

Dear Sir/Madam

Thursday February 27th, 2020

I understand that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is proposing that the current zoning of Black Forest under the City of Adelaide Development Plan RB350 be transitioned into the General Neighbourhood Zone. As both an owner and resident for almost 100 years in properties of the Scroop families in the Adelaide suburbs of Black Forest and Clarence Park, I object in the strongest way to the proposed action of the DPTI.

My attraction to living in the suburbs of Black Forest and Clarence Park is several fold:

1. Historically several members of the Scroop family have resided here or nearby, namely –
 - My grandfather, Frederick Oscar SCROOP and his wife and children lived at [REDACTED] Black Forest, between ~1920 and 1967. That was originally described as a “farm” having a large parcel of land on which horses were stabled and crops grown. Ultimately my uncle Walter Hill and his wife Jean Hill (nee Scroop) also lived there and grew carnations. Other Scroop family lived there at other times. I have known that property all my life, including the dairy and land next door that once supplied milk to Black Forest residents. Winfred (Hill) Avenue and Hill Court were named so after the Hill family when they sold the property. Some of this history is contained in my book on my great grandfather, *“Henry Scroop His Life and Times”*, published in 2018. The home at [REDACTED] still remains intact but as a declining few among the early 20th century glorious large villas once typical of the area.
 - Walter and Jean Hill (nee Scroop), my uncle and auntie, lived nearby at [REDACTED] Black Forest (prior to Forest Avenue) where they also owned four adjacent properties from which they harvested carnations and

other flowers supplying most of the big stores in then Rundle Street at that time.

- Two of my Scroop aunts and uncles lived in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] before WW2 and another Uncle Walter (Bulla) and Phyllis (nee Scroop) Schapel owned the old grocery shop and property at number [REDACTED] Black Forest, on the south west corner of Gordon and Byron.
- My parents and I lived close by for 40 years on the east side of the railway line at [REDACTED] adjacent to Clarence Park.
- My mother Mildred Scroop and her parents William and Mary Campbell lived at their property at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Clarence Park from 1925 onwards and my mother married Frederick Marsden SCROOP, my father, who lived next door at [REDACTED] with his father and mother, Frederick Oscar and Marabel SCROOP, who lived there before moving to [REDACTED]

So in summary, a number of Scroop descendants have lived in the suburbs of Black Forest and Clarence Park over almost 100 years such that we have an *extraordinarily close identity with and affection for these two suburbs* and are strongly and totally opposed to any transition from their current zone of City of Unley Development Plan RB350 into the DPTI proposed General Neighbourhood Zone.

2. Consequent upon that strong historical bond I am particularly familiar with the delightful features of the 2 suburbs.

- Over many years I was familiar with the *Princess Margaret* playground and clearly recall its past structure when the simple toilets were in the south west corner behind the house facing Byron Road and nearby the swinging long plank play-toy and the favourite old Maypole in the north-west corner so many children of that age remember so fondly.
- I also recall, now with sad despair, the council's awful decision to destroy and remove the superb oak tree plantation on the grassy lawn which ran down the centre

of East Avenue at the southern end, between the railway line and the “Cross Road”, and which once glorified that avenue until the 1960’s.

- As a child I well remember the many shops along East Avenue and so too the grocery on the south east corner of George and William Street and Mrs. Weise’s ice-cream shop on the south west corner of William Street and Cross Road, all memorable features of Clarence Park
- There have also been important historical houses removed despite the strong history of “*the black forest*” of early Adelaide town in the 19th century while only a few of these rare black barked Eucalypts are preserved in Heywood Park. Similar vandalism destroyed such rare Eucalypts at “black wood” (now Blackwood), that name being first given to the black eucalypts on blackwood farm owned nearby by the original publican, Robert Burfield (“*Burfields*”), at what is now known as The Belair Hotel.

3. Apart from all the above the reprehensible vandalism proposed by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure will destroy a rare but large area of greenery and beauty within the city of Adelaide which is contrary to all the beliefs of the growing group of climate change activists. The principal means of keeping CO₂ levels down is the chlorophyll in green trees and phytoplankton in the sea which not only absorbs CO₂, but through an essentially coupled metabolic reaction generates all the oxygen we depend upon.

With careful consideration I hope you will see the folly of your proposed policy and listen to the silent majority, who are essential to your future. Shame on you! Please drop your foolish proposal.

Yours faithfully

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