

FOCUS.

Friends of the City of Unley Society

Winter Newsletter 2011

Next Meeting

We are pleased that the Shadow Minister for Urban Planning and Development, the Hon. David Ridgway, has agreed to be the guest speaker at the NEXT FOCUS MEETING which will be held in the Unley Park Sports Club in Northgate Street on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm.

Mr. Ridgway will be joined by our Local Member, Mr David Pisoni. They will outline the alternative government's position on the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide. This will be a great opportunity to seek answers to the questions we have all been asking ie "What is the Liberal Party's position?"

Unley and the 30 Year Plan

Your Committee has been very busy in representing FOCUS's opposition to this Plan. Actions taken in 2011 include

- Meeting with the Unley Council's Peter Tsokas, General Manager, City Development and David Brown, Senior Policy Planner to discuss FOCUS issues with the Plan and present a five page written submission prepared by FOCUS member, Deane Kemp.
- Sending this submission with an accompanying letter to Mr. Rau, Minister for Urban Development and Planning and his

Shadow, Mr. David Ridgway, the Local Government Association and Mr. Tim Horton, the Commissioner for Integrated Design (appointed by the State Government).

- Taking to the footpaths with many members to letterbox 2,000 homes in the areas most affected by the Development Plan Amendment (DP3) corridors, to alert people to the public meetings arranged by Unley Council. We also publicised the fact that residents could provide their comments via the Council's web-site.
- Expressing our views about the 30 Year Plan through the Messenger Press, ABC radio and letters to the editor in The Advertiser.

Arthur/Mary Street Retirement Village

Despite joining residents in vigorously opposing aspects of this development and presenting a submission to the DAP, it was approved with minor amendments.

Consultation

Kevin O'Leary, guest speaker at our February meeting, spoke to a large gathering of members and guests from other residents' groups.

Following feedback that some of those present had

difficulty hearing the talk at times, FOCUS will ensure there is a microphone available at future meetings. Among other things, Kevin said that the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide was enthusiastic about packing people into multi-storey flats built above shops and offices on main roads but ignored the adverse health effects of having people living on busy main roads.

Kevin has been working with the Civic Trust to devise a Charter for Community Planning and Consultation.

The aim is to convince state and local governments to partner with the public in each aspect of decision-making. This includes the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions.

Inner Suburbs Alliance

Ros Islip and Mary Rumbold are meeting with representatives from other inner suburbs residents' groups, ie Prospect, St Peters, Kensington, Walkerville and Norwood.

Our inner suburbs contain many heritage and character areas under threat from poorly sited and badly designed medium and high rise housing. The Alliance is drawing up a set of working principles and an action plan to meet this challenge.

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