

The Hon. Rob Lucas, MLC
Treasurer of South Australia

28 May 2019



Dear Mr Lucas,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Save Shed 26 Community Alliance to seek a meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

We are the two community members with whom you spoke at the Port Adelaide polling booth on Saturday May 18. We appreciated the time you gave us on the day and the opportunity it afforded us to give you more detail about the serious issues of process and missed opportunity that surround the Shed 26 debacle.

As we expressed on the day, putting aside the issues concerning the Shed's heritage importance to South Australia, and the planning process that has led to this situation (much of which of course occurred under the former Labor Government), Shed 26's impending demolition represents a serious missed economic opportunity, and in fact risk, for the Government of South Australia and the developer Cedar Woods.

Port cities around the world have adapted wharf sheds and other historic buildings for use as public institutions, private housing, and mixed private-public use. Adaptation brings long-term value to land redevelopment for communities and property owners alike, attracts interstate and international visitors, and encourages new residents to choose to live in Port Adelaide and surrounding suburbs.

The direct consequence of the poorly conceived and executed New Port Quays development is a nearly 50% devaluation of properties at the site over the last decade. This has been a disastrous blow to the future financial security of individual and family investors in the development, and a major setback to the Port's renewal. It is incumbent on the South Australian Government to ensure the mistakes of New Port Quays are not repeated in the Fletcher's Slip development, and that community confidence in this project is rebuilt through listening and responding to our concerns and those of many experts. We have attached a letter of concern signed by over 50 experts and leaders.

As the demolition site has been temporarily shut down by SafeWork SA, there is still an opportunity to discuss solutions. As discussed in our conversation on 18 May, we have conveyed your suggestion that the City of Port Adelaide Enfield can help broker a solution to Mayor Claire Boan, and will be presenting a deputation to the next meeting of their elected members on 11 June.

However, as the co-developer, the State Government's voice in this matter remains the strongest influencer of further negotiation, and we seek to discuss options for engagement with you. Minister Knoll has referred us to you now in matters pertaining to Shed 26 (correspondence attached).

We look forward to your response to our request for a meeting.

Regards,

Kirsty Hammett and Tony Kearney
On behalf of Save Shed 26
Sent via email by Emma Webb