



Protest to Save Shed 26 at 8am today as 50 names sign on to statement of concern

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Save Shed 26 will commence protesting on the site **today at 8am** as demolition of the building gets underway.

Spokesperson Emma Webb said, "We continue to call on the South Australian Government and Cedar Woods to reconsider their decision to demolish Shed 26. Meanwhile we ask everyone concerned about this reckless destruction of state heritage to join with us today at Shed 26, on Semaphore Road, across the road from Lefevre Primary School."

As well as expecting concerned local community members and heritage advocates to turn up, Ms Webb said the group had had excellent discussions with unions on Monday, with the CFMEU and the MUA pledging their support.

Shed 26 has been found to be state heritage by the government appointed South Australian Heritage Council, for its contribution to the economic development of South Australia, its outstanding cultural significance, its strong importance to the community and generations of workers, and its special association with the South Australian Harbors Board and the Government dockyards. However, in April, Minister for Environment David Speirs MP, overturned the SAHC decision, paving the way for developer Cedar Woods to demolish the building.

"In addition to major concerns around the trashing of state heritage processes, other issues surrounding Shed 26 include dubious planning processes that have left the community feeling duped by the developer and the Government, and the missed opportunity for a truly world class waterfront development that respects and embraces heritage – as Port cities are doing all around the world, but not here in South Australia. It is a tragedy." said Emma Webb.

More names have been added to a statement of concern, based on a letter written to Hon. Steven Marshall, MP, Premier of South Australia, and Mr William G Hames, Chair of the Board of Directors, Cedar Woods, on 2 May and published by InDaily on 3 May 2019.

In addition to the widely reported addition of Kevin McCloud, MBE, writer, designer and Grand Designs presenter, other new signatories include dolphin conservationist Dr Mike Bossley, prominent senior barrister Claire O'Connor SC, and more leaders from the arts. All six community members of the former Cabinet appointed Port Adelaide Renewal Project Steering Committee have now signed the statement. **The statement is included with this release.**

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