



Nomination for **URBAN OPPORTUNITY** **Acquisition of Land Under Airport Flight Path**

Adelaide airport environs



Proposed development intensification in flight path, Adelaide Airport – South east corner of Morley and Trennery Streets, West Richmond, South Australia, showing landing lights located in the street. Many landing lights are located in the gardens of houses, e.g. detail of signboard at right. 20170812 No 7540 Google Maps.

The land for Adelaide airport was previously under the control of the Australian Government and therefore not subject to South Australian Government planning legislation. However, once Adelaide Airport was privatised in 1998, large tracts at the edges parallel to the main east-west runway were sub-leased out for commercial development. Worldwide and historically, it is recognised that aircraft accidents are less likely to occur at the sides compared to at the end of runways but both areas need attention. Those sales generated substantial income which could be used to acquire other land needed for safety.

There is a growing need for the current owners to acquire land at the end of the runways as it becomes available and to include such intention in its Masterplan, particularly as flights are increasing and the eventual cost of doing so is likely to continue to escalate.

The identification in March 2018 by the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group of this danger zone and its suggestion to limit development intensity may spur the Council to zone the land accordingly. The new owners have the opportunity to start a program of purchasing property as it becomes available and turn it into open space. As noted in the draft guidelines, Queensland already has a proactive state planning policy and guidelines addressing such public safety issues.