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**STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL'S
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TO CABINET

RE: STATE RESPONSE TO ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL'S 'NEW DIRECTIONS'

1. PURPOSE

To recommend a State Government response to the Adelaide City Council on their 'New Directions' for the city.

2. BACKGROUND

In July, 2001 the Adelaide City Council released its New Directions for Adelaide which establishes goals for the development of the city by 2010. A copy is attached (Attachment 1).

At the Capital City Committee meeting in August it was agreed that the State Government would provide a formal response to the Adelaide City Council on the New Directions.

The Capital City Committee consists of :

- Premier (Chair)
- Minister for Transport and Urban Planning
- Minister for Local Government
- Lord Mayor (Deputy Chair)
- Councillor Richard Hayward
- Councillor Michael Harbison

The overall aim of the Committee, as expressed with the City of Adelaide Act, 1998, is to develop the city as a vital and growing centre of the state and to attract greater investment, visitors, students and workers to the city. It also aims to build on areas of strength in the city and to develop the unique character of Adelaide.

Ms Susan Law, Chief Executive, Adelaide City Council met with the Senior Management Council in July to present the Council's directions for the city. The Chief Executive, Premier and Cabinet then wrote to all agency Chief Executives in July and asked for feedback on the New Directions. The agency responses have been received and key issues raised are summarised in this submission.

The relationship between the State Government and the Adelaide City Council has developed strongly since the creation of the City of Adelaide Act, 1998 and the establishment of the Capital City Committee in 1999.

In turn, the city centre has developed positively. The signs of progress include the development of hotel and apartment accommodation in the city, the reduction in office

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vacancy rates, increases in student and visitor numbers and the establishment of a range of landmark projects (many of which have been developed by the State Government such as the Adelaide Convention Centre, Riverbank Project, SA Museum, National Wine Centre and the Roma Mitchell Arts Education Centre).

Despite these positive signs Adelaide still underperforms against other capital cities and states relative to its share of population in a number of indicative areas (eg overseas students, international visitors, business migrants, share of venture capital invested).

The Committee is supported by a Capital City Forum of business, community, arts and education leaders. The Capital City Forum has 24 members who provide feedback and ideas for the development of Adelaide. The first Capital City Forum group made a number of recommendations that have since led to the establishment of projects and initiatives. Their recommendations were considered by Cabinet and by the Adelaide City Council in 2000. A new Capital City Forum was appointed in 2001 and the Committee has recently referred some issues to them for their ideas and advice including:

- Growing the city population and in particular new models for developing affordable accommodation and the development of mixed use areas
- Marketing Adelaide and providing feedback on the work of the Marketing Adelaide Group to date
- Developing Adelaide as a smart city and in particular providing feedback on the report developed by the IC² Institute
- The economic development opportunities associated with the North Terrace Redevelopment and providing advice on how these could be realised

A comprehensive data base of over 170 city projects, events and initiatives is included in the Capital City Development Program which is published on line at www.capcity.adelaide.sa.gov.au. It includes State Government, Adelaide City Council and private and community programs.

3. DISCUSSION

Direction setting for Adelaide

The interests of the State and the community are likely to be best served where there is a shared commitment by the Council and Government to the directions established for the development of the city.

Both the State Government and the Adelaide City Council have established directions for the City of Adelaide. The State Government Directions are included within the overall directions established for the State and recently published in the *Directions for SA 2001 – 2002*. The *Directions* document encompasses the full range of government initiatives for the State.

There are many examples where the State Government is contributing to the vitality and growth of the city. The Government is investing over \$100 million in 2001-2002 in capital works projects in the city with a total value of about \$372 million. A summary of the directions which are particularly relevant for the city is included as Attachment 2.

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The Adelaide City Council's New Directions establishes ten year goals for the city of Adelaide. They were based on an assessment of the State's Directions. The Council intends to be bold, creative and aggressive in its development of the city. As a symbol of that commitment the Council has doubled its annual capital works commitment for the city (now \$40 million per annum).

