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LABOR DECEIVES PORT RESIDENTS ON FUTURE OF TORRENS ISLAND

Independent MLC Ann Bressington is today joining Port Adelaide Enfield Mayor and by-election candidate, Mr Gary Johanson, in rejecting Labor's spin and warning of Labor's plans to industrially develop Torrens Island.

As Ann Bressington [detailed in the Legislative Council last year](#), the Government has applied to the Development Assessment Commission to subdivide Torrens Island into allotments for industrial development. This is at the expense of the heritage listed Torrens Island Quarantine Station and the ecological importance of the island's northern end.

"Torrens Island is truly a special place. The Quarantine Station was where most new residents to South Australia in the early twentieth century first disembarked after their long journey, whilst the island is home to rare and important flora and fauna species," Ann Bressington said.

"The heritage and environmental value of Torrens Island should compel its preservation. Instead, if Labor has its way it will become yet another industrial site.

"It is my understanding Labor has already earmarked several of the allotments to businesses for development. Either Labor has misled those businesses who it promised land to or it is now attempting to mislead the residents of Port Adelaide. Given Labor has resubmitted its subdivision application for consideration by the Development Assessment Commission, I know which one I believe.

"The only thing that has stood in the way of Labor's bulldozers has been the Developmental Assessment Commission, which has obviously shared my concerns about the environmental and heritage impact of Labor's planned industrial development.

"Residents of Port Adelaide should not be deceived by Labor's spin. They plan to and will destroy rare flora and fauna habitat and our State's heritage for a quick buck. I have no doubt the bulldozers lie in wait for development approval."

Ann Bressington is calling on people who want to save Torrens Island from the bulldozers to let Labor know they are not falling for its spin.

"All those who want to see Torrens Island rehabilitated and preserved for all to enjoy should make their voices heard at Labor's public meeting tonight. If they can't get in, then picket the doorway."

Ann Bressington also expressed her dismay at reports that Labor's candidate for Port Adelaide, Dr Susan Close, took select individuals to see the Quarantine Station and pristine environment on Torrens Island, given Labor's refusal to allow the public to do the same.

"It is sheer hypocrisy for Labor's candidate to show select people around Torrens Island, when the Government denied my request for a public open day," Ann Bressington said.

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