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To whom it may concern,

I have just become aware through a post on social media of the plans to rezone parts of, or all, of many National Parks, Conservation Parks, ForestrySA Native Forest Reserves, Sanctuaries, and Heritage Agreements to "RURAL".

"Our state's natural landscapes are diverse, ranging from the arid pastoral areas in the north to the higher rainfall ranges and agricultural landscapes of the south. The native vegetation of these landscapes includes grass and shrublands, woodlands and forests, wetlands and the underwater seagrass in our gulfs and coastal waters.

South Australia's native vegetation is highly valued because:

- it provides critical habitat for South Australia's unique native biodiversity,
- it helps protect our land, coastlines and waterways from erosion, salinity and climatic extremes, mitigating the effects of a changing climate,
- it supports agricultural production through the provision of windbreaks, shelter for stock, and habitat for natural pest predators and crop pollinators,
- it improves our health and well-being by providing us with a connection to nature, and
- it is an important element of our state's natural identity.

Due to extensive land clearance, just 26 per cent of native vegetation remains across the agricultural districts of South Australia. It is therefore vitally important that remaining areas of native vegetation are protected to support the health of the environment and the wellbeing of our communities".

The information above comes directly from your Native Vegetation Fact Sheet on the SA Planning Portal. It is clear that the importance of Native Vegetation and especially stronghold areas of it is understood and appreciated, so I would ask you to please not rezone these areas to make it possible for any clearance to occur in these areas.

Thank you,  
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