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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed alignment for the Coast Park through the Tennyson Dunes.

I appreciated the chance meet with you on Friday 11 March 2016, to discuss the current status of the project with you and hear input from the WEDGE and Sandpiper Dune Care groups. At the conclusion of our meeting, I was heartened that you believed the meeting was positive and appreciated I had a balanced view of the need to protect the dune ecology while considering a path.

However, I was disappointed to have been advised that at a community meeting held by Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources regarding Coast Park on Saturday 19 March, that you informed the meeting I was dismissive of your concerns. I trust this is not the case.

As I outlined to you in our meeting, I do not agree with the current proposed application of a design standard that requires a 3.5 metre concrete path to be constructed through the dunes.

However, I am confident we can achieve a design which is environmentally sensitive to the Tennyson Dunes, and can still accommodate wheelchair access, low-speed cycling and pedestrians.

This is why the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon Ian Hunter, has asked the chair of the Adelaide Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board, Professor Chris Daniels, to examine an environmentally sensitive solution to a coast park path.

I will continue to ensure the community's voice is heard in this matter so an appropriate and environmentally sympathetic outcome can be achieved.

Yours sincerely,

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