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The Right Honourable Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor,  
City of Adelaide,  
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**Email:** [Lordmayor@adelaidecitycouncil.com](mailto:Lordmayor@adelaidecitycouncil.com)

Dear Lord Mayor,

**Re: Pedestrian safety in the City of Adelaide**

Congratulations on your recent election to the position of Lord Mayor. Walking SA looks forward to working with you as we represent the interests of the walking community in South Australia.

Walking SA is the not-for-profit recognised peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia, including walking for recreation, transport, health, wellbeing, organised events, adventure, environmental appreciation and fun experiences.

Our vision is to see more people walking more often.

Our members include walking clubs, informal groups, individuals and organisations whose aims and objectives align with ours. We provide leadership by:

- Promoting opportunities to improve the health and lifestyle of South Australians through walking and
- Offering expertise, guidance and advocacy for the development and maintenance of safe and supportive walking environments throughout South Australia.

In 2019 our priority actions will focus around pedestrian safety in areas with high vehicle traffic.

As you would be aware the majority of pedestrian casualty crashes occur in the city centre and North Adelaide. We congratulate you on your commitment to support 40km/h throughout the city.

It is with this in mind that we write to you with our concerns with the conditions for pedestrians on North Terrace, particularly at the western end now that the New Royal Adelaide Hospital has opened. As I am sure you are aware, there is a much higher level of pedestrian activity here since the hospital has opened. Also with heavier flows of traffic at the West Terrace/North Terrace intersection as a result of the hospital, we are concerned with implications for pedestrian safety, both at the intersection and further east.

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Due to a lack of formal crossing points, pedestrians are put at risk when crossing 5 traffic lanes and 2 tram tracks over North Terrace to get to SAHMRI and nRAH. Then being penalised by sporadic punitive police measures.

We do not think that this is satisfactory, particularly given the extremely long "green man" wait times (over three minutes at times) that are endured by people walking across the West Tce-North Terrace lights (Needless to say, people walking into the area from the Park Lands and crossing West Terrace as well have much longer to wait).

We note that Council's approval of the Ministerial DPA for the hospital provided for lights at a pedestrian crossing at Gray Street. This was to cater for people walking between bus stops on Currie Street and the new medical and university precinct. This is yet to appear. While this would be valuable, pedestrians also need a less time-consuming way to cross at West Terrace.

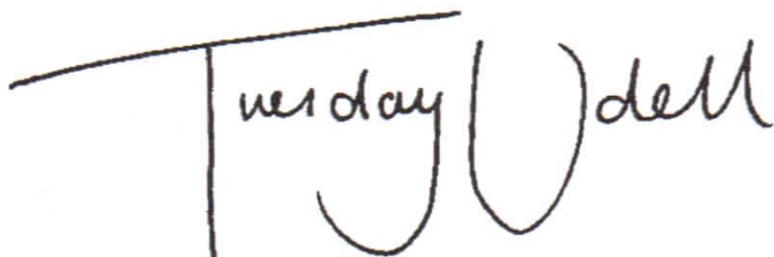
We understand that Council is working with the State government on a plan to upgrade the public realm along the western half of North Terrace. We commend this and hope that plans can be turned into firm action quickly.

Nevertheless, we cannot wait for the necessarily lengthy and delayed processes involved in a major transformation of North Terrace and call on Council to provide safe, convenient pedestrian crossings of North Terrace immediately, in advance of upgrades to the overall public realm

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this further.

You can contact the Walking SA EO, Greg Boundy on [office@walkingsa.org.au](mailto:office@walkingsa.org.au) for more information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tuesday Udell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first few letters.

**Tuesday Udell**  
**Walking SA Chair**

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