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I write to you in response to your interest in the future of the Port Stanvac wharf and surrounding areas and to thank you for your submission during the YourSAy consultation process.

The South Australian Government has reached an agreement with Mobil that will open up the Port Stanvac foreshore to the public. Under this agreement, Mobil will demolish the wharf and associated infrastructure, whilst retaining the groyne and some of the pylons to maintain the marine habitat, which could form part of a dive trail. In addition, a walkway along the foreshore to the groyne will be built allowing easy access for members of the public.

This work will mean the foreshore will be accessible by boat for fishing and diving, or by walking through to the beach and groyne. Mobil will pay for the work on the foreshore area which is estimated to cost around \$5.7 million.

While I appreciate some members of the community wanted this facility to remain in place, it just wasn't practical. Extensive studies found no viable commercial use for the jetty has been identified, and it would not be safe for members of the public, as it is far higher than those jetties available for recreational use and can be subject to extreme weather. This option represents the best way forward to ensure the greatest use by the public.

ExxonMobil is continuing to assess the site to determine the extent of works that will need to be done by the company, before the foreshore can be handed back to Government. Based on current estimates, it is expected that work to demolish the jetty, remediate the area and undertake the necessary upgrades to be completed within seven years. The remediation of the whole refinery site may take up to ten years to complete.

ExxonMobil will soon lodge a development application to demolish the jetty portion of the site, and will proceed with plans to remove the jetty in consultation with the EPA and other relevant agencies.

Yours sincerely

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