The Council's three main themes for the development of the city are:

1. Capacity or "growing the population" The target by 2010 is to double the city's residential population, increase the city workforce by about 10%, increase city visitors by 50% and increasing student numbers by about 30% (all based on current figures) by:
 - Integrated promotion of Adelaide
 - Actively encouraging city living and commercial development
 - Commissioning landmark city projects
 - Actively supporting and encouraging institutional education and learning
 - Improving City visitor amenity

2. Vivacity - "a place where people build their future" which anticipates that by 2010 Adelaide will be the living model for future cities. This will be achieved through:
 - Excellence in core city and customer service
 - Leadership in environmental performance
 - Bold innovative urban design
 - Igniting the 'spark' of the city

3. Audacity - "Leading Adelaide into its future". By 2010 the Council is aiming to be the acknowledged driver of Adelaide's future and this will be achieved by:
 - Actively encouraging the involvement of the people of Adelaide in making a city of the future
 - Creating a new model of collaborative local government.

In addition, the Council has proposed a number of partnership projects with the State Government. These projects include North Terrace Redevelopment, Victoria Square, Marketing Adelaide and Adelaide Airport/ western gateway. The North Terrace Redevelopment Project and Marketing Adelaide projects are already being undertaken in partnership.

4. CONSULTATION

State Government agency responses

Government agencies were asked to respond to the following:

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- Key government priorities not reflected in the Council directions and which should be further discussed with the Council
- Areas of conflict or inconsistency with agency goals
- Areas where there may be an opportunity for the Council and Government to work collaboratively
- Issues which it may be appropriate for the Capital City Committee to help progress

Many agencies prepared detailed responses which identified specific opportunities for collaboration with the Adelaide City Council; current joint projects with the Council; and issues upon which there should be further discussions.

The responses confirm that the New Directions goals are generally supported and consistent with government directions.

The strongest concern raised with the New Directions was the Council plan to double to city population in ten years. If successful such an outcome would have implications for many government policy and program areas including access to affordable accommodation, the environment and sustainability, the provision of public school services, public transport services and infrastructure requirements.

Agencies also identified some inconsistency in the New Directions – for example the Council's emphasis on environmental sustainability and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is not consistent with the Council plans to increase city parking; the desire to increase the vitality of the city through city living may mean that conflicts between residents and live music venues may increase.

Issues which agencies believe the Capital City Committee could help progress include:

- Developing a collaborative approach to public transport planning and implementation, traffic movement and management, pedestrian and bike programs within the city
- Access to affordable housing in the city, including an indigenous housing focus, and developing a better understanding of the social issues that cause tensions between commercial and resident interests and services for homeless people.
- Working together on water quality and alternative options for more sustainable water use in the city
- Working collaboratively on the development of Adelaide as an education city as well as planning for future schooling needs in the city
- Information economy in the city including future infrastructure requirements, developing business opportunities associated with the information economy and opportunities arising from the use of technology
- Developing opportunities for young people within the city
- Monitoring the implementation of the dry zone in the city

These issues will be discussed with Capital City Committee. Any specific proposals will then be discussed with agencies and Cabinet as appropriate.

In addition, there have been officer level discussions concerning the range of state interests associated with the redevelopment of Victoria Square. More information will

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be sought from the Council on the nature of partnership arrangements with State Government it would propose for Victoria Square and Adelaide Airport/ western gateway projects.

There are already a number of productive joint arrangements between the Council and State Government. Some examples of joint arrangements include:

- Human Services Partnership between the Department of Human Services and the Adelaide City Council which is designed to improve the planning and delivery of human services across the City of Adelaide, with particular attention to health, housing and social support systems in the city – a second edition of the Partnership agreement is being developed
- A partnership approach was successfully used to attract Commonwealth funds for the development of mNet wireless communications projects to North Terrace. In addition, a joint paper is being developed by Industry and Trade and the Adelaide City Council to identify opportunities for them to work cooperatively to attract investment to the State
- Safe City Working Group is an operational group managed by the SA Police Department with participation from a number of agencies including the Department of Human Services and the Adelaide City Council aimed to improve safety in the city.
- North Terrace Redevelopment is a joint project aimed to increase visits to the North Terrace precincts and to develop the iconic nature of North Terrace through design improvements to the public realm
- A joint approach between the State Government and the Adelaide City Council led to the successful attraction of the International Local Agenda 21 Conference 'Sustaining Our Communities' conference to Adelaide in 2002
- A number of government agencies participate in the Marketing Adelaide Group which is coordinated by the Adelaide City Council and develops common approaches to marketing of Adelaide to lead to a defined and consistent image and identity for Adelaide
- A pilot group has been established of agencies involved in infrastructure and planning in the city around the Council's Pulteney Street Redevelopment to develop more effective practices for coordination with capital works in the city.

