

# Media Release

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### PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE WAITE GATEHOUSE

Sam Duluk MP, Member for Waite is disappointed that the State Government has decided to demolish the heritage-listed Waite Gatehouse, as part of the Cross Road and Fullarton Road intersection upgrade.

“This historic building has been located in the Waite Arboretum for over 130 years and is not only an important part of our local community, it is a historic landmark for the State of South Australia”, said Mr Duluk.

“I am disappointed to hear that the Department has not listened to the community, who have been actively advocating to save this heritage-listed building.”

Sam Duluk has been lobbying the Government to keep the Waite Gatehouse since the project was first announced in 2019.

“After reading the *Feasibility Assessment for the proposed movement of the Adelaide University Gatehouse*, I was surprised by the decision not to listen to the engineers, who stated ‘From FMG’s inspection of the building and its construction, it is FMG’s opinion that the proposal to move the building is feasible from a structural point of view’.” said the Member for Waite.

“Considerable progress has been made in forming a heritage and tourism precinct, incorporating the Adelaide University Waite Campus, Carrick Hill, Mitcham Historic Village and Brownhill Creek Recreation Park. It makes no sense to demolish the Gatehouse, when it could be re-established 30 metres south. This State Heritage listed property must be preserved and the community will continue to strongly oppose its demolition”, said John Wood, Chairperson for the Mitcham Historical Society.

Sam Duluk MP has initiated the #SAVETHEGATEHOUSE campaign to lobby against the demolition. He is joining with concerned residents at the Gatehouse on the corner of Cross Road and Fullarton Road this Sunday, 6 December at 11am to protest against the recent decision.

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