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Dear City of Marion Councillor Candidate,

The Friends of Glenthorne Inc has been working for almost 20 years to protect the property known as Glenthorne Farm at O'Halloran Hill, as well as to increase public access to this important property. Although not necessarily in your Council Ward, this property of over 200 hectares is within the City of Marion boundaries and is an important piece of open space in the southern suburbs.

The Friends have a web site which can be located at www.friendsofglenthorne.org.au which will give you an idea of the property and our efforts over many years. We have worked hard to keep this site as open space and have planted over 6,000 locally indigenous plants and recorded almost 90 bird species over the past 12 years. Although legally owned by the University of Adelaide, it was purchased with State taxpayer's money and there is a Deed of Sale which protects this land from urban development. We are interested in keeping this site in a natural state but at the same time improving it for the local biodiversity and also making it an important local site for the residents of the City of Marion and others. We hope to reintroduce a Grey Box Grassy Woodland habitat and we see education; research and a host of other activities making this site an important local recreational site which can provide employment and become self-funding given the right plan and associated funding.

As a possible councillor of the future, we are interested in your views regards this site and wish to give you the opportunity to express them via our web site and extensive membership and contact list. Please, in 50 words or less, provide us with your views and we will make them accessible on our web site for our members to see as well as the wider voting City of Marion residents. You are invited to either email me with your comments to caburns1@bigpond.com or post your response to the postal address shown above. The Friends of Glenthorne is an apolitical group but we are interested in your views regarding this important local site and by reading this letter, as a possible councillor as from early November 2014, you are at least a little more informed about a site which is close to the heart of many of your constituents. I do urge you to respond so that we can promote your views.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Burns,
Secretary / Treasurer,
Friends of Glenthorne Inc