Some agencies have provided very detailed responses to the New Directions. This submission has not included every proposal raised. However, the Capital City Project Team will progress opportunities for cooperation with agencies and the Adelaide City Council. Any specific initiatives that are then developed will be those supported by the relevant agencies, the Adelaide City Council, the Capital City Committee and, where appropriate, Cabinet.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The response of the Government agencies to the Council's New Directions confirms that the Council Directions for Adelaide are generally consistent with State Government *Directions for SA 2001- 2002*.

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A number of agencies have identified opportunities for closer collaboration with the Adelaide City Council. There are already a number of joint projects established for the city.

A draft response to the Lord Mayor is attached (Attachment 3).

In summary it states that:

- The Council's New Directions for the city are generally consistent with State Government Directions for the State as expressed in *Directions for SA 2001-2002*
- There are a number of issues arising for the State Government from the New Directions on which it may be fruitful to have further discussions
- There are a range of areas where the Government would welcome a closer working relationship with the Council for the benefit of the city and the community.
- In the first instance the Capital City Project Team will pursue various initiatives with Council and Government agency representatives. It should be noted that specific proposals will be discussed with Cabinet, as necessary, prior to Capital City Committee consideration.

6. ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications as any initiatives would be prioritised and met from within existing agency resources.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

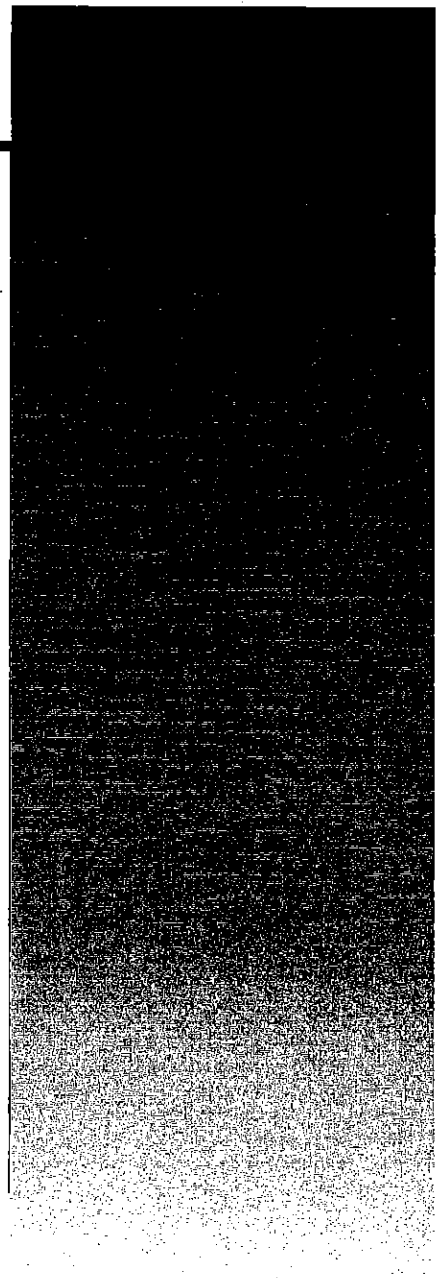
For Cabinet to note the approach to the response to the Adelaide City Council's New Directions on behalf of the State Government.



JOHN OLSEN
Premier

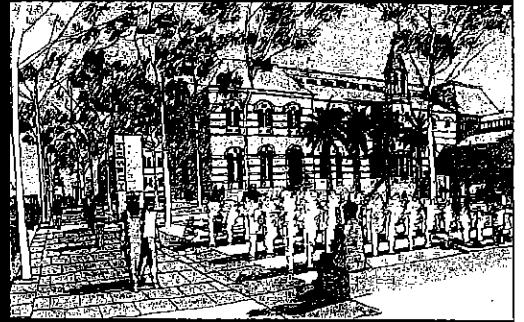
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**NEW
DIRECTIONS**





WHAT YOU WILL SEE



Adelaide is at the crossroads in its development.

