

The Senate, Parliament of Australia
via
Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Climate Change and Water
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

To the Honourable President and members of the Senate in Parliament assembled,

The petition of the undersigned shows:

1. The 49 hectare Cheltenham Park Racecourse site in Woodville, South Australia, is a naturally flood-prone area of open space underlain by multiple aquifers.
2. The site will cease to be used for horseracing as a result of the South Australian Jockey Club's decision to sell the land.
3. The site is subject to an open space proclamation (*South Australian Government Gazette*, June 29, 1961 pg 1454) that prohibits subdivision of the land.
4. The Governor of South Australia made the proclamation being satisfied that it was "in the public interests" to preserve the land as open space.
5. Amid the worst water crisis ever to face South Australia, it is now more than ever in the public interest to preserve the land as open space because of its prime conditions for stormwater harvesting, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR).
6. If the entire site is preserved as open space (incorporating wetlands, woodlands/parklands and sporting fields), it would be possible to harvest and recycle water on a scale that would significantly contribute to the Urban Water Reform objective of the National Water Initiative.
7. Preserving the land as open space would also provide a solution to the City of Charles Sturt's flood mitigation obligations, improve the quality of life for Adelaide's western suburb residents who suffer a dearth of public open space, create an opportunity to restore biodiversity in the area, and preserve remnant Kaurna land.

Your petitioner requests that the Parliament of Australia move to prevent revocation of the open space proclamation mentioned in paragraph 3 above, and that the Government acquire the described Lands, Cheltenham Park Racecourse, to enable the City of Charles Sturt to proceed with a wetlands/ASR scheme for stormwater reuse, as per the South Australian Implementation Plan of the National Water Initiative.

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