

Media Release

Sam Duluk MP

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PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE WAITE GATEHOUSE

Sam Duluk MP, Member for Waite continues the fight to save the heritage-listed Waite Gatehouse, as part of the Cross Road and Fullarton Road intersection upgrade.

Mr Duluk joined with over 200 concerned residents on Sunday to protest the State Government's decision to demolish the building.

On Monday morning, business operator Mr Matt Manifold B Eng (Hons) from Mammoth Movers stated on radio that his business can move the Waite Gatehouse for a price lower than the amount of funds that the State Government plans to allocate to heritage protection projects.

Mr Duluk has written to the Public Works Committee (PWC) calling on the Committee to hear technical evidence in relation to the Gatehouse project from Mr Manifold when the Committee next meets, on Thursday, 10 December.

"Mr Manifold has previously provided a number of reports in relation to the Gatehouse project to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) as Mr Manifold is considered a subject expert in relation to the structural relocation of brick and stone buildings."

"This is a good opportunity for the Government to work with Mammoth Movers to see how the Waite Gatehouse can be safely moved, so we can not only keep our built heritage, but progress this important infrastructure project", said Mr Duluk.

Mr Duluk has also organised a petition to present to the Parliament which is available from his office and website.

The #SAVETHEGATEHOUSE campaign has been gaining traction on social media, with a Facebook page set up to represent this community.

The local Member of Parliament has been lobbying the Government to keep the Waite Gatehouse since the project was first announced in 2019.

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