister city relationship between Adelaide and Athens will result on many positives for trade, tourism, education, science, and economic investment between the two countries.

We look forward to your favourable support of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael".

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