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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, OPENING "LIONS' HOUSE 1972",  
TEA TREE GULLY. 16.9.72

MY PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES, YOUR WORSHIP MR. BURFORD, MR. WHITE,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME HERE TODAY TO OPEN "LIONS' HOUSE". THE  
TEA TREE GULLY LIONS' CLUB HAS A COMPARATIVELY BRIEF HISTORY -  
IT'S ABOUT EIGHT YEARS OLD - BUT IN THAT TIME IT HAS BUILT UP AN  
ENVIABLE RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

HELP HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, RED CROSS, LEGACY  
AND THE HOUSE OF HOPE, AND THE CLUB HAS ALSO FOUND TIME TO ORGANISE  
THREE MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA. IN ITS FIRST YEAR  
LIONS DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE AREA WITH A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND  
AND LATER A SWIMMING CENTRE COSTING \$290,000. NOW THE LIONS ARE  
HARD AT WORK TO PROVIDE THE MODBURY BRANCH OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE  
BRIGADE WITH A FULLY EQUIPPED AMBULANCE. IT'S AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT  
IN THE TRADITION OF LIONS CLUBS HERE AND ELSEWHERE WITH THE BUILDING

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OF THIS HOUSE BEING A MAJOR PART OF IT. THE CLUB HAS RECEIVED  
ENTHUSIASTIC AND GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUILDERS AND SUPPLIERS  
OF MATERIALS. BUT, EVEN WITH THEIR BACKING, THE PROJECT WOULD NOT  
HAVE GOT OFF THE GROUND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE SHEER HARD WORK OF  
THE CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE PUT IN SOMETHING LIKE 250 HOURS OF THEIR  
OWN TIME TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

AND, AS WE CAN SEE TODAY, IT IS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

THE CLUB'S DECISION TO EMBARK ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT AS A  
FUND-RAISING WAS BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE. NOT ONLY WILL IT DIRECTLY  
CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL FACILITIES IN AND  
AROUND MODBURY, THE HOUSE ITSELF IS A VERY PLEASANT ADDITION TO  
REDWOOD PARK. THE CARE WHICH HAS OBVIOUSLY GONE INTO THE DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION SHOWS THE LIONS ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE TO THE NEED TO  
FOSTER HIGH STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND BUILDING  
CONSTRUCTION.

THIS IS A CONCERN YOU HAVE WITH MY GOVERNMENT. YOU HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO SEE THAT THIS HOUSE WILL GIVE PLEASURE TO THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT AND TO THE PEOPLE WHO SEE IT FROM OUTSIDE.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME ON A WIDER SCALE, PARTICULARLY AT THE MOMENT IN THE CITY OF ADELAIDE.

ONE OF THE MAIN INSTRUMENTS WE HAVE DEVISED TO ENSURE THAT ADELAIDE RETAINS ITS PLACE AS THE MOST ATTRACTIVE AND WORKABLE OF THE STATE CAPITALS IS NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN THE SHAPE OF A BILL TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT. IT PROVIDES FOR A JOINT COMMITTEE DRAWN FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO LAY DOWN THE BROAD PRINCIPLES ON WHICH DEVELOPMENT WILL PROCEED IN THE CITY; TO "HOLD THE RING" WHERE PROPER RESEARCH HAS NOT BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO INDICATE HOW A PARTICULAR PART OF THE CITY SHOULD DEVELOP AND TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE BUILDING TAKES

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PLACE ONLY AFTER ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SOCIAL AND AESTHETIC FACTORS AS WELL AS TO PURELY COMMERCIAL ONES. IT IS A MOST IMPORTANT MEASURE. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PRESERVING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS A LIVING AND LOVELY CITY IT IS A VITAL ONE.

IT IS NOT A HASTY MEASURE. IT WAS INTRODUCED ONLY AFTER EXHAUSTIVE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AND WITH THEIR SUPPORT. THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH HAS THE UNENVIABLE JOB OF TRYING TO FEND OFF ALL THE UGLY, UNCO-ORDINATED AND CUMULATIVELY STIFLING CONSTRUCTION THAT CAN KILL A GREAT CITY WITHIN A GENERATION IS ONLY TOO WELL AWARE OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN PRESENT TRENDS AND MOST ANXIOUS PROPERLY TO CONTROL THEM.

DESPITE THIS, THE BILL HAS COME IN FOR SOME CRITICISM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. I DON'T THINK THE CRITICS HAVE PROPERLY APPRECIATED THAT THIS IS REALLY A JOINT CITY-COUNCIL-GOVERNMENT MEASURE OR APPRECIATED THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO

SPOIL OUR CITY IF IT FAILED. I EARNESTLY HOPE IT HAS A QUICK PASSAGE THROUGH PARLIAMENT BECAUSE THE MACHINERY IT ESTABLISHES IS MOST URGENTLY REQUIRED. IF IT DOES NOT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO LOOK TO OTHER MEANS TO PROVIDE THE CONTROLS WHICH ARE BOTH ESSENTIAL AND OVERDUE.

MR. WHITE, I MOST SINCERELY CONGRATULATE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR BACKERS WHO HAVE PUT IN SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT INTO THIS PROJECT. I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE TANGIBLE REWARDS WHEN THE BIDDERS LINE UP AT THE AUCTION - AT WHICH I CAN NOW ANNOUNCE THE RESERVE PRICE WILL BE \$15,650.

THANK YOU.