



The Right Honourable, The Lord Mayor of Adelaide
Dr. Jane Lomax-Smith AM
City of Adelaide
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Re: Adelaide-Greece City sister proposal

Dear Lord Mayor

I am writing to you regarding the establishment of a sister city initiative between Adelaide and Athens, Greece. As you may know, South Australia has a proud history of Greek migrants contributing to its development and growth. That contribution continues today and is reflected by the recent re-launch of the Hellenic Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry's SA chapter – or HACCI SA, of which I am chairman of the board.

HACCI SA is excited to be the driving force behind the sister city initiative and is committed to facilitating, supporting, and promoting the program as one of our key objectives.

HACCI was formed in 1985 to promote and strengthen the economic and cultural ties between Australia and Greece. HACCI SA offers a platform for its members to connect, interact and exchange knowledge and ideas. HACCI SA aims to build stronger connections between Greek Australians within the state and with their peers interstate and overseas. It is also committed to supporting the further expansion of private enterprise among businesses between Australia and Greece.

Therefore, HACCI SA is enthusiastic about the opportunities the sister city initiative can deliver to the broader SA community.

We are not alone in our support with the Hon Connie Bonaros MLC, the Hon Frank Pangallo MLC, and the Hon Andrea Michaels MP, the Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, all backing the initiative.

The Mayor of Athens, Kosta Bakoyiannis; the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Development and Investments, Dr. Christos Dimas; and Professor Nikolaos Stampolidis, the Director General of the Acropolis Museum in Athens, have also all expressed a keen interest in strengthening ties between Greece and South Australia.



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The potential economic opportunities for Adelaide from such a sister city initiative are also worth highlighting including the fact the Greek economy is rebounding strongly from the fiscal crisis of previous decades opening the window for further business prospects for local companies.

HACCI SA believes a well-supported sister city initiative between Adelaide and Athens will create positive opportunities and connections between the two cities.

I look forward to your favourable support of this exciting initiative.

Yours sincerely

Kosta Koutsonas
Board of Chair

