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Helen Mayo Park to be protected and revitalised

The Malinauskas Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to fully restore park lands protection to Helen Mayo Park (Park 27) by abolishing zoning changes made by the former Liberal Government to build a \$662 million basketball stadium on the site.

The Malinauskas Labor Government will also invest \$1.5 million to revitalise degraded areas of Helen Mayo Park, to be delivered by the Adelaide City Council.

Under the zoning changes, the Adelaide Park Lands Zone has been reinstated, removing the Entertainment Subzone that was placed over Helen Mayo Park as part of the former Liberal Government's "Riverbank Code Amendment" in January 2021.

This will mean 2.61 hectares – slated for development under the Liberals Riverbank plan – will be returned to park lands.

By reinstating the Adelaide Park Lands Zone, Helen Mayo Park will once again have full park lands protection, ensuring no development can occur on the banks of the River Torrens.

This is the first time the Helen Mayo Park will be formally protected as a gazetted park land regulated entity.

In addition to the zoning changes, the Government will update 'Concept Plan 125 – City Riverbank West' to ensure that the riverbank area is identified as Park Lands (Open Space).

All zoning changes will come into effect once published in the Planning and Design Code on the PlanSA portal.

Quotes attributable to Nick Champion

In 2021, some of Helen Mayo Park was rezoned by the former government from the Adelaide Park Lands Zone to the Entertainment Subzone so it could build a basketball stadium.

Now, we have made good on our commitment to put a stop to the basketball stadium development and reinstate park lands protection to Helen Mayo Park.

Quotes attributable to Lucy Hood

I am thrilled that protection to Helen Mayo Park will be fully restored, delivering on the election commitment I made to our community to save Helen Mayo Park.

Not only will we be reinstating the Adelaide Park Lands Zone, but we will also be investing \$1.5 million to revitalise degraded areas of the site so even more of Helen Mayo Park can be safely enjoyed by locals.

Quotes attributable to Adelaide Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

I welcome this significant investment in rehabilitating a previously alienated area of Park Lands which will at last be protected and enhanced for the benefit of the community.