In the 21st Century it cannot hope to survive by focussing on what it is, rather than what it can be. We have to start being more expansive and positive.

As a Capital City Council we have recognised this and set about creating a map delineating the roadway for the future.

We have distilled the views and needs of the community and the City into three main goals:

CAPACITY – By 2010 Adelaide will have a resident population of 34,000, a City workforce of 111,000, average daily visitor numbers of at least 150,000 and at least 66,000 students in institutional learning.

VIVACITY – By 2010 Adelaide will be a living model for future cities, a place where people build their future.

AUDACITY – By 2010 the Adelaide City Council will be internationally recognised for its development of the City.

We have clearly defined the directions the Council must take to become a leader among Capital Cities in Australia with a reputation for its ability to deliver outcomes.

It is a journey which we realise will take time to complete, but will involve passing significant milestones along the way.

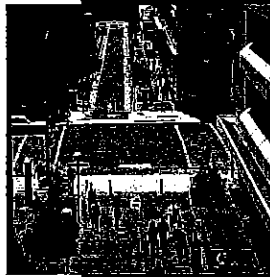
These markers have been set so that all can appreciate how far we have come and the distance yet to travel.

Our ambition is that over the next two years we will become recognised as a dynamic, bold, energised, creative organisation that is a major driver of the City, acknowledged for innovative developments and impressive achievements.

The programs and projects put in place, maintained or improved during this time will all seek to guarantee that by the end of this Council's term the City will be well along the path to prosperity and growth.

The time for talking has passed and the time for action has arrived.

Alfred Huang
LORD MAYOR



North Terrace Redevelopment

- Start work in conjunction with the State Government on a three year \$16 million Stage 1 redevelopment (\$6.5m)
- Skate Park landscaping (\$160,000) and prepare design work for future stages (\$50,000)

North West Quadrant

- Completion of resurfacing of Light Square roadways (\$135,000)
- Upgrading of the pedestrian designated route from the Adelaide Railway station to the Central Market (\$350,000)
- Improve lighting in Waymouth Street between King William Street and Topham Mall (\$95,000)

Civic Heart

- The start of a three year \$15.5 million upgrade to Victoria Square (\$250,000)
- The continuation of the King William Street slate paving of footpaths – Waymouth Street to Franklin Street and completion of Pirie Street to Flinders Street (\$1.17m)

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South West Quadrant

- Pavement resurfacing in Thomas Street, Frew Street, John Street and Wright Street (\$200,000)
- Design and preliminary works on upgrading Whitmore Square (\$250,000)
- Local area traffic management improvements (\$52,000)

South East Quadrant

- In addition to Halifax precinct, Pulteney Street and Hurtle Square projects, completion of the Angas Street improvement project and installation of traffic signals at intersection of Hutt Street and Gilles Street (\$1.15m)

