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Dear Ms Kelly

Thinkers in Residence Program

Adelaide City Council's (ACC) involvement in the Thinkers in Residence program over the years has had a positive influence in the development of strategies and policies for enhancing the City.

Five Thinkers in particular have contributed to a number of successful programs that benefit our city and community:

- Herbert Girardet's inaugural residency; *Creating a Sustainable Adelaide*
- Charles Landry – *Rethinking Adelaide: Capturing Imagination*, who focused on to unlocking the creative talent and potential of Adelaide's citizens, by creating a new vision for a resourceful, adaptable and imaginative City
- Rosanne Haggerty's *Housing Homeless People*, 2005/2006 residency on responding to the needs of the homeless through a more efficient and effective housing assistance program
- Professor Laura Lee "Sustainable Futures: An integrated design strategy for South Australia"
- Fred Hansen's current residency, *All on Board: Growing vibrant communities through transport*, which is informing the direction of Council's Integrated Movement Strategy.

From a City design perspective, Laura Lee's residency was particularly transformational. It highlighted the importance of designing our City in a seamless way that is sustainable and reflects human needs. It led to outcomes for the State and the City.

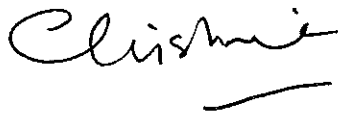
- The SA Government established the Integrated Design Commission to ensure better quality results from building and development programs.

- Federal funding for the integrated design strategy , which has the promise of propelling the City to the forefront of the design of public spaces in Australia. The IDS received \$1m from the Federal Government's Local Government Reform Fund in 2010. It is currently under development in partnership between Council, the State and Federal governments and the seven adjoining local councils.

The current Thinker, Fred Hansen, stresses the importance of public transport and in creating lively walking and cycling communities in the City.

A number of other Thinkers introduced themes that were relevant to Council's strategic objectives, even when we have not been a direct partner. This included Fred Wegman's ideas about improving road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and Baroness Greenfield's successful effort to establish the first branch of the Royal Society outside of England in Adelaide.

Yours sincerely,

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