

## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council;

Noting the announcement by the State Government that it will develop a new Women's and Children's Hospital on the site of the Police Barracks on Park 27, resolves to request the Lord Mayor to write to each member of the Legislative Council to urge them to reject any future legislation that would lead to any development at that site and any loss of state heritage listed buildings through demolition.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. On 27 September 2022, the State Government announced that following a review of possible site locations, the new Women's and Children's Hospital would be constructed on land west of the rail line and the current Police Barracks site in Tulya Wardli / Bonython Park (Park 27).
2. The State Government has established a website with information on the project [www.newwch.sa.gov.au](http://www.newwch.sa.gov.au).
3. The location is amended from the site announced by the former State Government, which included land next to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Kate Cocks Park (Park 27).
4. On 16 December 2021, the former Minister for Planning and Local Government adopted the Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment. The Code Amendment has been reviewed by the Environment and Resources and Development Committee of Parliament (who are awaiting a response from the Minister for Planning, the Hon Nick Champion MP).
5. The Police Barracks site was not central to the final Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment:
  - 5.1. State Heritage Places for the Police Barracks site(s) were unchanged
  - 5.2. Site-specific policies about the future of the Police Barracks site(s) were unchanged
  - 5.3. Performance outcomes (PO) 1.3 and 2.6 of the Health Subzone of the City Riverbank Zone seek adaptation and reuse of the Police Barracks and building heights and scale that complements the existing heritage features of the adjoining Police Barracks and Old Adelaide Gaol.
6. The submissions on the Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment made by Council and Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority raised the following matters:
  - 6.1. Concern relating to the use of Kate Cocks Parks as a carpark
  - 6.2. Sought alternative locations for the new Women's and Children's Hospital that does not include Park Lands
  - 6.3. Sought support to transform Kate Cocks Park to a valuable green space

- 6.4. Concern about a lack of engagement with City of Adelaide and Kurna Peoples
- 6.5. Sought a Masterplan for the Riverbank Precinct
- 6.6. Suggested the additional built form that the Code Amendment would allow, would be of such a scale that is at odds with the spirit and provisions of both the statutory principles in the Adelaide Park Lands Act and the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.
7. The State Government is exploring the Police Barracks site through the development of a Master Plan. It is understood that no official Development Application has been lodged with the State Planning Assessment Commission.
8. The State Government has indicated it is not pursuing the regular process of development approval through the planning system, rather it is considering special purpose legislation which is predicted to include an array of enabling amendments to legislation including:
  - 8.1. *Heritage Places Act 1993*
  - 8.2. *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
  - 8.3. *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005*
  - 8.4. *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1990.*
9. Administration has progressed a request to the Department of Health to provide a brief to Council and Kadaltilla on the development of the new Women's and Children's Hospital.
10. Should the Motion on Notice be supported by Council, Administration will support the Lord Mayor to write to each member of the Legislative Council to urge them to reject any future legislation that would lead to any development at the Police Barracks site and any loss of state heritage listed buildings through demolition, congruent with the position taken during the Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not as a result of this report
External consultant advice	Not as a result of this report
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not as a result of this report
Impacts on existing projects	Not as a result of this report
Budget reallocation	Not as a result of this report
Capital investment	Not as a result of this report
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not as a result of this report
Other	Not as a result of this report
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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