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### **Letter to the Advertiser - Maughan Reborn**

Much has been written about the loss of the Maughan Church buildings in Franklin Street. However less has been heard about the exciting vision to revitalise the site and what it will offer the people of Adelaide and South Australia.

Uniting Communities deeply respects its 114 year history and presence in the city. This is why we will invest in a new future for our site which builds on our record of serving those experiencing hardship and in fighting for social justice.

The redevelopment will help to create a vibrant new community in Adelaide's CBD. It will be a place to visit, to live, work, socialise, worship, congregate and to access the wide array of services and assistance Uniting Communities offers to those in need.

Uniting Communities takes its responsibility in serving the South Australian community very seriously. The new social services and accommodation hub will not only offer opportunities for older people and those living with a disability to be accommodated in a supportive environment in the heart of the city, it will allow us to extend vital services to those experiencing relationship breakdown, abuse, mental health, addictions or financial stress. The hub will offer counselling, group programs, information as well as a venue for community events.

In delivering these essential community services the re-development will also deliver a much needed economic and jobs boost for South Australia. This is all part of Uniting Communities vision and commitment to the South Australian community.

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