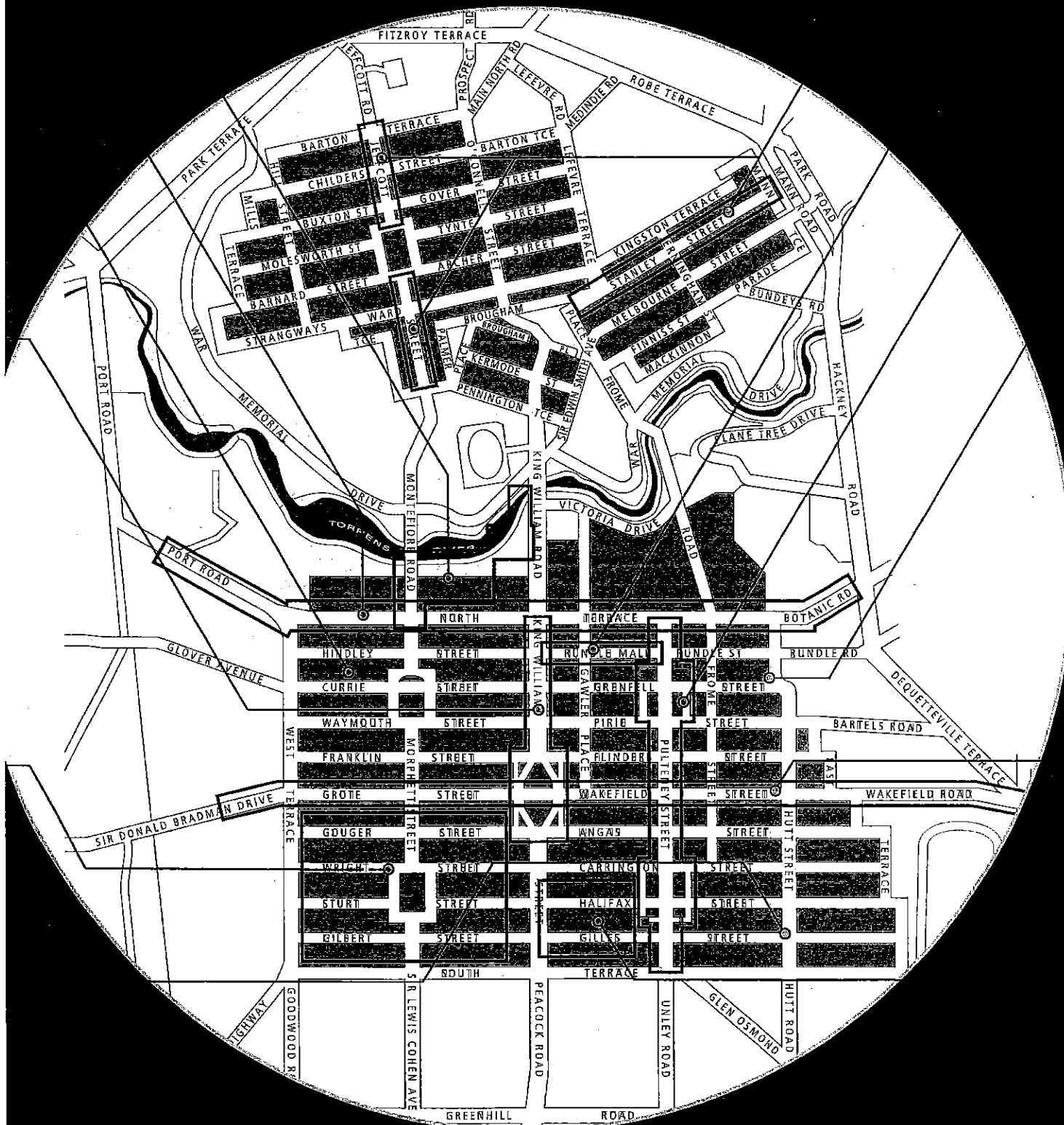


Riverbank Precinct

- Complete Riverside Walk (\$2m)
- The Morphett Street Bridge and Victoria Bridge disabled access and structural works (\$700,000)
- Gross Pollutant Traps on storm water outlets of the Torrens Lake (\$200,000)

North Adelaide

- Improving street lighting and undergrounding cables in Stanley Street (\$800,000)
- Start of two year program to improve street lighting and underground cables in Jeffcott Street (\$900,000)
- Major works to the Mann Terrace stormwater drainage system cost shared with Walkerville Council



Park Lands

- Installation of an automated irrigation system (\$700,000)
- Repaving of Veale Gardens access road and parking area and disabled access to the rose garden (\$230,000)
- Lighting improvements to War memorial Drive and Pennington Gardens (\$500,000)

Rundle Mall

- Start of a major program to develop the Mall into the shopping venue of the 21st century. It includes design work and infrastructure improvement (\$300,000)

Pulteney Boulevard Precinct

- Stage 1 of a three year \$8.5 million upgrading of Pulteney Street including lighting, landscaping, street furniture, footpaths and general pedestrian and vehicular amenity (\$3.7million)
- Design and start work on new lighting, paving, furniture, plantings in Hurtle Square (\$300,000) and Hindmarsh Square (\$300,000) including upgrading of public facilities

North East Quadrant

- Improved disability access to the carparks, lighting safety hot spots of East Terrace, Rundle Road, Pirie, Grenfell and Bent Streets; resurfacing of Pirie Street between King William and Pulteney Streets; new footpaths in East Terrace, Bent and Grenfell Streets. (\$750,000)
- Undertake an East End Urban Design Study (\$50,000)

