



Letter to the Editor.....



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“The decision by the Adelaide City Council , Economic and Community Development Committee to overrule the well researched and prior community consulted recommendations of senior Council Staff and not support using the Pinky Flat precinct for disability accessible parking on a restricted basis (28 days) for AFL match days defies all common sense.

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http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/messenger/city/adelaide-city-council-committee-rejects-plan-to-provide-disabled-parking-at-pinky-flat-for-adelaide-oval-footy-games/story-fni9lkxa-1227223554079?from=public_rss

Such a publicly embarrassing decision must be overturned by the full council committee as a priority or the State Government should intervene.

We understand the Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority is also supportive of this proposal

For decades Pinky Flat was used for parking on SANFL game days without

detriment to the environment.

While it is a good thing the Adelaide City Council demands from business and community organisations the highest level of disability accessible planning and parking for new development in the city it has failed miserably to apply the same governance to its own responsibilities around Adelaide Oval

While that is fixable and thus forgivable the failure of the Council to respond with urgency is not. As we enter the second AFL season in the new stadium fixes should already be in place to enable people with disability inclusion and enjoyment of the AFL.

Pinky Flat is unused on AFL game days. It is completely inaccessible due to massive crowds, road closures, traffic jams and only some one who has bumped their head would be in the Memorial Drive precinct on AFL game day for any other reason than attending the football.

The Adelaide City Council has the visionary opportunity to turn a huge negative into a very big positive by redesigning the Pinky Flat precinct and enabling the looping of disability accessible traffic via this area, providing additional disability accessible parking at the most accessible entry point and building multi purpose shelters that would be suitable for short term drop off protection on AFL game days and complimentary and useful for picnics and community usage all year round that would grow utilization of this area from the very modest levels that are currently in place.

With no parking , toilets, facilities or services in the Pinky Flat area and a myriad of hard pave paths going no where this part of the parklands is one of the most unused areas of the parklands precinct and ripe for visionary development.

Such vision along with a lack of acceptance of responsibility to support people with disability sadly seems lacking from this council sub committee. Let's hope that decision is changed quickly

Kind Regards

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