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Dear Premier

I am in receipt of your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 regarding the reforming of South Australian Boards and Advisory Committees.

In response to your letter I would like to point out that I have only recently been appointed as Chairman of the Carrick Hill Trust and therefore may not be fully across all the issues. I have however formed a strong belief that the Carrick Hill Board serves a very important function. In essence it brings to Carrick Hill a broad range of experience at minimal cost. If Carrick Hill did not have a Board it would need to employ external expertise at significant expense thereby increasing the running cost of the Trust.

It should also be noted that the Carrick Hill Trust relies heavily on volunteer labour and donations in order to provide services to the visiting public. The Board plays an important role in maintaining and developing these relationships.

In relation to the composition of the Board I make the following comments which should not be taken as a criticism of the existing Board:

1. It is essential that the board is made up of people possessing the relevant skills to advance the special offering that Carrick Hill provides to the public and also to assist in fundraising.
2. The board should have a balance between public servant nominees and external appointees.

Historic House  
and Garden  
Café  
Parties  
Picnics  
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Galleries  
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Guided Tours  
Scenic views  
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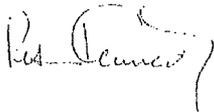
3. In essence the board should consist of people who have the following attributes which are not comprehensive:
  - (a) Fundraising skills and contacts with business and people who are prepared to donate to Carrick Hill.
  - (b) Art Knowledge
  - (c) Garden/ Landscape knowledge
  - (d) Buildings and maintenance knowledge
  - (e) Legal knowledge
  - (f) Tourism & marketing experience
  - (g) Legal Knowledge
  - (h) Financial knowledge
  - (i) Management experience

Carrick Hill is at a point in its development where it needs to provide more services to the public so that its offerings can be fully maximised and visitations increased. This will assist in reducing operating cost by monetising visitations. To achieve this will require significant fundraising and commitment from the management of Carrick Hill, the Board and the various committees.

My initial impression of Carrick Hill is that it is well managed and has the potential to offer more to the State, General Public and increase its attractiveness to interstate and international tourists.

I hope these comments are of some value when you undertake your deliberations on the value of the Carrick Hill Board.

Yours sincerely



Peter Kennedy  
Chairman  
Carrick Hill Trust Board

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Hon Jay Weatherill MP  
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Dear Mr Kennedy

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the Carrick Hill Trust Board.

Your letter has been sent to the Minister for the Arts, the Hon Jack Snelling MP, as this matter falls within his portfolio responsibility.

Should you have any queries about your letter, please contact the Minister's office on telephone 8463 6270.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jay Weatherill'.

**Premier's Correspondence Unit  
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28 July 2014

*cc: Office of the Hon Jack Snelling MP, Minister for the Arts*