City Gateway

- The start of the three year \$12.5 million Wakefield and Grote Street upgrading including lighting, landscaping, undergrounding of cables, footpaths and road paving, new furniture, signage and artwork (\$500,000)

Halifax (City South)

- Start of a three year \$5 million precinct enhancement which includes Halifax and Gilles Streets and Symonds Place (\$1.25m)



ADELAIDE BENEFIT

THE CITY OF ADELAIDE
CITY COUNCIL

- Increased employment opportunities
 - Office Space
 - Residential property
 - Hotel accommodation
 - Student housing
- Increased property prices
- Increased rental prices
- Increased development opportunities
- More building in CBD
- Upgrading of office space
- More consumer spending in
 - Department stores
 - Restaurants
 - Specialty Shops
 - Hospitality industry
 - Tourism industry
- More employment, particularly among youth segment
- More students
- Improvement in City safety – decline in larceny and violence in CBD

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CURRENT SITUATION

(Where are we now?)

GOALS

(Where do we want to be?)

STRATEGIES

(How will we get there?)

OUTCOMES FROM YEAR 1

(The first step)

CAPACITY

Grow the Population

- City residential population at 17,000
- City worker population at 89,000
- Average of 100,000 city visitors per day
- 50,000 students
- 2,000 tertiary students living in the city
- 1,000 building approvals per annum
- 250 dwelling completions

- By 2010, Adelaide will have:
- a resident population of 25,000
- a city workforce of at least 111,000
- average daily visitor numbers of at least 15,000
- at least 50,000 students at tertiary learning
- By 2010, Adelaide will have:
- a resident population of 25,000
- a city workforce of at least 110,000
- average daily visitor numbers of at least 125,000
- at least 50,000 students at tertiary learning

- Benchmarks established and increased awareness and relevance of Adelaide
- Benchmarks established and increased confidence in the future of the city (both from audited results)
- 1200 housing approvals (20% more)
- 550 housing completions
- 1700 more city residents
- 200 more tertiary student residents
- 46 accommodation units created on ACC strategic property sites
- 35 additional housing units of different tenures
- \$5.1m invested into proposed residential precincts
- \$6m invested into city safety
- 25 parks and streets will have new lighting to improve city safety
- Future of Adelaide Connector bus service secured
- A development plan that facilitates growth
- 70% of city businesses participating in Adelaidebiz.com
- Pilot 3G wireless network operating
- Number of businesses located in the city increased by 140
- Number of city workers (including volunteers) increased by 2700
- \$17m invested in landmark projects
- 1 new multistorey city carpark
- Stage 1 of North Terrace redevelopment underway
- Future development of Franklin Street Bus Depot determined
- Vaughan/Palais development underway
- 1500 increase in the number of tertiary students in the city
- 70% satisfaction by students with pastoral care, support services and facilities in the city
- 1 significant, new education business in the city with students in the city
- City education cluster established
- Increase average daily visitor numbers by 5,000
- City access improved by Pulteney boulevard and War Memorial Drive Works
- Movement improved by enhancement of key pedestrian routes and access for people with disabilities
- Park Lands improved by Riverside Walk and Riverside Precinct projects
- City Ambassador program trialled

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AUDACITY

Leading Adelaide into its future

- Community desire for council to act as local leader
- Perception of the Council as conservative, staid and bureaucratic

- By 2010, Adelaide City Council will be:
- the most visible, recognised and respected local government in the city
- By 2010, the Adelaide City Council will be the acknowledged driver of Adelaide's economic future

- Kaurna naming of city places
- 2 Adelaide City Council sponsored public forums and debates on significant issues
- 2 international experts speaking on city issues
- 70% recognition of the new Council identity
- 5 partnership projects with State Government including North Terrace, Victoria Square, Marketing Adelaide and Adelaide Airport/western gateway
- The future of Wingfield resolved with metropolitan local government partners

AUDACITY

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OUTCOMES FROM YEAR 1

(The first step)

VIVACITY

A place where people build their future

- Adelaide already viewed as a great place to live
- Recent community debate on urban design

