

KEEP AYERS HOUSE FOR THE PEOPLE- Petition to Parliament

To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament Assembled –

The humble Petition of the undersigned residents of South Australia respectfully sheweth:- That

Ayers House has been in the custody and care of the National Trust of South Australia for 50 years. Over that time the National Trust has contributed more than \$25m in funds and labour to preserve, furnish, maintain and present the house to the public. In June 2021 the State Government issued an eviction notice to the National Trust ending its 50-year tenancy. The National Trust is a community-based charity which receives no government funding for its operations. It has been a dedicated and conscientious custodian of Ayers House. The government's new plan for the site, in so far as it has been revealed, proposes more commercial and private events and the relocation of government offices into Ayers House. These changes would reduce public access and comprise the integrity of this irreplaceable historic building.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will legislate to place Ayers House under the permanent care and control of the National Trust of South Australia for the benefit of all South Australians.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signature	Name (please print clearly)	Address (please print clearly)	Post-code	E-Mail Address (please print clearly)

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