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## Buffer zone flagged



**HOPEFUL:** Friends of Glenthorne Lynda Yates, Sydney Kuchel, Martin Schumacher, Mark Hopkins, Bob Kirby and Alan Burns outside Glenthorne Farm.

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GLENTHORNE Farm could be protected from development if it is included in a no-housing buffer zone under consideration by the State Government.

The Friends of Glenthorne Farm will make a submission to the Government urging it to include the 208ha of open space at O'Halloran Hill in its proposed buffer zone.

A spokesman for Planning Minister **John Rau** has confirmed the department will consider Glenthorne Farm as part of the protected zone if that comes up during public consultation.

"Very shortly we'll be releasing a discussion paper and map for consultation and that is the opportunity to talk about Glenthorne," the spokesman said.

The Government announced earlier this year it would create a no-housing zone to protect McLaren Vale from urban sprawl.

Friends of Glenthorne Farm secretary **Alan Burns** said the news of a potential no-housing buffer zone was a relief after uncertainty about Glenthorne's future.

"It's only the start but I think there's so much will-power in the community down there that we'll get a good outcome," he said.

Property owner Adelaide University signed a no-housing deed in 2001, but proposed 950 homes for the site in 2009 to cover the cost of returning Glenthorne to its pre-colonial bush environment to save threatened bird species. The proposal triggered strong community debate and was knocked back by the State Government.

An Adelaide University spokeswoman told the *Guardian Messenger* last week it was no longer considering housing for the land.

Submissions close July 22. See [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) for more.

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