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The Trust is doing a magnificent job, not only here at Noarlunga, but throughout the whole State.

It is prepared to look at new ideas and adopt different methods of getting its job done, and that imagination and flexibility has allowed it successfully to involve itself in a range of community projects well beyond just simply building houses.

This Civic Centre is only one example. The shopping complex here at Noarlunga, which

will cost \$15 million for the first stage alone, is another, and the factories such as Chryslers, Rainsfords or many others which the Trust has built in this region are other instances where the Housing Trust has helped the State by providing the buildings for better, and more secure jobs, and for a better, more enjoyable lifestyle.

The Noarlunga area encapsulates the role the State Government wants the Trust to play. And the centrepiece of the area will undoubtedly be the Noarlunga Regional Centre, of which the Civic Centre and Municipal Offices will be such an important component.

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The Regional Centre will be the heart of a planned and vibrant living area in the south of Adelaide. The Centre will include educational, social, recreational and commercial facilities all easily accessible to the people who live in the region.

In Adelaide we have a great opportunity because we have the chance to create urban living conditions which allow people to get the most out of their physical and social environment.

We don't want a city which simply sprawls and in which people have to travel miles to go shopping, to see a play or to watch a

football match.

We are working to creating a city with regions which have community interest and community involvement.

The Noarlunga region will be such a region, because the people, through their Council, are working with the Government and with private companies to build an enjoyable and comfortable lifestyle.

Apart from the Government's involvement through the Housing Trust, we are supporting regional centres by making sure as many Government offices as possible are regionalised. Just as private developers have a responsibility

to ensure that community services are provided in new areas, the Government believes it must take its operations out to the people rather than continually expecting people to come to us.

Regions will not take the place of either State or local government, but they will allow both levels of government to use their individual and collective resources much more effectively.

By working together, councils in an area can share their problems and work towards a common solution. Again, a region can best

approach the State Government for assistance with a problem if it can show clearly that need is shared.

The Government has been particularly pleased to work with the Council of the Noarlunga region, and in particular with the Council of the City of Noarlunga. I am very pleased that you asked me to join you this afternoon for this very important ceremony.

The Civic Centre is a great addition to the Centre, and the enthusiasm of both the Council and the architects, Cheesman, Doley, Neighbour and Raffin, have produced a beautiful building. It uses the physical

and professional resources of South Australia to tremendous effect and even though at the moment it looks a bit back to front, when the Regional Centre is finished this building will look out over a most impressive development.

On behalf of the Government I'd like to congratulate the Council of the City of Noarlunga, Cheesman, Doley, Neighbour and Raffin and the Housing Trust for this excellent Civic Centre and have great pleasure in declaring it open.

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