By 2010, Adelaide will be the living model for the 21st Century

By 2010, Adelaide will have gained national recognition as a city

Develop a vision for the city

Develop a strategy for the city

Develop a plan for the city

- 70% of customers consider core services very good or better – footpaths, roads, rubbish, cleaning, horticulture
- 3% increase in customer satisfaction with the Council
- Clear standards of service established and available
- 100% increase in traffic to website
- E-city program for electronic interaction with Council
- Committed plan for the disposal of city waste, employing best environmental practice.
- 60% of small businesses participating in a pilot cardboard recycling service
- Level 5 of "Cities for Climate Protection" rating for the city
- 20% reduction in levels of blue-green algae in River Torrens
- Demand on River Torrens for irrigation reduced
- A Council development or refurbishment that achieves a "green building" rating
- \$0.88m devoted to heritage support and preservation
- Achieve a score over 103 on the international WM Mercer livable cities index
- \$0.7m invested in smart irrigation systems to improve sustainability
- \$17.5m spent on major infrastructure projects
- Completion of Angus Street upgrade and Riverwalk project
- Commencement on Hurtle Square, Pulteney Street, North Terrace, Jeffcott Street and Grote/Wakefield Street upgrades
- Completion of Masterplans for Victoria Square, Rundle Mall, Hindmarsh Square and Whitmore Square
- World leading design commissioned for 1 major project
- Park Land signage renewed
- \$0.5m spent on public art program
- \$1.5m spent on directly supporting city events and \$0.5m spent on indirect support
- Over 35 major city events including:
 - Tasting Australia, Classic Adelaide, Australian International Horse Trials, Feast Festival, Christmas in the City, SA Day, Tour Down Under, Australia Day, Adelaide Festival of Arts, Adelaide Fringe Festival, World Congress on IT, World Solar Cycle Challenge, Adelaide Cabaret Festival
- \$0.7m spent on community grants
- 80 community groups supported
- Extension of the Skate Park
- Volleyball courts and one other public sports facility established in the city
- Establish free "City Bike" initiative in conjunction with 6 kms of city bikeways
- 500 school children oriented into the city through school visitation program

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ATTACHMENT 2

Directions for SA 2001- 2002 specifically relevant to the development of the City are:

Culture Lifestyle and the Environment

- Rejuvenating Adelaide – including the establishment of the Capital City Committee, the Capital City Forum, the development of North Terrace and the development of Adelaide's West End as an Arts precinct.
- Metropolitan Public Transport - the development of an improved public transport system with major impact on the accessibility of the city. A long term public transport investment strategy will be released in 2001.
- Greenhouse - the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficiency targets established in all agencies
- Parklands 21 Strategy which is a 10 year blueprint for the development of open space in Adelaide
- Planning Better Neighbourhoods- streamlining of Development Act and provision of one stop shop for the assessment of applications
- Major events- The attraction of a number of world class major events to Adelaide including some with a focus in the city such as the Adelaide International Horse Trials, the Clipsal 500 Adelaide, Adelaide Rose Festival, AAPT Tennis Championships and Jacob's Creek tour Down Under. Adelaide will also benefit from the World Police and Fire Games in 2007.
- Arts + - as a blueprint for the development of the Arts which includes a number of initiatives in the city such as the relocation of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra to Hindley Street as part of the arts related revitalisation of the precinct. Adelaide is set to become the Wagner capital of the Southern hemisphere with the recent successful production of Parsifal and the planned 2004 Ring Cycle. The new Australian Children's Performing Arts Company, the Australian Dance Theatre and the State Theatre SA will all be located in the Railway Station building and will complement the Riverbank development and the West End revitalisation.
- Support for SA as the Festival State including major festivals such as Come Out, Festival of Ideas, City as a Stage and the Cabaret festival which are all focussed within the City

Education and Life Long Learning

- International Excellence – attracting overseas students to study in Adelaide SA
- South Australia Museum will create centres of international excellence for students, scientists and researchers in collaboration with the University of Adelaide
- Children's Performing Arts – the government will establish a national children's performing arts company based in the city

Employment and economic development

- Investment attraction to the State
- Telecommunications including the successful joint bid for mNet which has funding provided by the State Government, Adelaide City Council and Commonwealth Government

