My submission relates to the Historic Area in the Township of Willunga

I note that the “Commission is proposing the Historic Overlay be supported by ‘Historic Area Statements which identify the key historic Features and Characteristics Relevant to Each Historic Area... and Identify the Key Elements of Local Historical Importance.”

‘Key Elements of Local Historic Importance” in the area of the proposed development of Dev. No.145/D105/19 include:

1. The Old Nunnery, built of stone and slate in the 1840’s. Nuns walked across the above mentioned land when the school which was built in the 1860’s.
2. The Old School which was built of sandstone in the 1860’s was opened by St. Mary McKillop.
3. The Catholic Church of St. Joseph which is next to the school and built in the 1840’s.
4. The cottage of St. Marys Street, built of stone and slate in the 1840’s and is on the boundary of this parcel of land.
5. The Spring fed Creek flows in winter through this land.

If this historic area is not going to be protected from housing then, to quote paragraphs 3 & 4 of the letter dated 31st January 2020 from Michael Lennon, Chair State Planning Commission:

“Any proposal for new development in these (historic) areas will need to consider and respect these key historic features and characteristics...For example, specific building materials, roof forms or architectural building styles may be identified in a ‘Historic Area Statement as important characteristics of an area and should be appropriately reflected in new development.”

As well as considering the characteristics of the historic buildings mentioned above, another important characteristic is the Spring Fed Creek that runs through the Old Nunnery land and through the land proposed for housing.

This particular Creek is recorded in historical documents that in the 1800’s Quarry man, Spargo supplemented his income by selling fruit and vegetables from his property when there was no work at the quarry. He challenged Council and won, when they blocked the flow of the Creek and he lost his income. Ref. Lush 2002-2001 Archives Flinders Academic Council 2007 http://dspace.flinders.

It is one of the many small Creeks that run through Willunga. These “Good Water” Creeks are referred to multiple times in the Kaurna Warra Pintyandi paper ‘Place Name Summary (PNS 404 02/02).

This Spring Fed Creek needs to be included in the “Key Historical Features” and protected by an easement . I have included photos of the Creek that has been protected and adds a charm and beauty to the Streetscapes of nearby St. Mathews and Giles Streets in Willunga.

I have also included 2 photos of the area of the area of the proposed housing that is in the middle of this Historic Area.

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