



KIRTON POINT CLEAN-UP TO START SOON 15 MARCH 2001

Member for Flinders, Liz Penfold, today announced that the old ETSA site at Kirton Point will be cleaned up and expressions of interest sought for the use of the land.

Mrs Penfold said she has been informed by the RESI Corporation – which handles the Government's residual electricity assets – that it will soon call for tenders to remediate the site.

This will include the demolition of the old power station, removal of asbestos, and rehabilitating contaminated ground. The clean-up will need to meet the requirements of an independent environmental audit.

Ms Penfold said expressions of interest will then be sought to gauge local response to the availability of the site.

"This clean-up is a fantastic result for the people of Port Lincoln. The site is considered prime real estate with its central location, coastal access and views across Boston Bay," Mrs Penfold said.

"This fabulous north facing site provides an unprecedented opportunity for an exciting and imaginative development that will be an asset to our community. I can envisage it being used for tourism, aged care, and possibly education or research & development.

"Another opportunity may be to use the inlet and outlet pipes, currently used for engine cooling, for a large saltwater swimming pool or aquarium. The Parnkalla Walking Trail will also be incorporated within the development."

The Kirton Point site has become surplus following the sale and lease of the State's electricity business. A small part of the 3.6 hectare site is currently used by ETSA Utilities as a depot. The power station houses seven diesel generators and two steam turbines.

Various studies have already been undertaken on the site over the past two years to examine environmental issues.

Mrs Penfold said some of the items considered to have historical significance or salvage value will be offered to local interested parties before they are removed.

"The RESI Corporation has prepared an 'expressions of interest' brochure to gauge local response to the availability of the site," Mrs Penfold said.

"Although a commercial transaction will be vigorously sought, the importance of a regional growth project within the Council's Development Plan cannot be underestimated. Brochures will be available from my office and from the RESI Corporation in Adelaide."