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MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, DON DUNSTAN.

PARKS ARE FOR PEOPLE.

South Australians have always been park conscious and jealous of their open spaces.

Colonel William Light planned Adelaide, as a city bounded on all sides by parkland that were to remain - as they still do - as public domain.

Later, as development spread from the capital, various Governments reserved tracts of land as National Parks that belong to everyone and is preserved for all time.

Our parks are for people and no Government has more readily acknowledged the protection of National Parks and to create new ones.

Since 1970, the area reserved as National Parks, Native Reserves and Conservation Areas has grown from 2,165,814 hectares to 3,592,412 hectares.

In the past four years great strides have been made into the acquisition of new Parks and Reserves. We are now acquiring the basic raw material for one of the best Nature Reserve systems in the world.

But acquisition is only a beginning. Development of the reserve system and its continuing management are the steps that will follow to ensure that they become and remain places of beauty and pleasure.

Don Dunstan

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