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RUNDLE MALL

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (20:10):

I rise to indicate my support for the Hon. Stephen Wade's motion to disallow the by-law of the Adelaide City Council concerning Rundle Mall. The by-law seeks to prohibit a range of activities and require permits for a range of others.

Controversially, the by-laws again attempt to regulate and foreseeably ban preaching in Rundle Mall. This, on my reading of the Supreme Court judgement in the matter of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide versus Corneloup & Ors (2011), would again cut across our freedom of religion and infringe our recognised freedom of political speech implied in the constitution.

Although I can understand why the council is determined to regulate the preaching of some individuals, who through their own actions are at times their own worst enemy, I am genuinely uncomfortable with singling out preaching. For this reason, I support the disallowance.