ATTACHMENT 2

- The development of the **Innovation Strategy and Action plan**
- **Information Economy 2002-** to assist businesses to harness the benefits of the information economy
- **Increasing tourist visits to SA -** in 2000 international tourism increased by 12% to South Australia. The majority of tourists will arrive in Adelaide and spend some nights in the city

Health and communities

- Redevelopment of the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Women's and Children's Hospital
- **Strengthening families** – increased accommodation for the homeless and victims of domestic violence
- Establishment of a bone research laboratory at Royal Adelaide Hospital

Justice and Safety

- **City Safety** – commitment to development of Adelaide as a safe city in collaboration with the Adelaide City Council. The Government and Council are also cooperating on the implementation of the City wide dry zone.

Major Capital Projects in the City include:

- **North Terrace Redevelopment** – a joint project with the Adelaide City Council
- **Adelaide Festival centre redevelopment**
- **State Library Redevelopment**
- **Adelaide Convention Centre extension**
- **Riverbank Precinct development**
- **Botanic Wine and Rose Development**
- **Federal Law Courts**
- **Adelaide Aquatic Centre-** the government has indicated a contribution will be made to the upgrade of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre

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Mr Alfred Huang
Lord Mayor
Adelaide City Council
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Dear Lord Mayor

At the Capital City Committee meeting in August I undertook to provide a State Government response to the Adelaide City Council's 'New Directions'.

I am pleased to report that the response of the State Government to your 'New Directions' has been very positive. I think that this recognises the level of shared commitment that exists for the development of the City.

We appreciate the work being done in specific partnerships such as the North Terrace Redevelopment, Marketing Adelaide, City Safety and the Human Services Partnership.

As you may be aware the State Government has recently released the *Directions SA 2000-2002*. The State Government is investing over \$100 million in capital projects in the city this financial year and I am sure you would acknowledge the number of significant landmark projects that have now been developed in Adelaide.

The major issue identified in the 'New Directions' with which we believe it will be fruitful to have further discussions is your goal to double the city population in the next five years. If you are successful in this goal there will be implications for a number of areas such as public transport; schools and education; access to affordable housing; and on the environment. I think we would agree that the growth of the city resident population is important but any potential negative impacts should be carefully addressed. This includes the importance of the city remaining a vital centre for young people and for live music and events.

The Government is aware that you have proposed a number of partnership projects with the State Government. Two of these are already being undertaken in partnership – the North Terrace Redevelopment and Marketing Adelaide. In addition, Government representatives have been meeting with Council staff to explore cooperation on the Victoria Square project.

Most Government agencies have expressed interest in collaborating further with the Adelaide City Council. In addition, a number of areas have been identified by agencies, in which it may be beneficial to coordinate initiatives through the Capital City Committee. These include working cooperatively to develop joint initiatives in:

- public transport planning and implementation, traffic movement and management, pedestrian and bike programs within the city
- Access to affordable housing in the city, including an indigenous housing focus, and developing a better understanding of the social issues that cause tensions between commercial and resident interests and services for homeless people
- water quality and alternative options for more sustainable water use in the city
- the further development of Adelaide as an education city as well as planning for future schooling needs in the city
- Information economy in the city including future infrastructure requirements, developing business opportunities associated with the information economy and opportunities arising from the use of technology
- Developing opportunities for young people within the city

We already work collaboratively in a number of these areas and there is merit in looking at whether there is benefit in the Committee picking up specific additional initiatives.

The benefits of a partnership approach could be demonstrated through our successful bid for funds from the Commonwealth for mNet. There are no doubt other opportunities where, through working together, we can be much more effective and successful in attracting investment and opportunities for Adelaide.

I appreciate the relationship between the Government and the Council that has been developed through the Capital City Committee and believe it should be acknowledged as well as a model for partnership and collaboration that sets Adelaide apart and contributes to our success.

In terms of the range of initiatives identified for further cooperation with State Government agencies I suggest that in the first instance, the Capital City Project Team pursue the various initiatives with Council and Government agency representatives and bring specific proposals through to the Committee. If there are any initiatives that you consider should be given a high priority please let me know.

Yours sincerely

JOHN OLSEN
Premier

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