

UNITED PARTY

WATER – HOUSING – HEALTHCARE

Stormwater, not desalination PODs, not TODs For people by professionals, not developers

The United Party works with the community and professionals and with those independents and political parties that genuinely support them. It attacks corruption in government and supports **genuine progress, not expensive white elephants** that absorb huge funds but achieve nothing.

This is a **radical change** from political parties that are used to running their own agendas without further consultation with the community. Democracy is not a single mark on a ballot paper. True representation involves true consultation so that community needs are fully addressed.

The United Party supports community groups such as the St Clair Residents, Save RAH and the Chelsea Cinema, the Water Action Coalition, the restoration of the Murray and the Lower Lakes through effective water management, and PODs (**People**-Oriented Development), which is what TODs (**Transit**-Oriented Developments) were meant to be.

On 7 October 2009 Fred Hansen, Adelaide Thinker in Residence and international expert on TODs, said in the Government's Urban Places seminar that the **key elements of a TOD** are:

- (1) It must have full community support.**
- (2) It must not lose existing value.**

A government that ignores the basic principles of its own experts is not supporting the community, which must be fully consulted **at the beginning, not the end of the process.**

The United Party is working to restore the democratic process, linking with other candidates in seats where independence and integrity are needed to contest the next State and Federal elections in both the Upper and Lower Houses. It will form a **conduit for community action** through a management group including like-minded politicians, experts and representatives of existing community organisations.

We stand for **united action** to address the **current inexcusable crises in water, heritage, development and healthcare**, including planning for water, TODs and major hospitals, and provide an alternative to the political party structure with a federation that addresses our community values and real problems rather than party-political agendas.

- **Stormwater should be recycled**, not wasted. A desalination plant is not necessary. Cheltenham Racecourse is more important for Adelaide's water needs than for a TOD.
- **Housing options** are needed that **complement existing areas. Development** must address local community and environmental needs **at the beginning of the process.**
- **Health care is needed where the people are.** Suburban hospitals should be strengthened. The RAH must be next to the University. Aged care and mental health should be addressed in their own right. **Decisions** should be made **by the community and the health profession**, not simply for political gain.

We need **you** to join us.

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